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Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.
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999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: *Original Sworn Complaint against Patrick J. Buchanan, Buchanan For President
Campaign Committee, A/K/A Buchanan Reform, and Angela Bay Buchanan*

Dear Mr. Noble:

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(1), and 11 CFR 111.4, please find enclosed my Original Sworn Complaint against Patrick J. Buchanan, Buchanan For President Campaign Committee, a/k/a Buchanan Reform, and Angela Bay Buchanan, along with supportive exhibits.

Sincerely,


John Hagelin

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JOHN HAGELIN,

Complainant,

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PATRICK J. BUCHANAN, BUCHANAN FOR
PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, A/K/A
BUCHANAN REFORM, AND ANGELA BAY
BUCHANAN,

Respondents

ORIGINAL SWORN COMPLAINT

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(1), and 11 CFR 111.4, JOHN HAGELIN ("Hagelin" or "Complainant") hereby files his Original Sworn Complaint against PATRICK J. BUCHANAN, BUCHANAN FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, A/K/A BUCHANAN REFORM, AND ANGELA BAY BUCHANAN (collectively referred to as the "Respondents"). Complainant represents to the Federal Election Commission as follows:

I.

INTRODUCTION

This complaint is made because it is believed that Patrick J. Buchanan, Buchanan For President Campaign Committee, a/k/a Buchanan Reform, and Angela Bay Buchanan have violated and/or are preparing to violate federal election campaign funding laws, over which the Federal Election Commission (the "FEC") has jurisdiction.

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Complainant has both personal knowledge, and knowledge based upon information and belief, that the Respondents have given and/or are prepared to give false statements to the FEC, in connection with the FEC's certification of the Reform Party of the United States of America's (the "Reform Party") nominee for the Office of the President of the United States. This Complaint is also supported by and based upon the sworn affidavit of James Mangia, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and incorporated herein for all purposes as part of Complaint 1 and Complaint 2.

II.

COMPLAINT 1:

Respondents have knowingly and willfully submitted and/or are preparing to submit false, fictitious and fraudulent information to the FEC, in violation of Federal Campaign Funding Law.

The Reform Party has established specific Rules for the process of nominating the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates of the Party.¹ These Rules stipulate that a candidate can only submit: "the names and addresses of registered voters who have signed petitions either to be included in the Primary or to qualify the candidate for the ballot in accordance with III-(3)".² Moreover, the Rules further stipulate that primary ballots will only be distributed to (i) members of State Parties, (ii) voters signing petitions in accordance with Rule III-(4), and (iii) voters requesting a ballot.³

¹A copy of the Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States, which were approved at the Reform Party's Atlanta, Georgia Convention, September 25-27, 1998, and revised at the Reform Party's Dearborn, Michigan Convention, July 23, 1999, is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

²See Exhibit "B," Section 111-(4).

³See Exhibit "B," Section IV-(2).

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On or about June 27, 2000, Respondents submitted a list of approximately 500,000 names, known as the "Pat Buchanan Supporter List," to the Chairman of the Reform Party Nominating Committee⁴. The stated purpose for supplying this list of names was "solely and exclusively" for its use in the Reform Party primary balloting process.⁵ Upon information and belief, the list of names supplied by Respondents consisted of persons not qualified under Reform Party Rules to receive a primary ballot. This is evidenced by signed declarations by persons who did not request a ballot and who could not have received a ballot by any other means.⁶ Further evidence of this violation is shown by: (i) phone calls to the Reform Party and Hagelin 2000 campaign inquiring as to why a Reform Party Ballot had been mailed to them; and (ii) by the large number of names submitted in states in which Buchanan did not circulate or submit ballot access petitions.⁷

Following the Respondents' submission of names for primary balloting, the Reform Party Presidential Nominations Committee (the "PNC") found on July 18, 2000, that an independent verification of these submissions from both primary candidates was warranted.⁸ Thereafter, the PNC created the Primary List Subcommittee to review and verify the validity of the lists submitted to the PNC by the two primary candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary. Upon information

⁴See a true and correct copy of the letter from Respondent Angela Bay Buchanan to Michael Farris, Chairman of the Reform Party Nominating Committee, dated June 26, 2000, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

⁵See Exhibit "C".

⁶See Declarations of Thomas Ross and Darin Schneider, attached hereto as Exhibits "D" and "E".

⁷A preponderance of the names came from states in which Buchanan, did however, run active Republican primary races such as Iowa and New Hampshire. See Exhibit "F".

⁸See Exhibit "G".

and belief, the Respondents refused to cooperate with the PNC, and obstructed the duly constituted authority of the Reform Party in not recognizing the PNC's authority to conduct an audit or to create a subcommittee.

The right of the PNC to conduct and audit is provided for in Section II-(2) of the Rules which states: "... the National Committee shall establish a Presidential Nominations Committee to regulate the presidential nomination process held in the presidential elections year in accordance with these rules. The PNC shall have the authority to establish regulations and take such actions as are necessary to implement these rules."⁹ The authority to form a sub-committee is provided for in Article VII Section 1 b of the Constitution which states: "Sub-Committees to any existing Committees may be established for specific purposed by the parent Committee Chair."¹⁰

Upon information and belief, Respondents did not comply with the PNC requirement that they produce identical copies of their list for purposes of verification. The letter from the PNC to the Respondents, as well as to Complainant, stated that "failure to comply with the directives of the Committee in this matter may be interpreted the Committee as acknowledgment that the submitted list is not in compliance with the Rules and may lead to sanctions against the subject Primary Candidate, up to and including disqualification form being nominated as the Reform Party Presidential nominee via the Primary."¹¹ Thereafter, on July 29, 2000, the Executive Committee, by resolution, found that Patrick J. Buchanan had disqualified himself from receiving any verifiable

⁹See Exhibit "B".

¹⁰See Exhibit "H".

¹¹See Exhibit "I".

votes in the Reform Party Primary, and was therefore disqualified from the Reform Party's mail-in ballot.¹²

Upon information and belief, it is anticipated that Respondents will attempt to override the directives and resolutions by the PNC and the Executive Committee, now that Respondents have control of a rogue faction claiming to be the Reform Party of The United States of America. Specifically, it is anticipated that Respondents will either abolish the Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States, which is expressly prohibited in a presidential election year,¹³ and conduct an invalid floor vote at a purported convention, or Respondents will utilize the invalid and improper ballots to purportedly win the Reform Party Primary, and thereby wrongfully and fraudulently attempt to become the purported Reform Party Nominee for the Office of the President of the United States. Upon information and belief, these actions by Respondents, including Patrick J. Buchanan purporting to claim to be the Reform Party Nominee, constitute balloting and voter fraud. Moreover, upon information and belief, any representation to the FEC by Respondent Patrick J. Buchanan, or any of the Respondents, that Patrick J. Buchanan is the valid and lawful Reform Party Nominee for the Office of the President of the United States, constitutes a false, fictitious, and fraudulent representation to the FEC, in violation of 26 U.S.C. 9012(d)(1).

¹²See Minutes and Resolutions of the Executive Committee Meeting, July 29, 2000, attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

¹³See Exhibit "B," Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States, Section I-(2)(c).

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III.

COMPLAINT 2:

The Respondents have attempted to conceal their fraudulent actions by entering into a secret agreement which violates Federal Election law.

On or about June 26, 2000, in a letter to the Chairman of the Reform Party Nominating Committee,¹⁴ Respondent Angela Bay Buchanan, demanded that the Reform Party enter into a secret agreement to keep the names listed on the "Pat Buchanan Supporter List" secret, and that the names were to be used "solely and exclusively" for the Reform Party primary. Federal election laws make it a criminal offense for the administrators of a presidential primary election to fail to retain the records of the primary for a period of 22 months. It is a further crime for anyone to destroy such records before the expiration of the period. Upon information and belief, Respondents have attempted to cause a violation of the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1974.

CONCLUSION

Complainant represents to the FEC that he is the only lawful nominee for the Office of the President of the United States for the Reform Party of the United States of America, and that any representation by any of Respondents that Patrick J. Buchanan is the valid and lawful nominee for the Office of the President of the United States for the Reform Party of the United States of America, is false, fictitious, and fraudulent. Complainant hereby requests that the FEC investigate this Complaint. Complainant further requests that until such investigation has been completed, that

¹⁴See a true and correct copy of the letter from Respondent Angela Bay Buchanan to Michael Farris, Chairman of the Reform Party Nominating Committee, dated June 26, 2000, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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the FEC withhold making its decision regarding certification of the Reform Party nominee for the Office of the President of the United States.

Complainant will supplement and amend this Complaint as expected and anticipated further activities and or violations of this nature occur.

Respectfully submitted,


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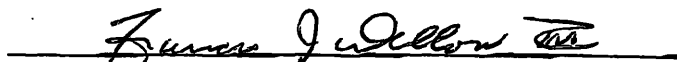
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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared John Hagelin known to me to be the same, who after being duly sworn by me deposes and states that he is over the age of 18 years and is fully competent to make this Affidavit; that he has read the above Original Sworn Complaint against Patrick J. Buchanan, Buchanan for President Campaign Committee, A/K/A Buchanan Reform, and Angela Bay Buchanan, and that every statement contained therein, unless noted that it is based upon information and belief, is within his personal knowledge and is true and correct.

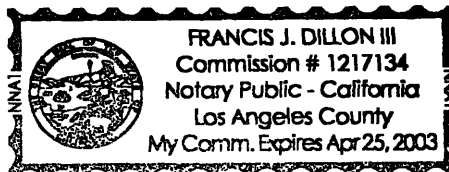

John Hagelin

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by John Hagelin, on this 9th day of August, 2000.


Notary Public in and for the
State of California County of Los Angeles

My Commission Expires:

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MANGIA

James Mangia, former National Secretary, Reform Party USA and present interim National Party Chair of the Reform Party USA, upon his oath states that he is over 21 years of age, is competent to make this affidavit, and same is made upon his personal knowledge and/or information and belief, and he further deposes and says as follows:

1. I was a founding member of the Reform Party USA and have been the National Secretary since the party was formed in October 1995 and continued in this office until August 8, 2000, at which time I was elected National Party Chair by the National Committee of the Reform Party.
2. As National Secretary my responsibilities under the Constitution of the Reform Party USA is to have custody of all records and rules adopted by the party; attend all meetings and record the proceedings of such meetings, including the action taken at meetings of the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention, and perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee of the Party. Under the Constitution I am also an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. The Constitution provides that the Executive Committee shall conduct the day to day business and affairs of the Reform Party, between meetings of the National Committee and, among other functions, take all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and prescribe proper directives and actions for the National Officers. (Constitution Art. 5, section 1; Art. 8, section 8)
3. In 1995, I was the California leader of the Patriot Party and was asked by Russ Verney to help the Reform Party get ballot access in California. Ross Perot had just announced his presidential candidacy and intention to form a third party, and was engaged in the registration drive to get on the ballot. I convinced 8,500 Patriot Party members to re-register as Reform Party members, and collected an additional 4,500 signatures helping to complete the ballot access requirements, getting the Reform Party on the ballot in California.
4. As a result of this, I was elected secretary for the California Reform Party in 1995. In January 1997, at the national Reform Party's founding meeting at the Nashville convention, was elected interim secretary of the Reform Party USA. I have been re-elected twice for two year terms, first at the Founding Convention in Kansas City in November 1997, and again in Dearborn, Michigan in July 1999.
5. In the fall of 1999, Pat Buchanan announced his Reform Party candidacy at a press conference.
6. On February 12, 2000, at the Nashville, Tennessee Reform Party convention, as per the duties of National Secretary I presided over credentialing of the National Committee members.
7. On July 5, 2000, the ballot request process for the Reform Party Presidential Nomination national primary began. The primary ballot listed John Hagelin and Pat Buchanan as the only two candidates.

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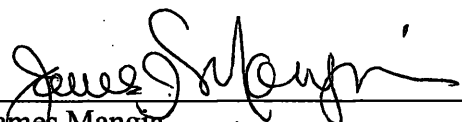
8. Under rules adopted at the 1999 Reform Party Convention, this process enabled three categories of voters to receive ballots and vote in the primary: 1) Registered Reform Party members; 2) Registered voters who signed petitions to get the candidate on the state ballots; and 3) Registered voters who specifically presented to the candidates signed, written requests to receive a ballot.
9. By mid-July, I began to get information that there may be some impropriety in the ballot request process. I started to get phone calls and e-mails from people asking why they got ballots without requesting them. I contacted some of those people directly, and have statements from many of them stating that they never requested ballots, but received them nonetheless.
10. On July 29, 2000, Maureen McKenzie, a California Republican Party leader, told a television panel in which she and I were members that she received a ballot in the mail, but had not requested it and had never had any contact with the Reform party. She told me that she did recall, however, that she had attended a Buchanan Republican fund-raising barbeque and her name and address would have been on that list.
11. Based upon this information similar information and gathered by others of improper ballot request submissions the Executive Committee and Presidential Nominations Committee ordered the candidates to submit to a verification that their ballot request submission complied with the Reform Party rules. John Hagelin's campaign fully complied with this request. Pat Buchanan refused to comply.
12. On July 29, 2000 the Executive Committee voted 7 to 0, with three members absent, to disqualify Mr. Buchanan from the primary vote because of his refusal to allow the party to verify his ballot request submissions.
13. The National Convention for the year 2000 had been called for August 10, 2000 in Long Beach, California. A National Committee meeting had been called for the end of the Convention. Notice of these meetings were sent out many months prior to the meeting date. In July the Executive Committee received requests from in excess of 25% of the members of the National Committee to call a meeting of the National Committee for August 8, 2000. The Executive Committee expressed grave concern that this quickly scheduled meeting would inconvenience many National Committee members because they had already made travel arrangements to attend the post convention meeting. Nevertheless, under the Constitution, 25% of the National Committee members may call a meeting and thus the Executive Committee sent out meeting notices for the August 8, 2000 meeting in Long Beach, California.
14. On January 18, 2000 the Executive Committee passed a resolution stating that under the Reform Party Constitution the credentialing/registering of delegates to the Executive Committee of the Reform Party was the sole responsibility of the Party's National Secretary. Gerry Moan, the acting Party Chair, voted in support of that resolution at that meeting.

