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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
Louisiana State Capitol
900 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Charlie Buckels 71C called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Buckels introduced Candidate Joseph Cao, who voiced the invocation. Buckels then announced Candidate Dr. Bill Cassidy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Buckels then introduced Sandy Hindelang 43D.

Hindelang encouraged Christians to pray every night at 8 p.m. for our country and mentioned II Chronicles 7:17. Valerie Hodges introduced Hon. Woody Jenkins as guest speaker.

Woody Jenkins spoke about the importance of ignoring discouraging poll data, and sticking to Republican principles. He encouraged members to work hard for the upcoming election to ensure a Republican win. Jenkins also gave an update on the McCain campaign, and discussed political races across the state. He also spoke at length against the recent federal bailout bill. State Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A introduced John Kennedy, candidate for U.S. Senate.

John Kennedy spoke about the McCain/Obama race and how Landrieu has consistently voted with Obama 81% of the time. Kennedy spoke on important issues challenging the country—immigration, energy, national security, healthcare, right to life and the courts. He then spoke about Sen. Landrieu's consistent votes against Louisianan interests, such as tax increases, against domestic drilling and proposed gang of 10 plan. He spoke of the need for a Senator about principles, not just bringing home stuff. Kennedy spoke about working with Roemer and standing up to Blanco.

Buckels spoke about the 2008 Republican National Convention, and called for the Credentials Committee Report. Ellen Davis 70A gave the Credentials Report, who reported 113 members present with 12 of those members present by proxy. The credentials report passed unanimously.

Buckels called for the reading of the previous minutes by secretary Lillie Brady 33A.

A motion to adopt the minutes without revision was put forward. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Chairman Roger Villere gave the Chairman's report. Villere thanked all the candidates for office who just spoke, and went on to thank all who sponsored and attended the Governor's Gala the previous Friday. He said the party raised just under three hundred thousand dollars to support the candidates. He also stressed the importance of pushing hard in the final days before the election, to get people to donate, volunteer and discuss the issues in order to elect Republicans. He also congratulated Gov. Jindal and Supriya Jindal for their handling of Hurricane Gustav.

Buckels called upon Anthony Emmons 42A for the Resolutions Committee Report.

Emmons gave the Resolutions Committee Report as having reviewed and accepted three resolutions as amended.

The resolutions are as follows.

Gail Dignam 67 introduced Resolution 2008-I which admonishes Congress on the present financial crisis, and called for investigation into ACORN.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Dennis Thompson 38A introduced Resolution 2008-J, which congratulates Gov. Bobby Jindal on his competent and impressive leadership during the situation surrounding Hurricane Gustav.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Floyd Gonzalez 88B introduced Resolution 2008-K, which is in remembrance of former SCC member Ed Posch.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Charlie Buckels recognized first-time SCC members in attendance.

The next item on the agenda was the filling of vacancies.

Member Anne Price 8B, on behalf of the Bossier Parish PEC, nominated Henry Burns to fill District 9B.

The nomination passed unanimously.

Member Henry Herford Jr. 20B nominated Thomas Taylor to fill District 17.

The nomination passed unanimously.

There were no nominations for districts 37A, 48B, 72A, 75A, 76C, or 90B.

Charlie Buckels called for the National Committeeman and Committeewoman Report.

Ruth Ulrich gave the National Committeewoman Report. She spoke about the convention, and thanked all who were able to be there for their flexibility and willingness to work hard to make the convention run smoothly. She also gave a quick recap of the week.

Ross Little 31A gave the National Committeeman Report. He spoke about the week previous to the convention when the rules and platform committee met.

Charlie Buckels then encouraged people to watch "An American Carol."

Charlie Buckels then gave the quarterly Treasurer's Report, reporting a remaining balance of \$129,000.00.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and passed unanimously by acclamation.

3/14/09

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2009
Shreveport Convention Center
Shreveport, LA.

