

NLC Meeting Minutes
January 27-28, 2007

Attendees: Trish Gilbert, Jimmy Garrett, John Fitzgerald, Brad Burtner, Alex Silva, Brett Baxter, Noel Kingston, Grant Anderson, Steve Weidner, Tomaso DiPaolo, Andy Nahle

- Election Project
 - Jimmy Ray is working with Jose on getting our members involved in elections early and will research what our members need to do to become party delegates. We will have a briefing from the Demotic party at the April NLC meeting.

- PAC
 - Recruitment – Face to face recruitment will be the focus of our initiative. Still working for presentation to the NEB.
 - Strategy – National adhoc to work with local EBs to pursue a comprehensive PAC drive at the local level with National support. Education to local leaders will be key.
 - Database Vocus Training – Dan O'Brien gave the committee some training on Vocus database
 - Fundraisers - Still need to encourage our local activists to get on mailing lists for fundraisers in their districts. We are still not doing enough in the field in many areas of the country.
 - Logistics - PAB process is evolving. Discussed what is working and what improvements need to take place. PAB- 2yr not 2 months – Last election cycle we missed too many primary dates and need to do better with strategic distribution of pac dollars over the full two years and less reactive donating at the end of the cycle.

- NIW duties
 - Stuff Participant packets
 - Agenda review
 - Receptions review
 - Rooms/Registration outstanding items?
 - Issues “ask”
 - Breakout Suggested Agenda
 - NiW 07 Event staff assignments

- Rolling Lobby Weeks
 - Logistics
 - Dates – Trish will look at Congressional schedule and will set dates and send out via email for targets and activists needed.
 - Issues – The FAA Reauthorization Bill will be the main focus for our legislative needs. We have already been working with Aviation

Committee staff on language. We will also look to attached language to other items moving not just through the House but also the Senate. The Veto threat one of our biggest obstacles thus stand alone language would not be viable option at this point.

- Training
 - Regional committees – Each NLC members should make every effort to meet with their regional committees at least once per year for training, regional focus and strategy.
 - Legislative activists – Curriculum is in rough draft form and needs to be further developed.
 - Facreps – Split up training assignments for Facrep class. Also want to look at attendees and get them to fundraiser while they are in town. If they are experienced then they can go alone , if not maybe in conjunction with an activists in town for a rolling lobby week.
 - Regional meetings – Each NLC member needs to attend their regional meetings and give a legislative/PAC briefing. If you are not able then Trish or another NLC member can cover it.
- Contract Tower Controllers – Trish has not heard back from the CTC she was in touch with to get things moving for them. Brad (NLC SO) will be retiring and can be that contact for their legislative needs.
- NLC Charter – carried over to next meeting
- Set future meeting dates :
 - April 16th and 17th
 - Sept – Will probably be a mini lobby week (no NLC Meeting). With FAA Bill this year Sept will be focused on moving legislation.
 - Nov 5th and 6th