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15. Prior to the August 8, 2000 National Committee meeting the Executive Committee learned that it would not be able to rent a room in the Westin Hotel for the meeting because Pat Buchanan's campaign had contracted for a meeting room and stipulated in the contract that the Hotel could not rent rooms for political purposes without the Buchanan campaign's consent. The Executive Committee sought to have control of the room transferred to the Reform Party but the transfer was refused by the Buchanan campaign.
16. At the August, 2000 National Committee meeting I was present in my capacity as National Secretary and was prepared to present a report on the credentialing of National Committee members. In the four prior meetings of the National Committee the standard practice was for me to present the list of unchallenged committee members and challenged committee members. In those meetings, the procedure was for the unchallenged committee members to vote on the resolution of challenged members. Challenged members did not vote until they were seated.
17. The atmosphere in the meeting room at the Westin Hotel on August 8th was chaotic and tense. There was only one microphone. The seats around the microphone were occupied by men who would continually stand up and take the mike ahead of anyone else approaching the microphone from another part of the room. No press or the public were allowed in the room by Mr. Moan and his security forces in spite of a prior Executive Committee resolution authorizing the presence of press and the public. All prior meetings of the National Committee had been opened to the press and public.
18. A parliamentarian had been retained by me to make rulings on parliamentary issues. She was a professional parliamentarian and a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.
19. Gerry Moan the Vice Chair presided over the meeting. The former National Chair had resigned months prior to this meeting and Mr. Moan acted as Chair in his capacity Vice Chair. Under the Constitution the National Committee members consists of three representatives from each recognized state Reform Party, chosen according to the state party's rules, and the members of the Executive Committee.
20. Mr. Moan first tried to limit the National Committee members to those who had been selected by the state reform parties prior to August 1, 2000. There is no deadline for the state parties to select National Committee members in the Constitution, and none had ever been imposed before in prior National Committee meetings. The parliamentarian ruled that under the Constitution it was not proper to prevent the seating of members to the National Committee because their names were submitted by state parties after August 1, 2000. Mr. Moan said that the parliamentarian's opinion was not binding on him and refused to follow it. The people in the room, which contained all the challenged National Committee members and unchallenged members and the Executive Committee, protested the chair's failure to follow the parliamentarian's ruling, but improperly were ruled out of order by the chair.

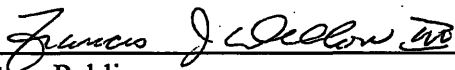
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21. I then reported to the people in the room all of the people who claimed seats as National Committee members. I made this report alphabetically by state and reported which states had no challenges to the National Committee members and which states had challenges. At the end of the report there were 40 state representative National Committee members who were unchallenged plus Executive Committee members present and unchallenged. All the other state representatives were challenged.
 22. After reading the list, a person on the floor raised the issue of whether a quorum existed. In prior National Committee meetings the number of challenged members was never greater than one half of the total potential members present. Thus, the parliamentarian was consulted and she ruled that under the Constitution a quorum consisted of a majority of non-contested members of the National Committee (Const. Art. 4, section 7). Mr. Moan accepted this ruling, but then over protest from the floor, allowed all people present in the room to vote, most of whom were contested and not yet credentialed. The parliamentarian voiced opposition to this action and Mr. Moan refused to adhere to her decision. Mr. Moan asked for all people who agreed with his ruling to rise from their seats. He then declared that people on the floor had approved his decision.
 23. The next issue presented was how to vote on the challenges to the members. Again the parliamentarian was consulted, and she ruled that only unchallenged committee members could vote on the seating of challenged members. When I announced her ruling there was an outcry from some people present. Mr. Moan again stated he would not follow the parliamentarian's ruling and asked for people to rise in support of his decision to allow challenged members to vote on other challenged states.
 24. In all prior National Committee and National Convention meetings the procedure followed was that only unchallenged members voted on the seating of challenged members.
 25. It was clear that the meeting was not going to be conducted by Mr. Moan under the rules of our Constitution, and therefore I instructed the properly constituted members of the National Committee (i.e. the unchallenged members) to leave the room and convene elsewhere. I was physically assaulted as I tried to leave the room and others who left reported to me that they were physically assaulted at that time. This relocation of the National Committee Meeting to the Renaissance Hotel was ratified by a vote of the National Committee at the new location.
 26. Upon reconvening in an alternate location at the Renaissance Hotel, Long Beach, California, the number of uncontested National Committee members was 22. This was sufficient for a quorum for the National Committee meeting to begin and also signified that the previous meeting at the Westin Hotel, Long Beach, California, was now operating without a quorum.
 27. The properly constituted meeting at the Renaissance Hotel took up the issue of settling challenges to the seating of members from other states, with only unchallenged members voting. Once a challenged member was seated they then voted with the unchallenged members. At the end of this process the membership totaled 89 members. This is more than one half of the total possible membership of the National Committee.

28. I was then elected interim National Party Chair to fill the vacancy left by the prior resignation of the National Chair. Article 8, section 7 of the Constitution authorizes the National Committee to temporarily fill vacancies until the National Convention fills the vacancy. The National Committee also elected an interim National Secretary, Dror Bar-Sadeh.
29. The National Committee then properly passed resolutions affirming the disqualification of Patrick Buchanan for failing to permit the verification of his primary ballot submissions; affirmed the Executive Committee decisions concerning the credentialing committee for credential delegates to the August 10, 2000 National Convention, with Dot Drew as chair; and ratified all Executive Committee decisions for the prior two months.
30. The effects of the above facts on the Reform Party nomination process are clear. Only delegates credentialed by the credentialing committee chaired by Dot Drew can legitimately participate in the Reform Party 2000 National Convention. Furthermore, unless that properly constituted Convention overrules the disqualification of Pat Buchanan, John Hagelin remains the only legitimate candidate for the Reform Party Presidential Nomination through the primary process, which is required by the resolution of the 1999 Convention and cannot be changed during the presidential election year, *i.e.*, in 2000.
31. Any attempt by attendees of a Convention credentialed by a committee other than the Dot Drew-Chaired Committee will be illegal under the Reform Party Constitution. Pat Buchanan has publicly announced that he will not participate in the Dot Drew credentialing committee and the National Convention arising out of that process. Thus, any certification of Mr. Buchanan as a Presidential Candidate of the Reform Party by any other convention will be an illegal certification since it will not be a certification of the Reform Party. Such Reform Party certification can only be made on the basis of action taken at the Convention held by delegates credentialed by the Committee Chaired by Dot Drew.

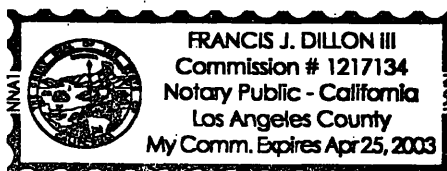

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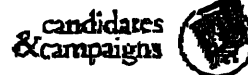
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Sworn and subscribed before me this 9th day of August, 2000.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 4-25-03





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Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States

Approved at the Atlanta Convention September 25 - 27, 1998
Revision: July 23, 1999 Dearborn, MI.

Section I. General Provisions and Definitions

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(1) These rules shall govern the selection process for the Reform Party of the United States in nominating its candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Reform Party of the United States.

(2) These rules may be amended under the following provisions:
(a) These rules may be amended by majority vote of the National Convention.
(b) These rules may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Committee.
(c) Notwithstanding provisions I-(2)(a) and I-(2)(b) above, these rules may not be amended in the presidential election year.

(3) For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall be used:

(a) "Ballot access" shall mean that no substantial barriers exist for the Party to place the nominees of the Party for President

and Vice-President of the United States on a given state's general election ballot.
(b) "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the Reform Party of the United States.
(c) "National Committee" shall mean the National Committee of the Reform Party of the United States. (d) "National Convention" shall mean the National Convention of the Reform Party of the United States.
(e) "Party" shall mean the Reform Party of the United States.
(f) "Presidential election year" shall mean the calendar year in which the November general election for President of the United States is held. (g) "Primary" shall mean the Reform Party Presidential Primary as described in Section IV of these rules.
(h) "Primary Candidate" shall mean a candidate who has qualified for the Reform Party Presidential Primary in accordance with Section III of these rules.
(i) "State Delegation" shall mean the Delegates of the National Convention from a given state that represent a State Party, as defined by I-(3)(j).
(j) "State Party" shall mean an Affiliated State Party or an Affiliated State Party Organization recognized by the Reform Party of the United States in accordance with the Constitution of the Reform Party of the United States.

(4) The nominees of the Party for President and Vice-President of the United States shall be allowed to address the National Convention for forty-five (45) minutes each in order to accept their respective nominations.

(5) The Presidential Nominations Committee shall establish a common digital format for electronic data that will be used within the Reform Party Presidential Nomination Process. The Presidential Nominations Committee shall make this common digital format known no later than December 20 of the year immediately preceding the presidential election year.

(6) Each State Party shall submit to the Presidential Nominations Committee an electronic copy of the names and addresses of the registered voters who are members of the given State Party and voters contacting the State Party specifically requesting to participate in the Reform Party Presidential Primary. The electronic copies must be in the authorized common digital format as proscribed for in I-(5). The deadline for the submission of this electronic list shall be July 1 of the presidential election year.

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Section II. Authorized Committees

(1) Not later than July 1 of the year immediately preceding the presidential election year, the Executive Committee shall establish a Convention Committee to oversee the functions relating to the meeting of the National Convention in the presidential election year. The activities and decisions of the Convention Committee shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

(2) Not later than July 1 of the year immediately preceding the presidential election year, the National Committee shall establish a Presidential Nominations Committee to regulate the presidential nomination process held in the presidential election year in accordance with these rules. The Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to establish regulations and take such actions as are necessary to implement these rules. The activities and decisions of the Presidential Nominations Committee shall be reported to the Executive Committee. Changes in the membership and size of the Presidential Nominations Committee shall be by unanimous vote of the Presidential Nominations Committee.

(3) The officers of the Party shall be ex-officio members of the Convention Committee and the Presidential Nominations Committee.

(4) The Convention Committee and the Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to establish subcommittees to perform their respective functions as they deem appropriate.

(5) No individual may serve as a member of the Convention Committee or the Presidential Nominations Committee who publicly supports or opposes any individual or candidate for the nomination of the Party for President or Vice- President of the United States.

Section III. Qualifying for the Reform Party Presidential Primary

(1) The Executive Committee shall compile a list of states for which the Party does not have ballot access in the presidential election year. This list shall be made available no later than July 1 of the year immediately preceding the presidential election year. The Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to remove a state from the list by unanimous vote

(2) To qualify for the Primary, candidates shall be required to qualify for the ballot as an independent candidate for President of the United States in states contained in the list compiled in accordance with III-(1).

(3) In order for a candidate to be considered to have qualified for the ballot as an independent candidate for President under these rules, evidence must be provided to the Presidential Nominations Committee that the candidate has either:

(a) been certified by a given state to have the candidate's name placed on the general election ballot as an independent candidate for President, or

(b) fulfilled a significant portion of the requirements to have the candidate's name placed on the general election ballot as an independent candidate for President in states where the date for certification falls after July 1.

The Presidential Nominations Committee shall specify the exact requirements for each state which fall under III-(3)(b) no later than November 1 of the year immediately preceding the presidential election year and such requirements shall be approved by unanimous vote. If a unanimous vote is not achieved for such requirements, the requirements shall be set to zero.

(4) Any candidate may submit to the Presidential Nominations Committee an electronic copy of the names and addresses of registered voters who have signed petitions either to be included in the Primary or to qualify the candidate for the ballot in accordance with III-(3). The electronic copies must be in the authorized common digital format as proscribed for in I-(5). The deadline for the submission of this electronic list shall be July 1 of the presidential election year.

(5) A candidate is considered to have qualified for the Primary if the candidate has qualified for the ballot as an independent candidate for President in accordance with III-(3) in states which comprise at least a majority of electoral votes from all states contained in the list compiled in accordance with III-(1). The Presidential Nominations Committee shall announce the candidates who have qualified for the Primary on July 2 of the presidential election year.