Vice Chairman Charlie Buckels 31C called the meeting to order at 12:08pm. Harold Coates 6D pronounced the invocation, and Jim Allen 6A, the PEC Chairman for Caddo Parish, led in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Villere 81B requested a moment of silence for a recently deceased and former long time SCC member Judge Paul Newell.

Buckels recognized PEC training session attendees, organized by National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A and pledged that this grassroots training would continue around the state in conjunction with other SCC meetings.

Buckels then proceeded to introduce all elected officials in attendance.

LFRW representative Valerie Hodges 64B introduced Congressman John Fleming and he spoke briefly about his new job representing LA in congress giving an overview of the history of the body.

Hodges introduced SCC member and Shreveport Council member Ron Webb 7A. He brought a proclamation to Chairman Roger Villere from Mayor Cedric Glover proclaiming today, March 14, as Roger Villere Day in Shreveport.

Hodges introduced Clyde Holloway 27C who is running for District 4 representative on the Public Service Commission. He spoke briefly on his upcoming election against Senator Joe McPherson and former state representative Gil Pinac.

The next speaker was Shannon Reeves, RNC representative for minority development, from Dallas. Reeves' district encompasses Louisiana and he has pledged to help in organizing minorities for the Republican Party in our state and recruiting candidates for office. His experiences as a Democrat and working with leaders from that party have prepared him for the task of organizing minorities in his assigned area going from the NAACP to the RNC. Reeves is a graduate of Grambling and is focusing on Louisiana since it is his adopted home.

Buckels introduced the head table. Dr. Dalton Cloud of Shreveport was introduced as the parliamentarian for the day.

The tellers for today are Kay Kellogg Katz 16B, Lloyd Harsch 97, Lynn Skidmore 80B and Charlotte Ruiz 81A.

Sandy McDade 4B the chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the report that there are 97 RSCC members present in person and 34 via proxy with a quorum declared. There was a motion with a second duly noted and the report was accepted as presented.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairman Villere was called on to give his quarterly report. He thanked the city of Shreveport for hosting the SCC meeting and proceeded to recognize the LFRW new leadership that was elected last weekend. He thanked the SCC for continued support and hard work on behalf of Republican candidates. He praised the SCC that LA carried the votes for McCain with a larger margin than President Bush. Unfortunately, we did not send a new Republican Senator in Mary Landrieu's place. Louisiana is becoming a beacon to the rest of the country with its accomplishments in the very recent races. We must continue with the commitment to Republican wins as we forge into the future. The party is planning training in the future to grow the grassroots effort to the next level. We must all work together and the party is committed to helping candidates around the state and work with all organizations to register more Republicans. There will be a financial incentive to register more for the party. The present congress has saddled our grandchildren with great debt. Government is not the answer to our problems. We must oppose socialism at every turn. He thanked the SCC, legislators and governor for allowing him to serve along side of them while working together to make Louisiana and our country a better place to live and rear our families.

Anne Price 8B was introduced to chair while committee vacancies were being elected.

Harold Coates nominated Marty Gant Wooldridge to fill 1A. He was the selection by the Caddo PEC. There was a second duly noted and he was elected unanimously.

Charlie Buckels nominated Michael Hebert to fill 39B. Hebert also serves on the Lafayette PEC who offered his nomination. There was a second and he was elected unanimously.

Wallace Lucas 86A nominated Lynn Cawthorne to fill the vacancy in district 100 in Orleans Parish. There was a second noted and Cawthorne was elected by acclamation.

Bishop O.C. Coleman came forward to say he's running for state representative in district 97 as a Republican.

Villere introduced Ulrich to give the report from the RNC. Much investigation has been done on the results of the recent national elections to see how to win back the White House and congress. The good news is that 50% of the country is conservative but the bad news is that they don't believe that the Republican Party is truly conservative. Our work is cut out for convincing the public that our party is the conservative party. April, 2010 will see the Southern Leadership Conference in New Orleans and we'll expect about 2,500 to 3,000 to attend. Ulrich solicited help from any of the SCC members who would like to give help or input to grow the party and help with the ongoing education on the grass roots level.

