November Meeting Agenda

9 November 2026 7 PM

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Call to Order
Attendance Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Chair's Report - Appendix A (Allen)
Secretary's Report - Appendix B (Ortega)
Treasurer's Report - Appendix C (Mosley)
LNC Representative Report - Appendix D (Hannoush / Recuero)
Other Reports (5 Minutes Each)

- Convention Committee (Ortega)

Old Business / Announcements
New Business / Motions

- Fill Executive Committee Vacancy: District 5
- Adoption of the Convention Committee Budget (Ortega)
- *A Resolution Urging the Arbitration Panel to Act* (Mandarini)
- Explicitly authorize special subcommittee to file motion with arbitration panel (Mandarini)

Adjournment

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Appendix A - Acting Chair's Report

- Arbitration in progress
- Zane Placie for Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor received 17.14% of the vote (123,978 votes)
- Obtained debit card, purchased PCI scanning services from SecurityMetrics for $155 and Twitter Plus for $8 / month per ExComm budget amendments
- Convention theme contest has raised $285, ends tonight at midnight
- Taking more proactive measures to try to prevent / recover failed payments
- Emailed Atlanta and DeKalb affiliates for review; no responses
- Goal updates
    - Increase sustaining membership to 281 for the year ended 12/31/2026
        - Current dues-paying membership: 214
    - Increase fundraising to $31,300, specifically excluding candidate transfers, for the year ended 12/31/2026
        - Current fundraising excluding candidate transfers: $23,017.08
    - Recruit three candidates for 2027 and five candidates for state house or lower for 2028
        - 2027 candidates recruited: 0
        - 2028 candidates recruited: 0
    - Develop a specified and codified process for ballot access petitioning
        - Not developed

Appendix B - Secretary's Report

Appendix C - Treasurer's Report

Appendix D - LNC Representative Report

Appendix E - Affiliate Support Committee Report

- Held affiliate support workshop
- Still working on Cobb & Cherokee
- Albany / SW Georgia next

Appendix F - Candidate Support Committee Report

- Going through and contacting those who had previously indicated interest in running for office
- Advertise on social media now that elections are over

Appendix G - Communications Committee Report

- Full Report
- Need volunteers for short form video content

Appendix H - Convention Committee Report

Appendix I - IT Committee Report

IT Committee Report - for period of October, 2026:
PCI Self-Assessment well underway. PCI Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV) procurement completed successfully, and first quarterly scan completed. The PCI scan showed three findings which caused a compliance failure:

- TLS 1.1 allowed: IT Committee adjusted CloudFlare settings to require TLS 1.2 or higher. Pending re-scan to confirm this vulnerability is no longer found.
- WordPress version not current: We are running 7.1.x, while the currently released version is 7.2.x. It is generally accepted practice to run in what is called an "n-1" version when security and patches are back-ported to the prior version. This is the case with our situation. I have contacted the scan vendor to inform and request they mark it as a false positive. They have agreed, but cannot formally do so until a re-scan of our environment is completed that shows the other findings have been remediated.
- Generic SQL Injection: Forms on two pages (signup and get involved) allow for a SQL injection to occur. The IT Committee is investigating remediation options, but initial indications are that we will need to update the Elementor and Caldera plugins which was originally planned until some other zero-day vulnerabilities were discovered (more below). A slight code modification may also be needed, as well as potentially changing a WordFence setting. I believe I have a path forward identified for this and will implement these after the zero-day vulnerabilities have been fully addressed, and after the Stripe plugin issue is fully remediated by Joinery (see below).