(6) Two or more candidates may enter into a compact stating that if one candidate of the compact receives the nomination, the other candidates of the compact agree to substitute the name of the nominee on all ballot lines within the compact. The Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to consider one candidate within the compact qualifying for the ballot in accordance

with III-(3) as all candidates within the compact qualifying for the ballot.

Section IV. The Reform Party Presidential Primary and Selection of the Reform Party Presidential Nominee

(1) The Reform Party Presidential Primary shall be held between July 4 of the presidential election year and the meeting of the National Convention in the presidential election year.

(2) A primary ballot shall be distributed to the following registered voters of the United States:

- (a) voters who are members of State Parties as identified by lists provided to the Presidential Nominations Committee in accordance with I-(6).
- (b) voters signing petitions submitted by candidates in accordance with III-(4)
- (c) voters contacting the various State Parties specifically requesting to participate in the Reform Party Presidential Primary as identified by lists provided to the Presidential Nominations Committee in accordance with I-(6). The Presidential Nominations Committee shall take such actions in order that no individual receives more than one primary ballot.

(3) Each candidate who is considered to have qualified for the Primary shall be considered a Primary Candidate.

(4) The names of the Primary Candidates on the primary ballot shall appear in a random order as determined by the Presidential Nominations Committee. The random determination of the order of the names shall be open and representatives for each Primary Candidate shall be allowed to observe.

(5) The primary ballot shall consist of:

- (a) the names of Primary Candidates in accordance with IV-(4)
- (b) columns labeled "First Choice", "Second Choice", and "Third Choice" next to each of the Primary Candidates' names
- (c) an identification number for the ballot

(1) The identification number shall be used within the Reform Party Presidential Nomination Process solely to determine the validity or invalidity of the cast ballot and to determine the state of residence of the voter casting the ballot.

(2) No efforts shall be made to use the identification numbers to identify or record how certain individuals voted within the Primary.

(6) The Presidential Nominations Committee shall construct the primary ballot in such a manner as to provide an efficient manner of tallying the votes cast in accordance with these rules.

(7) For a vote to be considered valid within the Primary, the vote must be received by the Presidential Nominations Committee:

- (a) prior to the start of the Reform Party National Convention, and
- (b) in person, by mail, by phone, or by internet in a manner proscribed by the Presidential Nominations Committee in accordance with these rules.

(8) Votes within the Primary shall be recorded as follows:

- (a) Primary votes cast with a valid identification number shall be recorded.
- (b) Primary votes cast without a valid identification number or with an invalid identification number shall not be recorded.
- (c) From the total number of recorded votes, the number of votes from each state shall be recorded.
- (d) Within the recording of votes from each state, the number of votes cast for each Primary Candidate as "First Choice" shall be recorded.
- (e) Within the recording of votes for each Primary Candidate as "First Choice", the number of votes cast for each Primary Candidate as "Second Choice" shall be recorded.
- (f) Within the recording of votes for each Primary Candidate as "Second Choice", the number of votes cast for each Primary Candidate as "Third Choice" shall be recorded.

(9) The votes cast for each Primary Candidate from a given state in a given round of voting shall be determined as follows:

- (a) In the first round of voting, each Primary Candidate shall receive all votes recorded for the given Primary Candidate as "First Choice".
- (b) If the current round of voting is a runoff round, the Primary Candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in the previous round is eliminated from the runoff.
- (c) In runoff rounds of voting, each remaining Primary Candidate shall receive all votes recorded for the given Primary Candidate as the highest choice among the remaining Primary Candidates. For purposes of this section, "First Choice" is considered a higher choice than "Second Choice" and "Third Choice", and "Second Choice" is considered a higher choice than "Third Choice".
- (d) All votes recorded in which none of the Primary Candidates in the current round of voting are

selected as "choices" shall not be counted towards calculating the majority of the votes cast.

(10) Results of the Primary shall be announced during the Reform Party National Convention at a time set by the approved agenda of the Convention as follows unless the Primary is overridden in accordance with IV-(11):

(a) Representatives from each State Party shall announce from the floor of the Convention the number of primary votes cast from their state for each Primary Candidate as provided by the Presidential Nominations Committee in accordance with IV-(9). If a discrepancy arises between the number of votes announced and the number of votes cast by the Presidential Nominations Committee, the number of votes cast shall take precedence.

(b) If no Primary Candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast in any round of voting, the Convention Chair shall announce that a runoff shall take place in accordance with these rules. The results of the next round of voting shall be announced as proscribed in IV-(9)(a) no earlier than thirty (30) minutes following the announcement of the runoff.

(c) If a Primary Candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast in any round of voting, the Convention Chair shall announce that the Primary Candidate receiving at least a majority of the votes cast in the Primary is the nominee of the Party for President of the United States.

(11) The process of selecting the nominee of the Party for President of the United States by the Primary shall be overridden only as provided for in this section.

(a) A motion to override the Primary shall be considered in order if either of the following conditions are met:

(1) the Secretary of the Party has received certified resolutions from the governing bodies of at least a majority of State Parties making such a motion to override.

(2) the Chair of the Convention has received resolutions from at least a majority of the State Delegations making such a motion to override. A motion to override the Primary shall be considered out of order if neither IV-(11)(a)(1) nor IV-(11)(a)(2) are met. A motion to override the Primary may not be reconsidered.

(b) The Primary shall be overridden if the motion to override is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Convention.

(c) If the Primary is overridden, the selection of the Party's nominee for President of the United States shall be conducted in accordance with the rules for selecting the Party's nominee for Vice-President of the United States.

(12) Each Primary Candidate shall be allowed to address the National Convention for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

(13) Each Primary Candidate shall be allowed to provide a photograph and a five-hundred (500) word statement for inclusion within the primary ballot. The photograph and statement shall be received by the Presidential Nominations Committee no later than July 1 of the presidential election year.

(14) In the case of a tie, the breaking of the tie shall be determined by the National Convention.

Section V. Selection of the Reform Party Vice-Presidential Nominee

(1) The selection of the Party's nominee for Vice-President of the United States shall be conducted during the Reform Party National Convention at a time no earlier than eight (8) hours following the nomination of the Party nominee's for President of the United States. The Party nominee's for Vice-President of the United States shall be selected by the National Convention.

(2) Nominations for Vice-President shall be taken on the floor from Delegates of the National Convention and shall require a second.

(3) In each round of voting, the Convention Chair shall call the roll of the states. Upon the announcement of a state, a Delegate from that state delegation shall announce the number of Delegate votes for each of the candidates for Vice-President.

(4) If no candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast in any round of voting, the Convention Chair shall announce a runoff. If a runoff is announced, the Vice-Presidential candidate with the lowest number of votes is removed from the next round of voting.

(5) If a candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast in any round of voting, the Convention Chair shall announce that the candidate receiving at least a majority of the votes cast is the nominee of the Party for Vice- President of the United States.

Section VI. Appeals

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(1) A candidate may appeal a decision of the Presidential Nominations Committee to the Executive Committee if five (5) members of the Executive Committee agree to hear such an appeal. If five (5) members of the Executive Committee do not agree to hear such an appeal within twenty (20) days of the initial presentation of the appeal, the appeal shall be considered rejected.

(2) Any appeal must be in writing and shall be limited to the contents of the appeal.

(3) Upon agreeing to hear an appeal, the Executive Committee shall take such necessary action to resolve any appeal which does not violate these rules, the Constitution of the Party, or federal law.

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Buchanan Reform

June 26, 2000

Mr. Michael Farris
Chairman, Nominating Committee
Reform Party USA
3217 Peppermint St.
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Dear Mick:

Tomorrow (June 27, 2000), our campaign will send you (overnight) the Pat Buchanan Supporter list, consisting of over 500,000 names, on a CD, for the purpose of mailing each of these individuals a Reform Party presidential primary ballot.

Prior to sending this list, I would like to establish the following points with you regarding the use of the list. I ask that you signal your agreement to these points with your signature in the designated space below.

- 1) We are sending these names to you solely and exclusively for the purpose of receiving Reform Party USA presidential primary ballots.
- 2) We specifically request that you instruct the vendor conducting the primary that these names and addresses are to be returned to our campaign once the ballots have been printed and mailed.
- 3) We further request that you instruct all parties involved with the primary that these names are the sole and exclusive property of Buchanan Reform; that they are not to be used for any other purpose; that they are not to be retained by any party involved with the primary; that they are not to be used to create a new database, nor added to any pre-existing databases, including those of the Reform Party USA and state Reform Party organizations; that they will not be rented, sold or given to any third party whatsoever.

Should any violation of the above restrictions on the use of this list occur, we will take vigorous and immediate legal action to seek redress and protect our rights.

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Mr. Michael Ferris
June 26, 2000

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please fax this letter back to me at 703/734-2705 when you have signed below, and then please return the signed original back to me at our campaign headquarters by mail.

Sincerely,

Ray Buchanan

Ray Buchanan

I agree to all the terms set forward in the above letter from Ray Buchanan regarding the use of the Buchanan Reform candidate list.

Michael Ferris

Michael Ferris, Chairman, Nominating Committee, Reform Party USA

6/26/00
Date

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DECLARATION

I, Thomas Ross, am a registered Republican in the state of California.

I have personal knowledge as to the facts stated in this declaration, and if called as a witness could and would testify as to those facts.

1. I received an official ballot to vote in the Reform Party primary election in mid July, 2000, addressed to me at my home address (4445 "B" Street, Sacramento, CA, 95819) and delivered by the United States Postal Service to said address.
2. I have never been a Reform Party member in any state. I have never donated to the Reform Party. I have never requested any information from the Reform Party.
3. I have never requested to take part in the Reform Party primary election, nor have I ever requested a Reform Party ballot that would enable me to do so. I have not requested a ballot on-line over the Internet. I have not verbally requested a ballot from any person or any organization. I have not requested a ballot through the U.S. mail. I have not signed any form requesting a ballot, nor have I signed any petition concerning the Reform Party or Pat Buchanan.
4. Whereas I have received a ballot to take part in the Reform Party primary election without requesting one, I wish to formally inform the appropriate officials of the Reform Party and any other interested parties.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I am informed and believe that they are true.

I have read and understand the above declaration.

Executed this 23rd day of July, 2000

At Sacramento, CA

Signed Thomas Ross

DECLARATION

Darin
I, **Darion Schneider**, am a registered Republican in the state of Iowa.

I have personal knowledge as to the facts stated in this declaration, and if called as a witness could and would testify as to those facts.

1. I received an official ballot to vote in the Reform Party primary election in mid July, 2000, addressed to me at my home address (1501 Grand Avenue, Emmetsburg, Iowa, 50536) and delivered by the United States Postal Service to said address.
2. I have never been a Reform Party member in any state. I have never donated to the Reform Party. I have never requested any information from the Reform Party.
3. I have never requested to take part in the Reform Party primary election, nor have I ever requested a Reform Party ballot that would enable me to do so. I have not requested a ballot on-line over the Internet. I have not verbally requested a ballot from any person or any organization. I have not requested a ballot through the U.S. mail. I have not signed any form requesting a ballot, nor have I signed any petition concerning the Reform Party or Pat Buchanan.
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I have read and understand the above declaration.

Executed this 29th day of July, 2000

At Emmetsburg, Iowa 12:15 PM

Signed Darion W. Schneider

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Evidence of Massive Election Fraud by Pat Buchanan

IN 10 STATES WHERE THERE WAS NO BALLOT ACCESS PETITIONING

Ballot Requests by State	Total List	National List	State List	Hagelin List	Buchanan List
CALIFORNIA	191,792	30,406	80,000	3,064	78,322
COLORADO	13,254	4,331	810	651	7,462
CONNECTICUT	9,482	3,283	1,523	208	5,991
FLORIDA	51,686	18,207	856	1,799	30,824
IOWA	41,295	1,459	1221	533	39,303
KENTUCKY	11,329	2,292	6,508	258	2,271
MICHIGAN	28,062	8,903	3,900	626	14,633
NEW HAMPSHIRE	24,697	937	3,500	110	20,150
NEW JERSEY	18,070	5,044	400	400	12,226
NEW YORK	215,336	7,597	155,087	1,520	51,132
TOTAL	605,003	82,459	253,805	9,169	262,314

Source: Reform Party National and State Leaders

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Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM Pacific.

Michael Farris, Harry Kresky, Dave Goldman in attendance.

Tom McLaughlin and Gerry Moan in attendance (ex-officio members of PNC) Significant discussion regarding list submissions.

Kresky motion (below as Resolution #1) - Motion fails, 1-4, (Farris, Goldman, Moan, McLaughlin opposed)

Farris motion (below as Resolution #2) Kresky amendment to Farris motion (below as Amendment #A): Amendment fails, 1-4, (Farris, Goldman, Moan, McLaughlin opposed)

Vote on Farris motion: Motion fails, 2-3 (Goldman, Moan, McLaughlin opposed)

As a result, no actions were taken by the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM Pacific.