Scott Wilfong 65A, bylaws chairman was introduced to give that committee's report. The first item concerned a bylaws change to create Article XIX which would allow only registered Republicans to participate in Congressional Primaries. There was a motion with a second to accept this bylaw amendment. After a discussion the question was called and the amendment passed 114 to 5 with more than 2/3 majority.

One more item presented by Wilfong was the formation of a committee to study reapportionment and report back to the SCC no later than the fourth meeting of the SCC in 2010. There was a motion and second followed by discussion. Without objection, the motion passed. Villere requested volunteers to serve on this committee to see him after the meeting.

Buckels was called on to give the Executive Committee report. Buckels moved the adoption of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Treasurer Dan Kyle 70C was asked to explain the proposed budget. He gave an overview of the July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 budget in comparison to the 2008/2009 budget that is half over. The major differences were taxes, which were over budgeted, and computer services, that need additional funding due to more utilization, and other differences were explained simply by Kyle. There was a motion by Krotoski with a second and the budget was accepted as presented.

Kyle was asked to give the treasurer's report. He gave high praise to the secretary at our party headquarters, Karen Connolly, for the efficient way in which she keeps financial records and helps make the annual audit less complicated. The party is in good position financially with Matt Parker, executive director, who helps in party fund raising. There was a second to accept the treasurer's report with a second noted. Motion carried.

Villere introduced Lynn Skidmore. Skidmore reported that there was not a quorum at the resolutions committee meeting and therefore no business to report.

There was a motion by Lloyd Harsch to endorse Bishop O.C. Coleman who is running for state representative district 97 in his district. A second was noted and the motion carried unanimously. An appeal was then made for contributions to his campaign.

John Treen 81C spoke briefly stating that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a registered Republican. The newly elected leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Reverend Byron Clay, is also a Republican from Jefferson Parish. Out of 70 elected officials in Jefferson Parish there are 64 Republicans in public office. He challenged the party to investigate the success of Republican wins in Jefferson Parish versus the rest of the state.

There was a motion to adjourn with a second noted. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Brady

Lillie Brady, Secretary
Republican Party of Louisiana

6/6/09

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2009
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
501 N. Highway 190
Covington, LA. 70433

Chairman Roger Villere 81B called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He called on Sandra Bailey-Simmons77C to lead in an invocation. Villere introduced Matt Faust 77A to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Villere recognized George Alafoginis, the RNC's Deputy Director of Online Strategy who was visiting from Washington, D.C. He gave an informative presentation at the New Media training seminar this morning that will

hopefully inspire everyone to become more active in spreading our conservative message online. For anyone unable to attend, Villere encouraged them to check out the new lagop.com.

The chairman made a presentation of flowers to our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A in honor of her birthday, today.

Finance Chairman Polly Thomas gave a great update on her husband since his recent heart attack. Bob Thomas got a clean bill of health at his latest check up on Thursday.

Villere called on Ulrich to give a report on LFRW representative Valarie Hodges recent loss of her granddaughter.

The chairman introduced Myra Meyers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Deputy Director of Online Strategies at the RNC George Alafoginis was introduced. He spoke on the new methods to communicate our conservative message to the masses through Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and other online methods. Louisiana was the first of his 50 state meetings.

Villere introduced Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy. Kennedy addressed some of the problems in our state and how he's planning on dealing with solutions through the legislative session now in progress. He addressed good bills and questionable bills that impact our state budget and thereby the citizens of this great state. Kennedy stated that we must get the budget under control and leave TOPS alone. Kennedy pronounced that all banks in Louisiana are doing well and our economy is fundamentally sound. Louisiana has enough money if the money is budgeted and spent wisely.