DemandToBeFree.com domain ownership transferred to CloudFlare. CloudFlare protection mechanisms was implemented by proxying traffic. Will need to move the domain ownership of lpgeorgia.com to CloudFlare in the future, but the protection mechanisms are already configured for that - the ownership transfer allows for all tasks associated with LPGa domains to take place from one console under IT Committee ownership, rather than being dispersed and unmanaged. The longer-term goal is to move contents of DemandToBeFree to it's own set of pages within LPGeorgia.com so that we no longer have "shadow IT" (assets hosting official LPGeorgia content or services that are not managed or under the direct control of LPGeorgia IT Committee). This will take time and be performed in a planned and deliberate approach as time allows.
On 21OCT2026, a zero-day PHP vulnerability dubbed PHP2Shell was announced, which affects virtually all instances of PHP. These vulnerabilities were so severe that the US Federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recommended that system administrators shut down servers until a security patch could be released by the vendor. That patch was released later that day, and our hosting service provider patched PHP to an the newly patched version within a few hours. During that time, the IT Committee enabled enhanced cybersecurity protection mechanisms offered by CloudFlare and a software firewall called WordFence. Joinery patched PHP within hours of the PHP patch being released, and the CloudFlare enhanced security protections were removed. However, WordFence protections were too strict and locked out the administrators of the site. We opened another ticket and Joinery adjusted the WordFence settings for us, even though it is out of scope of our existing service contract, at no additional charge. Going forward, I would recommend we consider one of two options:

1. Identify the cost of enhanced/additional support from Joinery for emergency situations, and earmark it in the budget. Support plan pricing has been requested.
2. Pay an additional $149 per year for additional WordFence services, which includes a support plan for WordFence so they can identify and resolve issues which could lock out admins. This would also allow us to geo-block historically nefarious countries, provide us with more granular controls, enable better Web Application Firewall (WAF) protections, etc.

It's important to note these are two separate items. The top one will allow for Joinery to perform support services that fall outside the normal scope of work, which supports the website, platform, and CiviCRM environment, whereas the bottom option will allow for additional security capabilities and support the WordFence issues if we end up locking ourselves out because of similar situations that occur in the future.

On 28OCT2026, a zero-day Brotli vulnerability was announced, which affects the way web browsers interact with a large number of websites. After some cursory checking, it appears that our site is not vulnerable to this type of exploit, as we do not use Brotli content encoding, but it is important to note that Google and YouTube do - which have panels and portions served via our website. There is no control that the IT Committee has for remediating this type of

vulnerability and most of the risk lies on Google/YouTube for this. I'm continuing to investigate, but for all practical purposes, the risk of this vulnerability being exploited based on our current content encoding being gzip and zstr are quite low.
On 29OCT2026, a security patch was released for CiviCRM and was installed by Joinery. The IT Committee performed a cursory check of systems and all appeared to be in normal operation post-upgrade. However, as part of that upgrade, the Stripe plugin was also updated, adding new functionality. That update discovered some old information that was moved over from LP National and caused a system "critical" status alert to be thrown. Joinery and I worked together to find the cause, which we agree was from cleanup that was not performed as part of the LP National to LPGa migration. Joinery in the midst of resolving this for us now as it should have been caught during the original migration project.

Appendix J - Membership & Outreach Committee Report

- Liberty Tour Columbus cancelled
- Liberty Tour Savannah on December 5 2-4 p.m. at Bull Street Library

Appendix K - Public Policy Committee Report

- Statewide constitutional amendment results
    - HR 32 - Conservation use acreage increase: Passed 54%
    - HR 251 - Make Probate Court elections nonpartisan: Passed 68%
    - HR 1243 - Create Next Generation 911 Fund: Passed 78%
- Meeting to set 2027 legislative agenda on November 23

Appendix L - Youth Engagement Committee Report

- Held successful event at University of North Georgia with Tony West

Appendix M - Bylaws Committee Report

- Draft proposals posted for committee review

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Appendix N - Platform Committee Report

- Committee formed, meeting in November

Appendix O - Fundraising Committee Report

- No responses to fundraiser calendar, cancelled
- Received list of current and lapsed members

Appendix P - Ballot Access Report

- No progress on ballot access petitioning process