Resolution #1

BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised regarding the submission of lists from Primary Candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary. In order to insure the integrity of the results of the Reform Party Primary, the Presidential Nominations Committee ("the Committee") found on July 18, 2000, that independent verification of these submissions from Primary Candidates was warranted. The Committee created the Primary List Subcommittee ("the Subcommittee") to review and verify the validity of the lists submitted to the Committee by the two Primary Candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary.

AUTHORITY

Section II-(4) of the Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States ("the Rules") states that: "... the Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to establish subcommittees to perform their respective functions as they deem appropriate."

Under this section, it was determined that the Committee had the authority to establish a subcommittee to review and verify the submissions of lists by Primary Candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary. It was also determined that the subcommittee can be directed by the Committee to perform such actions that are not in conflict with the Rules.

Section II-(2) of the Rules states that "The Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to establish regulations and take such actions as are necessary to implement

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these rules."

Under this section, it was determined that the Committee had the authority to take such actions as are necessary to implement the Rules.

SCOPE OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S CHARTER

Section III-(4) of the Rules specifies what constitutes a valid submission of names and addresses for inclusion in the Primary from Candidates.

"Any candidate may submit to the Presidential Nominations Committee an electronic copy of the names and addresses of registered voters who have signed petitions either to be included in the Primary or to qualify the candidate for the ballot in accordance with III-(3)."

These sections of the Rules identify two classes of registered voters that are eligible to participate in the Reform Party Primary through submissions from Candidates. The first is the class of registered voters that sign petitions to be included in the Primary and the second is the class of registered voters that sign petitions to qualify the Candidate for the ballot in accordance with Section III-(3).

RESULTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Hagelin campaign has pledged complete and unconditional cooperation with the Subcommittee's activities; this is evidenced by a letter from Kingsley Brooks and Nadine Padawer dated July 20, 2000. This letter indicates that backup material, sufficient to verify that the list submitted to the Committee by the Hagelin campaign, will be made available to the Subcommittee upon request. Additionally, in a letter by Kingsley Brooks dated July 21, 2000, Nat Goldhaber was appointed as the Hagelin campaign's representative to the Subcommittee.

The response from the Buchanan campaign was less cooperative. In a letter from Bay Buchanan dated July 24, 2000, it was expressed that the Buchanan campaign did not recognize the authority of the Committee to establish the Subcommittee or any subcommittee for any purpose. Additionally, this letter expressed that the Buchanan campaign did not recognize the authority of the Committee to conduct such an investigation to verify that lists submitted by Candidates are valid submissions under the Rules.

Subsequent to this letter from the Buchanan campaign, a letter from Bay Buchanan dated July 26, 2000, stated that the Buchanan campaign would appoint Phil Alexander to the Subcommittee under protest. The statements from the Buchanan campaign regarding the recognition of the Committee's authority in this matter were not retracted.

In light of the above and in light of:

- (1) the failure of the Buchanan campaign to deny the charge that the list of over 400,000 it submitted to receive primary ballots consisted in whole or substantial part of the candidate's contributors and supporters who did not take the steps necessary to qualify as voters in the Reform Party presidential primary,
- (2) the existence of evidence that submission of the non-complying list was done knowingly and in a manner which suggests an attempt to conceal its true nature, and
- (3) the Buchanan campaign's manifest lack of respect for the integrity and authority of the RPUSA, its rules and its official bodies, the appropriate remedy is that Patrick Buchanan be disqualified as a candidate for the RPUSA presidential nomination.

DIRECTIVES

Based on the above background, authority and findings, the Committee hereby directs that Patrick Buchanan be disqualified as a candidate for the RPUSA presidential nomination.

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The Committee further directs that the work of the Subcommittee is suspended until such time as the Committee receives specific and credible charges concerning the validity of the list submitted by any other candidate for the for the RRUSA presidential nomination.

Resolution #2

BACKGROUND

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AUTHORITY

Section II-(4) of the Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States ("the Rules") states that: "... the Presidential Nominations Committee shall have the authority to establish subcommittees to perform their respective functions as they deem appropriate."

Under this section, it was determined that the Committee had the authority to establish a subcommittee to review and verify the submissions of lists by Primary Candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary. It was also determined that the subcommittee can be directed by the Committee to perform such actions that are not in conflict with the Rules.

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RESULTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Hagelin campaign has pledged complete and unconditional cooperation with the Subcommittee's activities; this is evidenced by a letter from Kingsley Brooks and Nadine Padawer dated July 20, 2000. This letter indicates that backup material, sufficient to verify that the list submitted to the Committee by the Hagelin campaign, will be made available to

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Subsequent to this letter from the Buchanan campaign, a letter from Bay Buchanan dated July 26, 2000, stated that the Buchanan campaign would appoint Phil Alexander to the Subcommittee under protest. The statements from the Buchanan campaign regarding the recognition of the Committee's authority in this matter were not retracted.

The Subcommittee met via teleconference on July 26, 2000, with no results or actions.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE BASED UPON SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

It is determined that the Hagelin campaign has sufficiently complied thus far with the directives of the Committee regarding the review and verification of the list submitted to the Committee by the Hagelin campaign.

It is determined that the Buchanan campaign has not sufficiently complied with the directives of the Committee regarding the review and verification of the list submitted to the Committee by the Buchanan campaign. This is evidenced by the letter from the Buchanan campaign dated July 24, 2000, the refusal to produce identical copies of the lists submitted to the Committee, and the refusal to produce sufficient backup material, specifically in the form of signed petitions, for purposes of review and verification of the submitted list.

It is determined that the Buchanan campaign has shown and continues to show contempt for the regulatory authority of the Committee. This contempt is interpreted by the Committee as acknowledgement that the submitted list from the Buchanan campaign is not in compliance with the Rules as specifically stated in Section III-(4) of the Rules.

DIRECTIVES

Based upon the above background, authority, and findings, the Committee hereby directs the Buchanan campaign to provide to the Committee an affidavit stating the complete list of sources, including approximate numbers from differing sources, for the names that were contained in the list submitted to the Committee.

The Committee further directs that, upon demand of the Committee, the Buchanan campaign submit the materials necessary for a fair, impartial audit conducted under professional standards in order for the Subcommittee to complete the review and verification of the list submitted to the Committee by the Buchanan campaign.

Amendment #A

(Substitute for DIRECTIVES)

In light of the above, the Committee shall take such steps as are necessary so that persons who were sent ballots solely as a result of their names being on the list submitted by the Buchanan campaign shall not have their votes counted.

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constitution

ARTICLE I**Name**

- The name of this Party shall be the Reform Party of the United States of America.

constitution

This constitution, passed November 2, 1997, was established in the Reform Party National Founding Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

ARTICLE II**Object**

The Object of the Reform Party shall be to:

- a) Establish and operate as a major national political party composed of affiliated State Party Organizations from each state;
- b) Nominate and endorse candidates for President of the United States and for Vice President of the United States;
- c) Assist in the election of such candidates;
- d) Assist State Party Organizations in the election of their candidates and voter education;
- e) Develop and promote the enactment of legislation and policies consistent with the Reform Party Principles;

Revisions:

Oct 11, 1998 in Atlanta, GA
July 23, 1999 in Dearborn, MI.

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ARTICLE III National Convention

- Section 1. There shall be a National Convention. The first session of the National Convention shall be designated as "The Inaugural National Convention of the Reform Party of the United States of America" and shall be further designated by the date or dates of such session, and by the location of such session. Each subsequent session of the National Convention shall be similarly titled and designated, except that such session shall be consecutively enumerated.
- Section 2. The National Convention shall be responsible for the governance of the Reform Party, and for providing for the fulfillment of the Object of the Reform Party.
- Section 3. The National Convention shall be composed of the following Delegates:
 - a) The Executive Committee
 - b) Three Statewide Delegates from each State Party Organization
 - c) One Delegate from each U.S. Congressional District.
- Section 4. Qualifications for a person to be eligible to be a Delegate shall be such that each Delegate shall:
 - a) be a member of their State Party Organization and a resident of the U.S. Congressional District and/or state for which he or she is a Delegate.
 - b) be elected as provided in the Rules of their State Party Organization.
 - c) not be required to pay a personal assessment or fee as a condition of serving as a Delegate.
 - d) be registered with the Executive Committee. No person shall be deemed to be a Delegate, who is not so registered..

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- Section 5. State Party Organization rules pertaining to Delegate qualifications, eligibility, election or appointment, term of office, conditions of continuing service, removal from office, vacancies, duties, powers, subjection, participation, and voting rights, shall be observed; unless such rules are in conflict with this Constitution, or other provisions adopted pursuant to provisions of this Constitution; including the provisions of the Bylaws, the Resolutions and actions of the National Convention, and such provisions as may be specified in the Standing Rules of the National Convention.
 - a) In the event such State Party Organization rules do not so pertain, a State Party Organization shall carry out such measures as may be required by: the National Convention, the proper directives of the National Committee, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws.
 - b) In the event such State Party Organization rules do so conflict, a State Party Organization shall carry out such measures as may be required by the National Convention, the proper directives of the National Committee, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws.
- Section 6. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service as a Delegate.
- Section 7. The removal of a Delegate shall be such that:
 - a) Any Delegate may be removed by three-quarters vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention. The seat of a Delegate so removed shall automatically and immediately become vacant upon such removal.
 - b) Any Delegate may be removed in accordance with the Rules of the applicable State Party Organization, except for a person who is a Delegate as a result of being an Elected National Party Officer.
- Section 8. Each State Party Organization may send Alternate Delegates in accordance with their State Party Organization Rules. Each Alternate Delegate must meet all the qualifications of a Delegate, shall reside in the same political district as the Delegate they replace, and shall have no voting rights until re-registered as a Delegate.
- Section 9. The National Convention shall:
 - a) be the supreme governing body of the Reform Party at the national level, subject only to the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws.
 - b) have all power and authority over the affairs of the Reform Party, subject only to the provisions of this Constitution and to the provisions of the Bylaws.
 - c) have the exclusive power to grant Official Recognition to State Party Organizations. Official Recognition of a State Party Organization shall be granted by majority vote of the registered Delegates.
 - d) receive reports from the National Officers and Committees.
 - e) adopt a national Reform Party platform by two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates.
 - f) adopt a national Statement of Principles by two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates. This same requirement shall apply to amendments, additions or revisions to the Statement of Principles.
 - g) in appropriate years, provide rules and procedures for the nomination and endorsement of candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States, or no endorsement, such procedures shall, to the extent possible, provide for the popular selection by Reform Party members.
 - h) act upon such other matters as the National Convention deems appropriate, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws.
- Section 10. Sessions of the National Convention shall be such that:
 - a) Previous notice of each session of the National Convention shall be given in writing, by means of a Call to National Convention. Such a Call to National Convention shall:
 - (1) be mailed to each affiliated State Party Organization Chair and all known elected Delegates and Alternates, not more than ninety days and not less than thirty five days, prior to the date of the first scheduled business meeting of the session being called,
 - (2) specify the date, hour, place and proposed agenda of the meeting,
 - (3) contain other such information as is provided in this Constitution, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws.
 - b) The quorum of a session of the National Convention shall be the majority of all registered Delegates.
 - c) The National Convention shall be called into session once each calendar year. Such session shall be scheduled and arranged, and a Call to National Convention shall be properly issued by the National Party Chair, upon two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee or majority vote of the National Committee, except in a case of emergency. In a case of

emergency, the National Convention may be called into session as needed such that:
 (1) A case of emergency shall be deemed to exist upon such being officially declared by the Reform Party Chair, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, or by majority vote of the National Committee.

(2) An official declaration of emergency shall in no way remove, alter, or have precedence over any of the provisions of this Constitution, or the provisions of the Bylaws.

d) The determination, allocation, exercise and tally of Delegate votes shall be such that:

(1) Only Delegates who have been properly registered and are in attendance at the time of the vote shall be eligible to vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

(2) No person shall hold more than one Delegate seat.

(3) Each Delegate shall have one and only one vote.

(4) No Delegate shall be required to cast a vote contrary to his or her preference.