The chairman introduced Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain. He was a veterinarian and rancher before serving two terms in the LA House of Representatives and is the first Republican ever elected to this office. He thanked the party for the help in getting elected and investing trust in his ability to do the job. He's reduced the department drastically in the year and a half he's been in office. As an agricultural state, we have the world at our disposal whether it is oil, cotton, soybeans, crawfish, etc. For years we didn't process our products but are beginning to do so now which opens our state to more possibilities. Commissioner Strain is showing his very conservative beliefs that are translating into more conservative policies and laws with which to run the state in an ethical manner. He encouraged pride in our country and the military that protect us and the world at a very high cost. "Don't back down to socialist pressure."

Villere introduced Representative John Schroeder who gave a brief update on the present legislative session and his stance on no additional taxes and keeping spending in check. Tough decisions must be made within the next two years or we will be in serious trouble financially in the state. He made an appeal for help in passing a .15 fee per month on cable service for use in prosecuting internet pedophiles.

The next speaker is Shannon Reeves, RNC representative for state and local development, from Dallas. Reeves' district encompasses Louisiana and he has pledged to help in organizing minorities for the Republican Party in our state and recruiting candidates for office in five specific districts. His goal is to organize the voters down to the precinct level. His experiences as a Democrat and working with leaders from that party have prepared him for the task of organizing minorities in his assigned area going from the NAACP to the RNC. Reeves is a graduate of Grambling and is focusing on Louisiana since it is his adopted home and is in his assigned area.

Buckels was introduced to bring a short presentation on D-Day, June 6. SCC member John Treen 81C is the only World War II veteran on the committee. Buckels encouraged support of the organization, Honor Air, which takes WWII veterans to the memorial in Washington, D.C.

Buckels also promoted the Southern Republican Leadership Conference to be held in New Orleans next April 8-11, 2010. The host hotel is Hilton Riverside anticipating about 3,000 conservatives in attendance to kick off the next presidential campaign. All major candidates are expected to be there. He offered a special rate for early registrants.

Sandy McDade 4B the chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the report that there are 103 RSCC members present in person and 20 via proxy with a quorum declared. There was a motion with a second duly noted and the report was accepted as presented.

The chairman gave a short report thanking the city of Covington for its hospitality in hosting our SCC meeting. The chairman then recognized Clyde Holloway 27C, the newest member of the Public Service Commission joining Jimmy Fields and Eric Skrmetta for a majority Republican on the commission. He gave a recap of the Leadership meetings that have been held around the state. He announced that since the beginning of the year Republican voter registrations are up 5,277 and Democrat registrations are down 7,190 – a net increase of 12,467 voters. He proceeded to itemize the “changes” in D.C. recently orchestrated by our new president just six months into the new administration. We must watch our own state legislature as we have just passed the half-way point of its '09 session and tax hikes are not off the table. Cigarette taxes are just one onerous tax being proposed that will have a negative impact on our state. Education is important to our state and we must find a way to finance it – not by tax hikes – but by streamlining government, eliminating duplications, cutting pork and freeing up resources by restructuring statutory dedications so that every program can compete on a level playing field. We cannot and will not tax our way out of recession. It's time to hold our representatives accountable and let them know of our opposition to new taxes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Villere opened the floor for nominations to fill a vacancy in 25C. The Rapides PEC recommended Gene Haymon to fill that vacancy. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Haymon was elected by acclamation.

There were no nominations to fill the vacancies in 37A, 48B, 72A, 74C, 75A, 90B or 99.

The chair recognized Vice Chairman Charlie Buckels to present the executive committee report. There have been a couple of recent meetings of the committee. At the last meeting, the committee adopted a resolution, to present to the SCC, opposing any and all tax proposals by the state legislature. The motion passed with no opposition.

Villere introduced National Committeeman Ross Little 31A to give the report from the RNC. The next RNC meeting will be in San Diego starting on July 29. Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged and welcome to attend. The president's health care plan has not been written yet and he is calling for a vote in July of this year. Little and others on the SCC, when President Clinton was in office, made a tour around the state opposing a nationalized health care plan. Little is requesting that all SCC members let their areas know that we are opposed to this plan. There are only 2 Democrats we need to inform of our opposition, Senator Mary Landrieu and Congressman Charlie Melancon. If you are interested in learning more about how to oppose this plan in your local area, give your contact info to Little.

Buckels gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Dan Kyle.70C. The party has raised over \$1.1 million thus far this year and we've been operating very frugally, including consolidating our offices near the state capitol. The party is under budget as of today. There was a motion with a second to accept the report. The report was accepted.

Hodges was recognized to introduce the new LFRW President Argiro Morgan. Hodges first expressed her appreciation for all the expressions of sympathy and encouragement in the loss of her granddaughter. Morgan came forward to speak briefly on her plans for LFRW. Her favorite motto is “Every woman a leader, every club a pathfinder.”

State Representative Scott Simon 74A was introduced to speak briefly on the legislative session and pending legislation on the state and federal levels.

Scott Wilfong 65A, bylaws chairman was introduced to give that committee's report.

2009 – 2 presented by Wilfong was an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 to amend notice of meeting and locations. This would change the notice to no later than January 15 with 30 days written notice required for changes. There was a motion with a second noted and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The next item 2009 – 3 was a housekeeping item presented by Wilfong amending Article XIV, Section 2 removing the final mention of “roll call” vote from the by-laws. After a brief discussion there was a motion with a second duly noted and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

2009 – 4 an amendment by Alan Seabaugh 5D is in regards to Article IX concerning removal of SCC members. After a discussion by many SCC members, both pro and con, and an offer of a friendly amendment. ~~that failed to get a 2/3 vote. Villere was in the process of appointing tellers to determine the amount of votes when~~ there was a motion with a second to defer to the by-laws committee.

Resolution 2009 – G by Michael Chittom 68A regarding a state convention was reported with no recommendation out of committee by Wilfong. The bylaws committee decided to deal only with the first sentence of the resolution dealing with the date of the proposed convention. After discussion, there was a motion with a second to defer to a special committee for consideration as the first order of business at the August meeting. Chittom and Treen will both be on the committee. Motion passed.

Villere introduced Anthony Emmons, chairman of the resolutions committee to present his report. Emmons reported that there was a quorum for the committee.

Resolution M – Anthony Emmons author refers to Card Check. It was unanimously reported favorably out of committee. There was a delay on acting on this while distributing it to the SCC for reading. Subsequently there was a motion for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – B Mike Bayham concerning the TOPS plan was reported favorably out of committee and there was a motion for unanimous consent by the body. Motion carried.

Resolution 2009 – C Mike Bayham concerning a commendation for Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and there was a motion for unanimous consent by the body with a second duly noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – D Mike Bayham concerns opposition to HR 1 – Stimulus plan. Reported favorably out of committee with a motion for unanimous consent with a second duly noted. After discussion, the motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – F Henry Herford, Jr. 20B concerning public release of President Obama’s birth certificate passed out of committee and recommended for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – H Scott Wilfong directs the credentials committee to formulate a new proxy form that does not require notarization. It was passed unanimously out of committee and recommended for unanimous consent with a second duly noted. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – I Mike Bayham concerning rescheduling the August SCC meeting was presented with no recommendation out of committee. There was a motion with a second to table the resolution.

Resolution 2009 – K Keith Hall 85A concerning a tribute to Jack Kemp was presented favorably out of committee with recommendation for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion carried.

Resolution 2009 – L Anthony Emmons regards the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009 and was presented favorably out of committee with recommendation for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Villere recognized the newest member of our Public Service Commission, Clyde Holloway. He made an appeal to the members to help Holloway retire his campaign debt.

The chair recognized Malcolm Sonnier 89E to give an update on Jonathan James 89D who has been in and out of the hospital this year with a genetic bleeding disorder. James has 3 children and his wife is expecting their fourth this month. Prayers and support are requested on James’ behalf. For more information there are flyers available on Hope for Hemophilia to make a tax deductible donation to help James and his family during his time of healing.