- Section 11. Each Delegate shall report to the State Party Organization of which he or she is a member. The National Convention shall provide that the minutes and Resolutions of the National Convention be recorded in writing, be properly filed with Reform Party Executive Committee, be distributed to the Chairperson of each State Party Organization and be made available to the public

ARTICLE IV National Committee

- Section 1. The National Committee shall be responsible for the conducting of the business and affairs of the Reform Party between sessions of the National Convention. Such responsibilities shall include:
 - a) providing a procedure for the nomination of Reform Party National Officers.
 - b) the temporary filling of National Officer vacancies,
 - c) providing for the clear interpretation, proper application, and continuing pertinence of the Bylaws, and for the continuing integrity of the Bylaws with this Constitution and the Statement of Principles of the Reform Party,
 - d) formulating and promoting statements of public policy, which are consistent with the Reform Party Statement of Principles,
 - e) providing for the raising, budgeting, disbursing and accounting of the monies for the operation of the Reform Party in amounts sufficient to fulfill the Party Object, including setting the dollar amount and payment frequency of any dues, fees and assessments to be paid to the National Party by State Party Organizations.
 - f) providing for ongoing Reform Party public relations and voter education,
 - g) providing for the keeping, filing and archival storage of the official books, records and lists of the Reform Party,
 - h) assisting state Reform Party Organizations in the building of their State Party Organizations, election of their endorsed candidates and member education, and
 - i) all other actions appropriate or necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and the Bylaws and carry on the successful operation of the Reform Party.
- Section 2. The National Committee shall be composed of:
 - a) the Executive Committee,
 - b) three statewide Delegates from each State Party Organization
- Section 3. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing membership on the National Committee.
- Section 4. A National Committee Member shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of their State Party Organization except where the State Party Organization rules conflict with this Constitution or state election laws. The State Chair shall be responsible for registering the State Party Organization's National Committee Members with the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. Each National Committee Member shall have the duty to serve on at least one Reform Party Standing Committee or Special Committee.
- Section 6. The National Committee shall meet one or more times in each calendar year. A National Committee meeting shall be called by the National Chairperson or by action of one-fourth of all National Committee members. The National Committee may conduct a vote by mail on matters pertaining to the election and/or nominating of officers, the election of committee members, the filling of vacancies, the activation and dismissal of Special

committee members, the filling of vacancies, the activation and dismissal of Special Committees, the issuance of a Call to National Convention, the approval or amendment of the Reform Party budget and the amendment of the Bylaws.

- Section 7. A quorum of the National Committee shall be a majority of the registered National Committee Members.
- Section 8. The National Committee shall report to the National Convention.
- Section 9. National Committee Members shall be elected, not appointed, democratically by their respective State membership at State Conventions, caucuses or whatever democratic process is available, provided that such elections are in compliance with and do not violate State Election laws.

ARTICLE V Executive Committee

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the conducting of the day to day business and affairs of the Reform Party, between meetings of the National Committee. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall include:
 - a) coordinating the efforts of the Standing Committees and the Special Committees so as to maximize efficiency, maximize resources, maximize effect and fulfill the object of the Reform Party.
 - b) providing for such organizational, administrative and financial support as the National Convention may require for its organization and operation,
 - c) providing for such organizational, administrative and financial resources as may be required to fulfill the Object of the Reform Party,
 - d) all actions appropriate or necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws, the proper directives of the National Committee and the Resolutions and proper actions of the National Convention, and
 - e) all actions appropriate or necessary to carry on the successful operation of the Reform Party.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Reform Party USA Officers and seven regional representatives elected by the National Committee.
- Section 3. Regional Representatives to the Executive Committee shall be elected by the National Committee at the first meeting of the National Committee held in odd numbered years and shall serve for two years.
- Section 4. All Regional Representatives will be elected at meetings of the National Committee. Committee representatives from the states within the regions will caucus to elect one representative from each region. The regions are defined as:
 - a) Midwest Region - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota
 - b) New England Region - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
 - c) Northeast Region - Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia
 - d) Northwest Region - Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
 - e) Pacific Region - Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington
 - f) Southeast Region - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
 - g) Southwest Region - Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- h) The duties of each Regional Representative shall be:
 - (1) Be a Member of the Executive Committee;
 - (2) Be a conduit for informational flow between the State Party organizations in the respective Region and the Executive Committee;
 - (3) Provide all organizational help possible and practical to the State Party organizations in the respective Region when requested;
 - (4) Compile a list of qualified candidates for Committee Chairmen who have the ability, experience and knowledge for each Committee, for use by the National Chairman in making appointments.
 - (5) Compile a list of any special talents that have been identified within the state parties for

potential service to the national party committee.

- Section 5. A Regional Representative may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the registered Members of the National Committee in that particular Region.
- Section 6. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Regional Representative, such vacancy shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the registered Members of the National Committee in that particular Region.
- Section 7. The duties of the Executive Committee shall include:
 - a) maintaining and providing Delegate lists and National Committee Member lists,
 - b) maintaining and keeping all national books, records and lists of the Reform Party,
 - c) taking those actions appropriate and necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws, and the proper directives of the National Committee and the National Convention, and
 - d) taking those actions appropriate or necessary to carry on the successful operation of the Reform Party.
- Section 8. The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary to conduct the required business of the National Party. Executive Committee meetings may be called upon action of the National Party Chair or upon action of any three Executive Committee Members. The Executive Committee may conduct a vote by mail.
- Section 9. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, the Reform Party national platform and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service on the Executive Committee.
- Section 10. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee Members.

ARTICLE VI Standing Committee General Provisions

- Section 1. There shall be six Standing Committees of the National Committee. The six Standing Committees: Rules, Issues, Party Building, Finance, Public Relations and Communications.
- Section 2. The responsibilities of each Standing Committee shall be:
 - a) Rules
The Rules Committee shall be responsible for: developing and proposing amendments to this Constitution; developing and proposing bylaws and other procedural rules, including amendments thereto, for the conduct of the national party; working with various State Party Organizations in development and adoption of their state party rules; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.
 - b) Issues
The Issues Committee shall be responsible for: reviewing, developing and proposing platform and policy for adoption by the National Convention; developing and proposing amendments to the national party Statement of Principles; developing and implementing plans to educate voters regarding various issues; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.
 - c) Party Building
The Party Building Committee shall be responsible for: developing and implementing strategies to build and maintain the party as a major national political party; working with the various State Party Organizations to build and maintain the party as a major political party within each state; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.
 - d) Finance
The Finance Committee shall be responsible for: fundraising at the national level; developing and implementing budgets for national party operations; assisting the National Treasurer in the performance of assign duties; advising the various State Party Organizations regarding fundraising and other financial issues; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.
 - e) Public Relations
The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for: developing and implementing strategies for interfacing with the media and the public; developing media contacts nationwide; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.
 - f) Communications
The Communications Committee shall be responsible for: developing and implementing plans to keep party members informed on various public and internal party issues; developing internal party communications links between the various committees and various State Party Organizations; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.

Organizations; other such duties as the Executive Committee may assign.

- Section 3. Each Standing Committee Chair shall be appointed by the National Chairperson. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of the following positions: Standing Committee Chair, Standing Committee Vice Chair or National Officer. Standing Committee Chairs shall be subject to those provisions of this Constitution that apply to National Officers.
- Section 4. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service on a Standing Committee.
- Section 5. The members and any additional officers of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of such Standing Committee. No more than one-fourth of the Members of a Standing Committee shall be members of the same State Party Organization.
- Section 6. Each Standing Committee shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the provisions of the Bylaws, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, the proper directives of the National Committee and the Resolutions and proper actions of the National Convention.
- Section 7. Each Standing Committee shall meet as necessary to conduct the required business of their Standing Committee. Standing Committee meetings may be called upon action of the Standing Committee Chair or upon action of one-fourth of the Standing Committee Members. Standing Committees may conduct business by mail, teleconference or other electronic media. Each Standing Committee may adopt such rules of operation as the Standing Committee Members deem necessary to conduct Committee business.
- Section 8. Each Standing Committee shall report to the Executive Committee. Each Standing Committee shall also report to the National Committee and to the National Convention.

ARTICLE VII

Special Committees and Sub-Committees

- Section 1. Special Committees and Sub-Committees
 - a) Special Committees may be established for specific purposes by action of the National Party Chair or by majority vote of the Executive Committee, National Committee or National Convention. The Chair of any Special Committee shall be appointed by the National Party Chair. Special Committees exist at the pleasure of the National Party Chair.
 - b) Sub-Committees to any existing Committee may be established for specific purposes by action of the parent Committee Chair. The Chair of any Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the parent Committee Chair. Sub-Committees exist at the pleasure of the parent Committee Chair.
 - c) The Members and any additional Officers of each Special Committee or Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of such Special Committee or Sub-Committee
- Section 2. The responsibilities of each Special Committee or Sub-Committee shall be stated when establishing the Special Committee or Sub-Committee.
- Section 3. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service as a Member of any Special Committee or Sub-Committee.
- Section 4. Each Special Committee and Sub-Committee shall be subject to the Executive Committee, National Committee, the provisions of this Constitution, the provisions of the Bylaws and to the Resolutions and proper actions of the National Convention. Each Sub-Committee shall also be subject to its specific parent Committee.
- Section 5. A Special Committee or Sub-committee meeting shall be called upon the action of the Special Committee's or Sub-committee's Chairperson or upon the action of one-fourth of a Special Committee's or Sub-committee's members such as is provided in this Constitution and such as may be provided in the Bylaws. A Special Committee or Sub-committee may conduct a vote by mail such as is provided in this Constitution and such as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Special Committee or Sub-committee may adopt such rules of operation as the Special Committee or Sub-committee Members deem necessary to conduct Committee business.
- Section 6. Each Special Committee shall report to the Executive Committee, the National

Section 6. Each Special Committee shall report to the Executive Committee, the National Committee, and to the National Convention provided that the Special Committee, so reporting, is properly directed to do so. Each Sub-Committee shall report to its specific parent Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

National Officer General Provisions

- Section 1. The National Officers shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. There may be a National Executive Director of the Party, who shall not be an Officer or Member of any Committee.
- Section 2. The National Officers shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a) The National Party Chair shall preside over meetings of the Executive Committee, National Committee and National Convention and act on behalf of the Party to carry out the resolutions of the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
 - b) The National Party Vice Chair shall assist the National Party Chair in the operation of the Party and serve as National Party Chair in the absence of the National Party Chair.
 - c) The National Secretary shall: have custody of the official copy of this Constitution, the bylaws and any other rules adopted by the party; attend all meetings and record the proceedings of such meetings including, at a minimum, all actions taken by the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention; maintain the records (except financial) of the National Party; provide official notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention; perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
 - d) The National Treasurer shall: have custody of the Party funds and shall keep full and accurate records thereof in books belonging to the Party; deposit all monies and other valuable effects to the name and to the credit of the Party in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee; prepare and file required federal reports; disburse funds in accordance with the resolutions of the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention subject to the provisions of this Constitution; report on the financial status of the Party at each meeting of the Executive Committee, the National Committee and the National Convention.
- Section 3. Each National Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the registered Delegates at the National Convention. Each National Officer shall be elected by written ballot. National Officers shall be Party Members but need not be National Committee Members or National Committee Delegates to be eligible for election as a National Officer. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor when made by any registered Delegate. National Officer elections shall be held in each odd numbered year.
- Section 4. Each National Officer's term of office shall be two years. Each National Officer's term shall begin on the first day of January in each even numbered calendar year. No National Officer shall serve in the same National Office for more than three consecutive terms. No person shall serve as a National Officer for more than six consecutive terms.
- Section 5. Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, the Reform Party national platform and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service as a National Officer.
- Section 6. A National Officer may be removed by:
 - a) a two-thirds roll call vote of the registered Members of the National Committee, or
 - b) a majority vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention.
- Section 7. National Officer vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention. National Officer vacancies may be temporally filled by majority vote of the registered Members of the National Committee. A person filling such vacancy must meet the qualifications for eligibility for election as a National Officer. Such a person, so elected, shall be seated until such time as the Office is filled by majority vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article.
- Section 8. The Reform Party Chairperson shall be ex-officio a member of all Reform Party committees except the Nominations Committee.

- Section 9. Each National Officer shall be subject to the proper directives and actions of the Executive Committee, the proper directives and actions of the National Committee, the provisions of this Constitution, the provisions of the Bylaws and the Resolutions and proper actions of the National Convention.
- Section 10. Each National Officer shall report to the Executive Committee, the National Committee, and the National Convention.
- Section 11. Upon resolution adopted by a majority of the registered Members of the National Committee authorizing the expenditure of such funds, the National Chair shall have the authority to name any Party Member to fill the position of National Executive Director upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
 - a) The National Executive Director shall not be a Party Officer or Member of any Committee and shall report directly to the National Chair.
 - b) The National Executive Director shall be responsible, at the direction of the National Chair, for the day-to-day activities of the Party, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the bylaws, the Resolutions and actions of the National Convention, and the proper directives of the National Committee and the Executive Committee.
 - c) The National Executive Director may be removed from the position by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

State Party Organizations

- Section 1. A State Party Organization shall be responsible for conducting all Reform Party state level business and affairs in its constituent state democratically and for providing for the successful operation of a major state political party which is in keeping with the Principles and Object of the Reform Party of the United States of America, the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws. This major state political organization which is operated by the State Party Organization is not obligated to use the name of the national party.
- Section 2. Recognition shall be granted to no more than one State Party Organization in each state or territory of the United States of America.
- Section 3. A State Party Organization may be granted Official Recognition by a majority vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention. A State Party Organization may be granted Provisional Recognition by a two-thirds vote of the registered Members of the National Committee.
- Section 4. Official Recognition of a State Party Organization shall continue until such time as such recognition is removed. Provisional Recognition of a State Party Organization shall continue until such time as such recognition is removed or until the next National Convention.
- Section 5. The conditions of continuing Official Recognition and the conditions of continuing Provisional Recognition shall be affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles.
- Section 6. Removal or Suspension of Official Recognition of a State Party Organization and removal or expiration of Provisional Recognition of a State Party Organization shall be such that:
 - a) Official Recognition of a State Party Organization may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention.
 - b) Official Recognition of a State Party Organization may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention. Such suspension shall not exceed a period of six calendar months. Such suspension shall be imposed by means of a Resolution of the National Convention. Such a Resolution shall:
 - (1) specify the conditions under which the suspension shall be lifted,
 - (2) specify the end date of the suspension time period,
 - (3) specify the manner in which the fulfillment of such conditions shall be verified, and
 - (4) shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and subject to the provisions of the Bylaws.
 - c) The votes of National Committee Members and the votes of Delegates who are Members of a State Party Organization which is so suspended shall not be counted.
 - d) A State Party Organization which is so suspended and which fails to fulfill the conditions to lift such suspension shall automatically and immediately forfeit its Official Recognition upon

the end date of such suspension.

e) Provisional Recognition of a State Party Organization may be removed by majority vote of the registered Members of the National Committee.

f) Provisional recognition of a State Party Organization shall automatically and immediately expire upon adjournment of the session of the National Convention which follows the date such Provisional Recognition was granted.