Ulrich made a motion to adjourn with a second noted. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Brady

Lillie Brady, Secretary
Republican Party of Louisiana

8/29/09

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Premier I Ballroom
Baton Rouge, LA. 70433

Treasurer Dan Kyle 70C called the noon meeting to order and asked Rev. Gordon Atwell 64A to pronounce the invocation and reminisce about Hurricane Katrina. He called for a moment of silence on the anniversary of Katrina. Harold Williams 29 led in the pledge of allegiance and Dominique Castille, Gary Reynolds' 43A 16 year old granddaughter sang the National Anthem.

Ruth Ulrich 16A introduced Congressman Steve Scalise who asked the committee to show respect for a fallen soldier, PFC Wiles from Hammond and his district with a moment of silence. He spoke briefly of the challenges facing our country now and of the hope he anticipates for the future with the budget, stimulus package, "cash for clunkers," health care and town hall meetings.

Tommy French 69B was called on to give the report of the Credentials Committee. There are 116 present plus 14 proxies for a total of 130. A quorum was declared.

Secretary Lillie Brady 33A was called on to read the minutes. An amendment was proposed by Barrow Peacock 6C to amend the minutes to reflect a change in the report of bylaw 2009-4 to strike the last portion of that paragraph beginning after "friendly amendment." The motion received a second and after a brief discussion the amendment to the minutes was accepted without objection and subsequently the minutes were approved as amended and distributed.

Chairman Roger Villere 80B informed the committee that the party has lost three supporters since we last met. Ricky Roberie 63; Gretchen Guillory, wife of Rick Guillory 62A and David Chosen from Lake Charles who were all activists in important ways for the party.

The chairman announced that our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A has been selected to be on the committee for redistricting and has been chosen as an alternate to the Site Selection Committee for the 2012 national convention. Our National Committeeman Ross Little 31A has been chosen to be on the Rules Committee for the 2012 convention

The chairman continued by thanking several individuals who have recently helped tremendously with fund raising for the party. Senator Vitter hosted a fund raiser last night at the home of Dan and Connie Kyle that was very successful. Governor Jindal has been helpful in raising money for the party, also. 2009 is dedicated to voter registration and with these funds we can conduct these drives and recruit conservative candidates. The party has conducted 8 grassroots/organizational training sessions to advance our conservative values. He announced that since the beginning of the year Republican voter registrations are up 6,271 and Democrat registrations are down 12,546 – a net increase of 18,817 voters. At the beginning of 2009 we had no PEC in 11 parishes and the party went out and helped organize in

many of these parishes. Webster parish had 1 member elected and now has a full PEC of 15 seats. The party is looking to help in any way with organizing College Republicans, Pachyderm Clubs, Young Republicans and PECs in all areas of the state and will travel anywhere to help these organizations get started and functioning. The LFRW has been very successful in starting clubs all over the state. Our Republican congressmen have been very forthright in holding town hall meetings during this summer recess. The only Louisiana congressman who has not held a town hall meeting is Congressman Charlie Melancon D who has been hiding from his constituents, afraid to face them. We recognize the need for health care change and yet we do not want the change being proposed by the Democrat party. Villere thanked all who've been involved in the tea party movement and gone out to town hall meetings. He once again thanked the committee for allowing him the privilege to serve as chairman for the past several years and looks to the future for more advances for the party and the conservative movement.

The chairman introduced Myra Meyers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Villere opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy in 5A. Caddo PEC Chairman, J.C. Allen 6A recommended Steven C. Gibson to fill that vacancy. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Gibson was elected by acclamation. Next is 25B. Chuck Tosten representing the Rapides PEC, nominated Wayne Ryan with a second by Ed Tarpley 27A. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Ryan was elected by acclamation.

There were no nominations to fill the vacancies in 37A, 48B, 72A, 74C, 75A, 90B or 99.

The chair recognized Vice Chairman Charlie Buckels to present the convention committee report. The committee met on Wednesday evening and recommends that there be no state convention in 2010 considering all of the other activities planned as well as the federal elections. Discussion ensued beginning with Michael Chittom 68A. After much discussion with all amendments and motions voted down, the SCC voted on the committee report and voted to accept the committee recommendation and not have a state convention in 2010.