- Section 7. Each State Party Organization which has been granted Official Recognition or Provisional Recognition and each organization which requests Official Recognition or Provisional Recognition shall:
 - a) provide the Executive Committee with true, current and complete copies of its Constitution, Bylaws and/or Rules and copies of all legally required state and federal reports.
 - b) provide the Executive Committee with any such additional information the Executive Committee similarly requests of all State Party Organizations or organizations.
 - c) pay dues, fees and assessments such as is provided in this Constitution and such as may be provided in the Bylaws.
- Section 8. A State Party Organization which has been granted Official Recognition or Provisional Recognition shall be eligible to receive all the Delegate seats which are available to be allocated to the State Party Organization so recognized. A State Party Organization and the members of such State Party Organization so recognized shall be eligible to participate without restriction in the national affairs of the Reform Party including all sessions of the National Convention and all national committees subject to the provisions of this Constitution, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws and Section 6 of this Article except that:
 - a) a Member of a State Party Organization which has been granted Provisional Recognition shall not be eligible to be elected as a National Officer.
 - b) each Delegate or National Committee Member of a State Party Organization which has been granted Provisional Recognition shall not be entitled to vote on questions pertaining to Official Recognition or Provisional Recognition of his or her own State Party Organization.
- Section 9. State Party Organizations shall be subject to the laws of the State in which the State Party Organization is organized, the provisions of this Constitution, the provisions of the Bylaws, the proper directives of the National Officers, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, the proper directives of the National Committee and the Resolutions and proper actions of the National Convention.
- Section 10. A State Party Organization shall, as a condition of continuing recognition, have no less than one-fourth of its registered Delegates in attendance at each session of the National Convention. A State Party Organization shall allow none of its National Committee seats to remain vacant for more than sixty days from the effective date of a written resignation, removal from position or second absence from a National Committee Meeting if such absences have not been excused by the Executive Committee.
- Section 11. Individual Reform Party Member participation rights shall be such that:
 - a) In a state which has no State Party Organization such as is provided for in this Constitution, a person who identifies himself or herself as a Reform Party member shall have no Reform Party participatory rights except such rights as are accorded to any other citizen.
 - b) In a state which has an Officially Recognized or Provisionally Recognized State Party Organization, a person who identifies himself or herself as a Reform Party Member but does not also identify himself or herself as a member of his or her state's State Party Organization shall have no participatory rights except such rights as are accorded to any other citizen.
 - c) Citizens of states which have no State Party Organization who express an interest in establishing a State Party Organization in their state shall be listed by the Executive Committee. Such a list shall be provided to other similarly interested citizens of such state upon the request of such citizens until such time as a State Party Organization is established in such state.

ARTICLE X

General Provisions

- Section 1. All financial reports and all budget reports, given or approved by any Reform Party Committee or any Reform Party Officer, shall be prepared in keeping with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as are established by the Financial Standards and Accounting Board.
- Section 2. No dues, fees, financial assessments, administrative fees, subscription fees or

member fees shall be implemented or required which are not specifically provided for in this Constitution or the Bylaws.

- Section 3. No Reform Party Officer shall be compensated for services rendered to the Reform Party except for reimbursement of legitimate personal expenses incurred in the performance of one's official Reform Party duties.
- Section 4. The minutes of all Reform Party meetings shall be available upon request.
- Section 5. There shall be no proxy voting or voting by proxy.
- Section 6. Definitions of certain words used in this Constitution shall be such that
 - a) The words "Party" and "Reform Party" shall mean the Reform Party of the United States of America.
 - b) The words "Reform Party Member" and "Member" shall mean any person eligible to vote in the next election of the President of the United States who identifies himself or herself as a member of the recognized State Party Organization in his state of residence and meets such requirements as provided in the Rules of their State Party Organization.
 - c) The words "State Party Organization" shall mean an organized body of citizens which has been granted Official Recognition or Provisional Recognition such as is provided in this Constitution and such as may be provided in the Bylaws. The recognized Party Organization in the District of Columbia shall also be identified as a "State Party Organization" with one (1) Congressional District. U.S. Territories and Possessions establishing Party Organizations shall each, upon recognition, also be identified as a "State Party Organization" with one National Committee Member and one Congressional District Delegate for a total of two National Convention Delegates.
 - d) The words "mail", "by mail" or "mailed to" shall mean delivery of a written document or documents via the First Class Mail service of the United States Postal Service or delivery of written documents via a delivery service that is as reliable or more reliable and that is as fast or faster than that of the First Class Mail service of the United States Postal Service.
 - e) The words "vote by mail" shall include fax or other electronic means such as email provided the response can be reliably verified as originating from the qualified voting individual.
 - f) The words "proper" or "property" shall mean in keeping with all applicable provisions of this Constitution, in keeping with all applicable provisions of the Bylaws and in keeping with all applicable provisions of the rules of State Party Organizations.
 - g) The word "meeting" shall also include teleconferences, video conferences, computer conferences or other electronic means allowing for direct interaction by the qualified participants and for which official minutes are taken or a transcript is made documenting the participants and any actions taken.
- Section 7. No person shall hold any position provided for in this Constitution who is not a Member of a Recognized State Party Organization.
- Section 8. Honorary titles or positions may be conferred upon individuals by Resolution of the National Convention.
- Section 9. The publication and distribution of this Constitution and the Bylaws shall be such that:
 - a) This Constitution and the Bylaws shall be published and distributed in writing in the format and type style herein indicated or in other such formats and type styles as may be provided by proper action of the Executive Committee.
 - b) When distributed, the Bylaws shall be attached to this Constitution and this Constitution, the Bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be bound together in their entirety under a cover entitled "The Constitution and Bylaws of the Reform Party of the United States of America."
 - c) A title page and a table of contents for this Constitution and a title page and a table of contents for the Bylaws may be included under the cover entitled "The Constitution and Bylaws of the Reform Party of the United States of America." Such title pages and such tables of contents shall not be deemed part of this Constitution and shall not be deemed part of the Bylaws. Such title pages shall indicate the effective dates of this Constitution, the Bylaws and any amendments thereto.
 - d) The pages of this Constitution, the pages of the Bylaws and the pages of any amendments thereto may be numbered. Such page numbering shall not be deemed as part of the text of this Constitution, the Bylaws or any amendments thereto.
 - e) Any amendments to this Constitution shall be attached to the final page of this Constitution and any amendments to the Bylaws shall be attached to the final page of the Bylaws until such time as the Executive Committee provides for the publication of this Constitution and/or

the publication of the Bylaws as amended.

f) There shall be no introductory information, preface, reader's guide, letters by National Officers or any other such information pertaining to this Constitution and pertaining to the Bylaws distributed under the cover entitled "The Constitution and Bylaws of the Reform Party of the United States of America."

- Section 10. The provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws shall be deemed severable and separately enforceable. Should any Article, Section, sub-section or provision of this Constitution or of the Bylaws be invalidated or declared void, all other provisions of this Constitution and all other provisions of the Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 11. The interpretation, meaning and effect to be given the provisions of this Constitution and to be given the provisions of the Bylaws shall not be inconsistent with federal law.

ARTICLE XI

Bylaws

- Section 1. There may be Reform Party Bylaws. The Bylaws shall be such that
 - a) The provisions of the Bylaws shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution. In a case such that a provision or provisions of the Bylaws are in conflict with a provision or provisions of this Constitution, the provision or provisions of this Constitution shall prevail and the provision or provisions of the Bylaws which so conflict shall be deemed null and void.
 - b) The Bylaws shall be consistent with the Principles and Object of the Reform Party and consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
 - c) The Bylaws shall have Articles and Sections which are similar in form, number, title and topic to the Articles and Sections of this Constitution. The Bylaws may contain additional Articles and additional Sections to address topics not addressed in this Constitution.

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ARTICLE XII

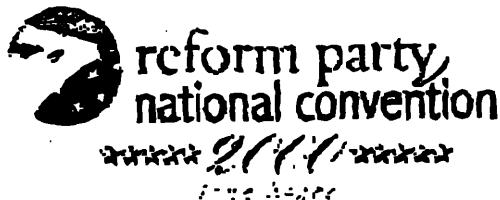
Parliamentary Authority

- The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern this convention in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with any Rules, Bylaws, Constitution or resolutions adopted by the National Convention or National Committee.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendment

- This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the National Convention provided that thirty (30) days previous notice and a precise written copy of the motion to amend this Constitution, such motion may not be amended, is provided to each registered Delegate.



July 19, 2000

Kingsley Brooks
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Dear Kingsley,

This letter is to inform you that the Presidential Nominations Committee has established a Primary List Subcommittee. The charter of the Primary List Submission Subcommittee shall be to review and verify the validity of the lists submitted to the Committee by the two Primary Candidates for inclusion in the Reform Party Primary.

The Primary List Subcommittee shall be comprised of four members: One representative from the Buchanan campaign, one representative from the Hagelin campaign, and two representatives from the Committee, specifically Harry Kresky and Dave Goldman.

In order for the Primary List Subcommittee to review and verify the submitted lists, each campaign is directed by the Committee to produce identical copies of the lists submitted to the Committee for inclusion in the Primary to the Primary List Subcommittee for purposes of review and verification. Additionally, each campaign is directed by the Committee to produce sufficient backup material, specifically in the form of signed petitions, to the Primary List Subcommittee for purposes of review and verification.

Failure to comply with the directives of the Committee in this matter may be interpreted by the Committee as acknowledgement that the submitted list is not in compliance with the Rules and may lead to sanctions against the subject Primary Candidate, up to and including disqualification from being nominated as the Reform Party Presidential nominee via the Primary.

Your response in this matter is of the utmost urgency, given the short timeframe from now until the Reform Party National Convention. Please contact Harry Kresky (212-581-1826) or Dave Goldman (941-954-1234) at your earliest convenience in order to coordinate your representative's participation in the Subcommittee's activities and to remit the required material. The minutes of the Presidential Nominations Committee meeting establishing the Subcommittee is attached.

The Committee looks forward to your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Farris
Chair, Reform Party Presidential Nominations Committee
RPUSA

EXHIBIT "I"

REFORM PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In-person Executive Committee Meeting
Dallas, Texas

July 29, 2000

MINUTES

Present: Officers: Jim Mangia, Secretary

Regional Representatives: Sue Harris DeBauche, Micki Summerhayes, Anne Merkl, Paul Truax, June Spink, LuAnn Jones (present and not voting due to contested recall election, until legality of election was decided).

Guests: Beverly Kennedy (parliamentarian), Dot Drew (Credentials Committee Chair), Russell Verney, Dror Bar-Sadeh (Communications Committee Chairman), Diane McKelvey.

Absent: Gerry Moan, Vice Chairman; Tom McLaughlin, Treasurer, Cedric Scofield.

Given the absence of the Vice Chair (Gerry Moan), Jim Mangia called the meeting to order at 3:25pm central time. A quorum (majority of the committee) was present.

Micki Summerhayes stated that there was an alternate Executive Committee member from the Midwest region present (Diane McKelvey) who was elected at the Midwest regional caucus. She made a motion to recognize McKelvey as the representative for the meeting since Cedric Scofield was absent and she was the legally elected alternate. Anne Merkl seconded.

Discussion. Micki Summerhayes withdrew the motion.

Merkl pointed out that Scofield belongs to a state party that is unaffiliated, he is not a member. Sue DeBauche stated that on these grounds he is not a member of the Executive Committee.

Discussion.

Jim Mangia asked that the Executive Committee elect a Chairman to chair the meeting so he could continue taking minutes. He nominated Paul Truax to chair the meeting. June Spink seconded. Vote: motion passes unanimously.

Discussion continued on people's concerns about Cedric's membership in an unaffiliated state party. Sue DeBauche made a motion:

Whereas Cedric Scofield is from a state that has not affiliated Reform Party, he has no right to sit on the Executive Committee based on the RPUSA Constitution. Be it resolved that Scofield is hereby removed and Diane McKelvey be seated in his place. Anne Merkl seconded.

Discussion. Micki Summerhayes stated that Scofield's mailing address is in Minnesota but he is a member of another state party organization. Dror Bar-Sadeh called a Reform Party leader in Kentucky, who verified that Cedric Scofield was a member of the Kentucky Reform Party. He stated that the Kentucky Reform Party had voted to change their bylaws to allow Cedric to be a member, even though he did not reside in that state. Mangia stated that he felt the Executive Committee should not engage in removing people from the Executive Committee and that technically Scofield was a member of a state party organization. Mangia said that the Executive Committee should leave the illegal removals to the Buchanan campaign. Summerhayes asked the parliamentarian's opinion. Kennedy stated she agreed that he was technically a member of a state party organization. Sue DeBauche withdrew her motion.

Summerhayes made a motion that McKelvey participate in the meeting as a non-voting member and that questions about Scofield's legitimacy should be entertained when he can be present and respond in person. Anne Merkl seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor – motion passes unanimously. (Mangia, DeBauche, Summerhayes, Merkl, Truax, Spink voted yes; McKelvey stated that she agreed with the vote).

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Mangia reiterated that on July 9, 2000 the Executive Committee confirmed Paul Truax's continuation as a member of the Executive Committee because the illegal southwest regional recall meeting did not follow proper procedure based on the RPUSA Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order.

Mangia made a motion that the alleged northwest recall meeting failed to follow the rules of the party and was therefore illegal; and that LuAnn Jones is reconfirmed as the Northwest regional representative to the Executive Committee. Anne Merkl seconded.

Discussion. Merkl discussed evidence that the northwest recall attempt was in direct violation of the rules and did not follow proper procedure. She read sections from Roberts Rules of Order (pp. 15, 16) which describe the necessity for "cause" in any recall proceeding and that cause was defined as "misconduct." The RPUSA Constitution abides by Roberts Rules of Order as written in Article XII (Parliamentary Authority). The RPUSA Constitution increased the percentage of members necessary for recall, but otherwise follows all other RROO procedures.

Jim Mangia stated that it would be a dangerous precedent to recall members of the party's governing bodies because they did or did not support a candidate seeking the party's presidential nomination. It was essentially an attempt to undermine the democratic procedures of the Reform Party for partisan political purposes. He also noted that both members against which the illegal recall attempts took place, had not endorsed a candidate for the presidential nomination. So they were being removed simply because they would not support Buchanan.

Micki Summerhayes stated that we already had precedent set by a federal Judge on the procedures for recall and this did not follow that federal decision. Moreover, at the last Executive Committee meeting no due process on the issue was allowed. People were not allowed to speak, some members of the Executive Committee were removed from the call by Gerry Moan without a vote of the body. Micki expressed deep disappointment with Moan's behavior. "I want to hear both sides and have the opportunity to make a fair decision. That's what I was elected to do!"

LuAnn was asked to describe the recall attempts and the procedure followed. She revealed that the first recall attempt, the Colorado Reform Party was not notified. She was never charged or shown cause and she received notice less than 24 hours before the meeting (on July 1). The second recall attempt was on July 19 – there was six days notice. No cause or charges were brought. A Colorado national committee member asked for the charges or cause and they refused to give the reasons for the recall. Gerry Moan admitted that the National Reform Party paid for the call, without approval of the Executive Committee. Lu Anne was not given the password to participate and defend herself. She stated that the recall attempt conference call-in number was the same as the Executive Committee later that evening, so perhaps there was some kind of mix-up. She tried to get into the meeting but the operator would not put her through and she didn't have the password. As well, LuAnn revealed that she had just received a registered letter which was postmarked on July 18, 2000 calling for a northwest recall meeting on August 8. LuAnn stated that the recall attempts started after she refused to sign a pledge for Pat Buchanan.

Micki Summerhayes stated that five members of the Executive Committee had been targeted for recall in the last month and that was sabotage and a violation of the principles of this party. A motion was made to call the question. No opposition. Question was called.

Vote on Mangia's motion that the so-called northwest regional recall meeting was illegal and that LuAnn Jones be reaffirmed as the northwest regional representative to the Executive Committee.

VOTE: Mangia (yes); DeBauche (yes); Merkl (yes); Truax (yes); Spink (yes); Summerhayes (yes). Diane McKelvey stated she would have voted yes.

Motion passes unanimously 6 – 0.

Summerhayes made a motion to approve the agenda:
Report of the Presidential Nominations Committee
Report of the Credentials Committee
Agenda for the August 8 National Committee meeting
Treasurer's report
Financial report of the Convention Committee

New Business

Anne Merkl seconded. Vote: Mangia (yes); DeBauche (yes); Merkl (yes); Truax (yes); Spink (yes); Jones (yes). Diane McKelvey voices her support for the motion. Motion passes 7 – 0.

Dot Drew (credentials committee chair) gave her committee report. She stated that she has received credentials challenges in 42 states, some are multiple challenges. Dot stated that she pulled all of the information on the challenges together and would notify people of scheduled times when the challenges will be held.

Discussion. Micki stated that it was obvious that Dot Drew had done all the work for the credentials committee and she suggested the Executive Committee demand that Gerry Moan put in writing what he's going to do with regards to the credentials committee. Dot stated that she has always been and continues to be totally neutral, that she has been the credentials committee chair for each national convention since our founding and that she's been receiving threatening phone calls.

Sue DeBauche made a motion: In Section 6, Article 7 of the RPUSA Constitution it states that each special committee shall report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee instructs Jim Mangia to write a memo to Gerry Moan, that the Committee wants to see financial receipts, the budget and his plan for the credentials committee. Sue withdrew the motion to allow further discussion on the credentials committee report.

Mick Summerhayes stated that she believed Gerry Moan was intentionally trying to destroy the party. She believed that he could appoint committee chairs, but whomever he appoints must sit and be accountable to the Executive Committee. Frank Reed does not have the capability to do that, and by sitting as Chair of two committees is violating the RPUSA Constitution. In a conversation Micki had with Frank Reed, he stated that he believed the credentials committee chair could arbitrarily decide if challenges were "frivolous." No one has ever been seated without a vote of the national convention. For Gerry Moan to pull this away from Dot, when she has been totally fair and experienced – is a dereliction of duty. Moan is bound to do what the Executive Committee votes for him to do!

At this time, Michael Farris called into the Executive Committee meeting to give the Presidential Nominations Committee report. (Truax stated that we would continue with the credentials committee report after we dealt with Mic's report since he was called in from California).

Michael Farris reported that there were two motions discussed at the Presidential Nominations Committee (PNC) meeting the previous evening, one made by Harry Kresky and one made by Michael Farris. Both were defeated and no action was taken by the PNC. Mic noted that Gerry Moan, Tom McLaughlin and Dave Goldman voted against both motions. Michael Farris also stated that with respect to the rules, Moan and McLaughlin had the right to participate in the meeting, but in his opinion as the Chairman of the Committee, they should never have done so. The fact that Moan and McLaughlin chose to do so at the last meeting of the PNC – they were injecting partisanship at the last remaining meeting in support of Pat Buchanan. Mic stated that he expressed "professional anger" since the process had been nonpartisan before that point and neither Moan nor McLaughlin had ever participated before. Farris read the motions presented to the PNC. He stated that Buchanan has shown, and continues to show contempt for the PNC and the primary process and it's regulation of that process. Kresky's motion summarized, stated that since fraud had been committed by the Buchanan campaign with regards to the submission of ineligible and illegal names for the primary, and that the Buchanan campaign refused to comply with the audit and verification of his submissions, and that Bay Buchanan had stated in a letter that they did not recognize the authority of the PNC, Buchanan should be disqualified from the primary.

Mangia read the letter from Bay Buchanan into the minutes.

"July 24, 2000; Dear Messrs. Kresky and Goldman: We have consulted with Dale Cooter, Esq., legal counsel for the Reform Party, and he has told us that the Presidential Nominations Committee has no authority to investigate such questions as you propose to investigate, after the nominees have been determined and ballots have been distributed. Any concerns about the procedures by which the balloting is subsequently conducted must, according to Mr. Cooter, be dealt with at the Convention by the Convention delegates. Mr. Cooter further indicated that the Presidential Nominations Committee has no authority to create a subcommittee, for any purpose. Consequently, until you have established

that the Presidential Nominations Committee has the authority to take the actions you are purporting to take, we must decline to participate in this apparently ultra vires activity. If you can establish that authority, we are prepared to appoint a representative. Sincerely, Angela M. Buchanan."

Lu Anne Jones quoted the Presidential Nominations Committee (PNC) rules, Section 2, Article 4 which states in writing the ability of the PNC to appoint subcommittees.

Discussion and questions.

Jim Mangia read the appeal filed by John Hagelin with regards to the fraud charges against Buchanan.

"Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee: In light of evidence that has recently emerged, under Section VI of the Rules for the Selection of Reform Party of the United States Nominees for President (hereafter referred to as "the Rules"), the Hagelin campaign is appealing to the Executive Committee several resolutions of the Presidential Nominations Committee (hereafter referred to as "the PNC"), requesting that the Executive Committee reverse these decisions.

Evidence: This appeal is based on the following evidence: 1) The Buchanan campaign fraudulently and intentionally submitted its campaign database for ballot mailing in clear violation of the Rules Section III (4) which stipulates that a candidate can only submit: 'the names and addresses of registered voters who have signed petitions either to be included in the Primary or to qualify the candidate for the ballot in accordance with III-(3).' Evidence of this violation is shown by affidavits by persons who did not request

Discussion.

Executive Committee voted to recess to look over the evidence presented.

Executive Committee reconvened fifteen minutes later.

Discussion. People raised major concerns about the Buchanan campaign's refusal to submit to an independent audit and to submit proof to back up the validity of their list, as required by the PNC rules.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Jim Mangia:

"Whereas, the rules of the Reform Party's duly authorized special committee, the Presidential Nominations Committee, permit every party National Officer to participate in an ex-officio capacity, and Whereas, no party National Officer has exercised that privilege throughout the existence of the Presidential Nominations Committee until the committee was preparing to consider whether or not to take corrective action to insure the integrity, trust and verifiability of the Party's nomination process; and Whereas, the injection of the two ex-officio National Officers prevented the Presidential Nominations Committee from effectively completing their due diligence as the committee saw fit; and Whereas, the Executive Committee believes that the two National Officers injected themselves into the Presidential Nominations Committee at this late date for political reasons which serve only to frustrate the orderly conduct of the Presidential Nominations Committee, now therefore be it:

Resolved, the Executive Committee hereby reprimands Vice Chairman Moan and Treasurer McLaughlin for violating the First Principle of Reform: "set the highest ethical standard," by putting their political preferences ahead of the honesty and integrity of the Reform Party to the benefit of one particular candidate over the Party's obligation to provide a nomination process that is fair, open, democratic, trusted and verifiable, and that was agreed to by all candidates."

Vote:

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merkel	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey registered her vote as yes.	

Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Discussion. Micki Summerhayes wanted it stated for the record that Buchanan has refused to comply

with an independent audit, has threatened the Executive Committee and members of the Presidential Nominations Committee with lawsuits and has re-taken possession of the list and not allowed Hagelin to campaign to it through an independent mail house (which would have protected its confidentiality). In addition, given financial restraints, the party was unable to mail literature to all receivers of Reform Party presidential primary ballots making Hagelin's ability to campaign to the full list critical for a fair primary process.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Anne Merkl, seconded by Jim Mangia.

"Whereas, the burden of proving voters names submitted by a candidate or his campaign comply with the Party's rules for eligible voters rests solely upon the candidate; and
Whereas, the Buchanan campaign has failed to comply with the proper directives of the Presidential Nominations Committee to disclose the supporting documentation which would prove the eligibility of some 500,000 names submitted by the Buchanan campaign; and
Whereas, Pat Buchanan, through his campaign's deliberate disregard for a fair, open and verifiable presidential nominations process has rendered the Reform Party's eligible voter list unverifiable to the membership, the Party officers, the Party's election Judges (in the form of the Presidential Nominations Committee) and the public; now, therefore be it
Resolved, Pat Buchanan has disqualified himself from receiving any verifiable votes and is hereby disqualified from the mail-in ballot for the Reform Party presidential nomination."

Vote:

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merk	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey registered her vote as yes.	

Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Micki added that the reason she has voted yes is because Buchanan still has the option to overturn the decision at the National Convention by two-thirds, but stated that she voted yes because the Executive Committee must uphold the integrity of the process. Buchanan brought this upon himself by refusing to comply with the Presidential Nominations Committee. Other Executive Committee members made comments in support of Summerhayes' statement.

Sue Harris DeBauche made a motion to reconsider the previous motion to disqualify Buchanan from the primary ballot. Anne Merkl seconded.

Vote:

DeBauche	Abstain	Truax	No
Summerhayes	No	Spink	No
Merk	No	Jones	No
Mangia	No	McKelvey recorded her vote as no.	