Buckels was called on to give the redistricting committee report. This is a very important task for the state legislature as well as to the SCC. The committee is making a motion to take the mandate for a male and female for every district from the election code. Buckels will report on the committee progress at the next SCC meeting.

The chair introduced Scott Wilfong 65A for the purpose of presenting proposed bylaws held over from the June meeting. The Alan Seabaugh bylaw regarding removal of members will be deferred to the November meeting when there should be an Attorney General's report on this action. Wilfong reported that there will be a form to fill out for bylaw amendments to expedite the procedure. Wilfong reported that Caldwell and St. John Parishes both have new PECs and expressed appreciation to the state party for helping in this process.

Ulrich was introduced to give her report from the RNC. In June there was a Women's Summit held by the RNC to encourage and train women to run for office. Regional meetings are being planned which should encourage women to run for office around the country. The SRLC being held in New Orleans next spring should draw up to 3,000 to the event and it will attract much attention. Volunteers in specific areas of interest are needed to help on the state/national arena and they should contact Ulrich. Ulrich.ruth@gmail.com Check out the latest info on healthcare on website at ruthulrich.com Chairman Michael Steele has written a bill of rights on healthcare that will be available online. Ulrich will also be helping on redistricting for four states with Louisiana being one.

National Committeeman Ross Little was called on to give his RNC report. He has several reasons to be involved in politics. 1) Change the world. 2) Change our friends. 3) Change ourselves. 4) Change Mary (Landrieu) and Charlie (Landrieu). Get up and make changes in your world. The Lafayette PEC is organizing from the grassroots level up and Little encouraged all to do the same.

Dan Kyle 70C gave the Treasurer's report. The budget is under review and is being audited at this time and some of the numbers in the treasurer's report that was handed out may be changed. There is presently a healthy balance in the bank. The party raised over \$1.44 million this year which set a new record.

Anthony Emmons was introduced to give the report of the resolution committee. Emmons called on Dr. Al Krotoski to address his resolution. He introduced the issue of abortion in connection with the new healthcare package. His

resolution reinforces the party platform of Louisiana protecting life, embryonic stem cell research, assisted suicide and reproductive services which are not part of any tax payer health care package and requested affirmative action on this resolution. There was a motion with a second to suspend the rules to be able to discuss this motion at this meeting. After discussion, the motion passed with a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-B by Emmons was reported favorably out of committee regarding the Healthcare Freedom Act. The motion passed.

Resolution 2009-O by Bayham calling on the RNC and DNC to change their quadrennial national presidential nomination conventions from late August-early September to late July-early August. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Joe Lavigne 93 gave an update on the on-going lawsuit involving the RNC and Congressman Cao on McCain/Feingold Act.

Villere reported that Louisiana is considering filing a lawsuit against the Census about including illegal aliens in the 2010 Census and thereby keeping the 7 Congressmen for our state's reputation.

The chairman recognized and introduced the staff that helps keep the party going strong: Executive Director - Matt Parker, Political Director - Phillip Joffrion, Communications Director: - Aaron Baer and secretary - Karen Connolly.

Villere recognized Tore Carlberg, PEC Chairman from Calcasieu who announced that Michelle Malkin, Fox commentator will be in Lake Charles on October 23 and gave information on how to attend and/or sponsor this event.

Villere reminded everyone of the raffle for the benefit of the LFRW. They are raffling a George Rodriguez numbered print that will be given away at their fall board meeting in Alexandria. LFRW President Morgan spoke briefly on how they were going to use the funds raised by the raffle. They will be using the latest technology in promoting all of the party activities and events around the state through the new website that will be generated with the proceeds.

Happy Birthday to the chairman and Dan Kyle and cake was served in the rear of the room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Brady

Lillie Brady, Secretary
Republican Party of Louisiana