Motion fails 6 - 0 with 1 abstention.

Sue Harris DeBauche made a motion to rescind the previous motion to disqualify Buchanan from the primary ballot. Anne Merkl seconded.

Vote:

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	No
Summerhayes	No	Spink	No
Merk	No	Jones	No
Mangia	No	McKelvey recorded her vote as no.	

Motion fails 6 - 1.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by June Spink, Seconded by Micki Summerhayes.

"Whereas the Party has an obligation to conduct an open, fair, democratic, trusted and verifiable presidential nominations process; let it be

Resolved, the Executive Committee hereby rescinds any expressed or implied confidentiality, acquired by any campaign organization or agent of any candidate for the Party's nomination, of qualified voters

permitted to take part in the Party's presidential nominations process entered into, given or implied by the Executive Committee, any National Officer, any Standing, Special or Sub Committee or any agent acting on behalf of a Committee or the Party."

Vote:

DeBauche	Abstain	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merkel	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey recorded her vote as yes.	

Motion passes 6 - 0 with 1 abstention.

The Executive Committee moved back to the agenda item on Credentials. There was a discussion about the Chair's authority to appoint committee chairs, and the Executive Committee's authority to instruct the national Chairman, and the fact that he is bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee.

Unanimous vote to recess for 10 minutes.

Executive Committee meeting reconvenes.

Executive Committee resolution:

Motion made by Anne Merkel, seconded by Sue Harris DeBauche.

"The Executive Committee hereby directs Mr. Gerry Moan to reappoint, effective immediately, Dot Drew as Credentials Committee Chair and that he further instructed that there will be no more changes to this or any other committee until the close of the National Convention."

Vote:

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merkel	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey registered her vote as yes.	

Motion passes unanimously 7 - 0.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by Anne Merkel.

"According to Article 7, Section 6 of the RPUSA Constitution, the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan to submit an in depth, written financial report on the Convention Committee 2000 by 5pm pacific standard time, Wednesday August 2, 2000, to each member of the Executive Committee by email, in accordance with the resolution passed by the National Committee in Nashville on February 12, 2000."

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merkel	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey registered her vote as yes.	

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by Anne Merkel.

"According to Article 7, Section 6 of the RPUSA Constitution, the Executive Committee instructs Tom McLaughlin to submit an in depth, written financial report on the RPUSA by 5pm pacific standard time, Wednesday August 2, 2000, to each member of the Executive Committee by email, in accordance with the resolution passed by the National Committee in Nashville on February 12, 2000."

DeBauche	Yes	Truax	Yes
Summerhayes	Yes	Spink	Yes
Merkel	Yes	Jones	Yes
Mangia	Yes	McKelvey registered her vote as yes.	

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by June Spink.

"In accordance with Federal Election Commission guidelines, the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan as Chair of the Convention Committee to pay all reasonable expenses related to and incurred by the Credentials Committee chaired by Dot Drew, upon submission."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Sue DeBauche made a motion to reconsider the motion (stated immediately above). June Spink seconded. Vote: DeBauche abstains, all others vote no, motion fails 6 - 0 with 1 abstention.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Anne Merkl. Seconded by June Spink.

"Be it resolved that the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the RPUSA can only make parliamentary rulings in a meeting, and these rulings must be made in a meeting where they are subject to an appeal. Further be it resolved that according to Parliamentary Rules, the Chairman can make no rulings outside a meeting."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Sue DeBauche made a motion to reconsider the motion (stated immediately above). June Spink seconded. Vote: DeBauche abstains, all others vote no, motion fails 6 - 0 with 1 abstention.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that the RPUSA Convention Committee Chairman Gerry Moan, is hereby instructed to reimburse Dror Bar-Sadeh (Communications Committee Chairman) for \$375 for convention related software purchases."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

It was noted that there have been no financial statements submitted to the Executive Committee by either Gerry Moan for the Convention Committee or Tom McLaughlin for the general Reform Party account.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Sue Harris DeBauche.

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the RPUSA instructs Interim Treasurer Tom McLaughlin to reimburse the Executive Committee for travel to the in-person Executive Committee meeting on July 29, 2000 in Dallas Texas."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"To approve the following agenda for the National Committee meeting: Credentialing/registration report by the National Secretary; Seating of National Committee members; Approval of agenda; Review of Convention Arrangements."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by June Spink.

"Whereas the Convention Committee is a special committee defined in Article VII of the RPUSA Constitution, and is therefore subject to the Executive Committee under Section 4 and Article VII; and Whereas, Article VIII, Section 9 subjects all party National Officers to the proper directives and actions of the Executive Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that Attorney Dale Cooter and the law firm known to the Executive Committee as Cooter/Mangold is hereby limited to represent the Reform Party and any of its committees and officers in the case known as the Lynchburg appeal of Judge Moon's order of March 27, 2000; and be it forth Resolved that Attorney Dale Cooter and the law firm known to the Executive Committee as Cooter/Mangold is hereby instructed to take no action or representation contrary to any resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee at the Executive Committee meeting of July 29, 2000; Further resolved that Paul Truax is designated as the only liaison representative of the Reform Party to instruct Attorney Dale Cooter."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Sue DeBauche made a motion to reconsider the motion (stated immediately above). Anne Merkl seconded. Vote: DeBauche abstains, all others vote no, motion fails 6 – 0 with 1 abstention.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that no payment be made, by the RPUSA or the Convention Committee 2000, to Attorney Dale Cooter or the law firm of Cooter/Mangold, without prior approval of the Executive Committee."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Sue DeBauche made a motion to reconsider the motion (stated immediately above). June Spink seconded. Vote: DeBauche abstains, all others vote no, motion fails 6 – 0 with 1 abstention.

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan, Convention Committee Chairman, to reimburse Press Secretary Donna Donovan for all convention-related expenditures, including, but not limited to phone expenses."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee appoints Judy Duffy to be in charge of all security arrangements, contracts and direction for the Long Beach National Committee and National Convention meetings."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution:

Motion to adjourn, made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Meeting adjourned at 8pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mangia

National Secretary

Resolutions from the Executive Committee on July 29, 2000**Executive Committee Resolution #1:**

Motion made by Jim Mangia, seconded by Anne Merkl.

"The alleged northwest regional recall attempt was in direct violation of the rules and did not follow proper procedure as laid out in the RPUSA Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order. Therefore it is moved that the recall was illegal and that LuAnn Jones is reconfirmed as the Northwest Regional Representative to the Executive Committee."

Vote: motion passed, 6 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #2:

Motion made by Micki Summerhayes to "approve the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting: Report of the Presidential Nominations Committee; Report of the Credentials Committee; Agenda for the August 8 National Committee meeting; Treasurer's Report; Financial Report of the Convention Committee; New Business." Seconded by Anne Merkl. Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #3:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Jim Mangia:

"Whereas, the rules of the Reform Party's duly authorized special committee, the Presidential Nominations Committee, permit every party National Officer to participate in an ex-officio capacity, and Whereas, no party National Officer has exercised that privilege throughout the existence of the Presidential Nominations Committee until the committee was preparing to consider whether or not to take corrective action to insure the integrity, trust and verifiability of the Party's nomination process; and Whereas, the injection of the two ex-officio National Officers prevented the Presidential Nominations Committee from effectively completing their due diligence as the committee saw fit; and Whereas, the Executive Committee believes that the two National Officers injected themselves into the Presidential Nominations Committee at this late date for political reasons which serve only to frustrate the orderly conduct of the Presidential Nominations Committee, now therefore be it:

Resolved, the Executive Committee hereby reprimands Vice Chairman Moan and Treasurer McLaughlin for violating the First Principle of Reform: "set the highest ethical standard," by putting their political preferences ahead of the honesty and integrity of the Reform Party to the benefit of one particular candidate over the Party's obligation to provide a nomination process that is fair, open, democratic, trusted and verifiable, and that was agreed to by all candidates."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #4:

Motion made by Anne Merkl, seconded by Jim Mangia.

"Whereas, the burden of proving voters names submitted by a candidate or his campaign comply with the Party's rules for eligible voters rests solely upon the candidate; and Whereas, the Buchanan campaign has failed to comply with the proper directives of the Presidential Nominations Committee to disclose the supporting documentation which would prove the eligibility of some 500,000 names submitted by the Buchanan campaign; and

Whereas, Pat Buchanan, through his campaign's deliberate disregard for a fair, open and verifiable presidential nominations process has rendered the Reform Party's eligible voter list unverifiable to the membership, the Party officers, the Party's election Judges (in the form of the Presidential Nominations Committee) and the public; now, therefore be it

Resolved, Pat Buchanan has disqualified himself from receiving any verifiable votes and is hereby disqualified from the mail-in ballot for the Reform Party presidential nomination."

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #5:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Micki Summerhayes.

"Whereas, the Party has an obligation to conduct an open, fair, democratic, trusted and verifiable presidential nominations process; let it be

Resolved, the Executive Committee hereby rescinds any expressed or implied confidentiality, acquired by any campaign organization or agent of any candidate for the Party's nomination, of qualified voters permitted to take part in the Party's presidential nominations process entered into, given or implied by the Executive Committee, any National Officer, any Standing, Special or Sub Committee or any agent

acting on behalf of a Committee or the Party.”

Vote: Motion passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstention (Sue Harris DeBauche).

Executive Committee Resolution #6:

Motion made by Anne Merkl. Seconded by Sue Harris DeBauche.

“The Executive Committee hereby directs Mr. Gerry Moan to reappoint, effective immediately, Dot Drew as Credentials Committee Chair and that he is further instructed that there will be no more changes to this or any other committee until the close of the National Convention.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #7:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

“According to Article 7, Section 6 of the RPUSA Constitution, the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan to submit an in depth, written financial report on the Convention Committee 2000 by 5pm pacific standard time, Wednesday August 2, 2000, to each member of the Executive Committee by email, in accordance with the resolution passed by the National Committee in Nashville on February 12, 2000.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #8:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

“According to Article 7, Section 6 of the RPUSA Constitution, the Executive Committee instructs Tom McLaughlin to submit an in depth, written financial report on the RPUSA by 5pm pacific standard time, Wednesday August 2, 2000, to each member of the Executive Committee by email, in accordance with the resolution passed by the National Committee in Nashville on February 12, 2000.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #9:

Motion made by Sue Harris DeBauche. Seconded by June Spink.

“In accordance with Federal Election Commission guidelines, the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan as Chair of the Convention Committee to pay all reasonable expenses related to and incurred by the Credentials Committee chaired by Dot Drew, upon submission.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #10:

Motion made by Anne Merkl. Seconded by June Spink.

“Be it resolved that the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the RPUSA can only make parliamentary rulings in a meeting, and these rulings must be made in a meeting where they are subject to an appeal. Further be it resolved that according to Parliamentary Rules, the Chairman can make no rulings outside a meeting.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #11:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

“Be it resolved that the RPUSA Convention Committee Chairman Gerry Moan, is hereby instructed to reimburse Dror Bar-Sadeh (Communications Committee Chairman) for \$375 for convention related software purchases.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #12:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Sue Harris DeBauche.

“Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the RPUSA instructs Interim Treasurer Tom McLaughlin to reimburse the Executive Committee for travel to the in-person Executive Committee meeting on July 29, 2000 in Dallas Texas.”

Vote: Motion passed 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #13:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

“To approve the following agenda for the National Committee meeting: Credentialing/registration report

by the National Secretary; Seating of National Committee members; Approval of agenda; Review of Convention Arrangements."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #14:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by June Spink.

"Whereas the Convention Committee is a special committee defined in Article VII of the RPUSA Constitution, and is therefore subject to the Executive Committee under Section 4 and Article VII; and Whereas, Article VIII, Section 9 subjects all party National Officers to the proper directives and actions of the Executive Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that Attorney Dale Cooter and the law firm known to the Executive Committee as Cooter/Mangold is hereby limited to represent the Reform Party and any of its committees and officers in the case known as the Lynchburg appeal of Judge Moon's order of March 27, 2000; and be it forth

Resolved that Attorney Dale Cooter and the law firm known to the Executive Committee as Cooter/Mangold is hereby instructed to take no action or representation contrary to any resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee at the Executive Committee meeting of July 29, 2000;

Further resolved that Paul Truax is designated as the only liaison representative of the Reform Party to instruct Attorney Dale Cooter."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #15:

Motion made by June Spink. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that no payment be made, by the RPUSA or the Convention Committee 2000, to Attorney Dale Cooter or the law firm of Cooter/Mangold, without prior approval of the Executive Committee."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #16:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee instructs Gerry Moan, Convention Committee Chairman, to reimburse Press Secretary Donna Donovan for all convention-related expenditures, including, but not limited to phone expenses."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #17:

Motion made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee appoints Judy Duffy to be in charge of all security arrangements, contracts and direction for the Long Beach National Committee and National Convention meetings."

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Executive Committee Resolution #18:

Motion to adjourn, made by Jim Mangia. Seconded by Anne Merkl.

Vote: Motion passed 7 - 0 (unanimously).

Minutes to follow..