EXHIBIT 12:
12/2/06 SCC MINUTES
Nevada State Democratic Party
State Central Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2006
Las Vegas, NV

I. Call to Order: 12:33 pm

II. Invocation – State Senator Steven Horsford (Clark)

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Heather Brown (Clark)

IV. Secretary’s Report

Motion to approve: Bud Orange (Douglas)
Second to approve: John J. Cahill (Clark)

Passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer’s Report

Lou Arin (Clark) asked how money is distributed to the candidates. ED Alison Schwartz said that it is spent on behalf of the candidates and not directly given to their campaigns.

Motion to approve: Bud Orange (Douglas)
Second to approve: Yolanda Garcia (Carson City)

Passed unanimously.

VI. State Chair’s Report

Chairman Collins said that in 2002 the Democrats had no state elected officials and today we have four. We also picked up an Assembly seat and a Senate seat. Chairman Collins has helped raise more that $500,000 for the Party in addition to money he personally gave out from his campaign account. He also took candidates on a rural tour and would like to thank Howard Dean for the 50 State Strategy which made our victories possible.

The Delegation Selection Committee has sent rules to the DNC for review and approval. The State Central Committee will have an opportunity to review and approve them prior to them being put in place.

Chairman Collins yielded the floor to Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus who addressed the audience.

Chairman Collins introduced elected officials John J. Cahill - Clark County Public Administrator Elect, Kim Wallin – State Controller Elect, Senator Steven Horsford, Assemblyman David Parks, former Congressman Jim Bilbray and Assemblywoman Elect Rosemary Womack.
Chairman Collins attended the Democratic State Chairs meeting in Wyoming and learned about all of the gains the Democratic Party made throughout the country in state houses down to school board races. He also learned the different ways people raise money and run their grassroots campaigns. Governor Dean was in attendance and talked a lot about Nevada and its elected officials and candidates for 2006. The Democratic Party is definitely on the move.

VII. Reports

Executive Director – Alison Schwartz

Alison thanked everyone for coming and urged everyone to try and make arrangements to attend all of the meetings. Alison also thanked Shannon Raborn for taking over for her while she was on maternity leave. This cycle we picked up four constitutional officials, an Assembly and Senate seat, and a seat on the Clark County Commission. In 2007 we will have Barbara Buckley as the first female speaker of the Assembly and Harry Reid as Majority Leader in the US Senate.

During the campaign we knocked on over 320,000 doors, called over 240,000 people, had over 200 paid canvassers, had over 800 volunteers, ran three statewide television ads against Gibbons, and had 100,000’s GOTV pieces mailed out. This year we kept up with the Republicans and beat them. Alison thanked the volunteers on Team Titus and hopes that they will stay involved and become leaders for the Early Caucus. The staff passed around a sign up sheet so everyone could play leading roles in the Caucus. Alison stated that party building and a successful caucus need to go hand in hand. Alison also thanked the amazing staff of the NSDP and all of the volunteers.

NSDP IT Director Justin Gilbert did a presentation on the 2006 coordinated campaign efforts and results so far. Dwayne Chesnut (Clark) asked for info to be put up on website. Justin will talk to Alison and Kirsten about putting it up in some modified form.

Political Director – Harriet Trudell

Harriet said that we showed that we were a unified Party even if we lost or won in an area and that is important. She suggested that members should write to the people in their precinct and invite them to a Democratic event and always talk to them about the importance of voting Democratic and what Democrats have brought us. She would like to see voter registration form changed back so “Republican” is not at the top.

Chairman Collins said that we need to respect the opinions and beliefs of those who are not Democrats but let them know they will have a better future if they support Democrats and join us.
Communications Director – Kirsten Searer

Kirsten said that all national press stories about the Early Caucus are available in the packet. The Early Caucus will be a great opportunity and the NSDP is getting organized for it. We will not just be talking about Nevada issues but Western issues and that will help us win the West.

Several stories were successfully pushed in 2006 including Gibbons downplaying the effects of mercury in the environment to show him as an extremist; Fox News covering the Gibbons scandal more than any other news outlet; Gibbons poor attendance record in Congress during the campaign; Gibbons firing of a BLM employee; Porter the Puppet; Porter making campaign calls from his congressional office; and ethics complaints were filed against several candidates. A lot of the Democratic candidates who would not be able to afford TV ad time got support from the free media and were able to persuade voters based on this.

Future goals are to increase the NSDP e-mail list by 5,000. The NSDP and DNC invested in a text messaging program to target younger voters with upcoming events. The NSDP website will be overhauled in preparation for the Early Caucus and especially in order to educate people on what a Early Caucus is. Kirsten will also be working on keeping the Democratic legislative agenda in the news with Lindsey Jydstrup, Dina Titus, and Barbara Buckley.

Jo Ann Orange (Douglas) asked about how to get info to people who don’t have e-mails or cell phones. Kirsten said it is hard to do a mailing because it was expensive and takes time. For future cycles the NSDP can try to do a phone tree.

Lou Arin (Clark) asked if presidential candidates get a list of Democratic voters. Alison said they are given access to the voter file and are charged a fee.

VIII. Old Business

1. Early Caucus Update

Alison said that the Delegation Selection Plan is not back from the DNC because it must be reviewed and approved from them prior to the State Central Committee members voting on it. Members should address concerns to Executive Board Members since they will be reviewing it first. She also urged people to sign up to be a volunteer and leader in the Early Caucus. At the next meeting on March 31st the DSC plan will be available and ready for approval.

IX. New Business

A. A motion was made by Steve Platt (Carson City) to add Joel Flamenbaum to the State Central Committee. Second by Dinah Jordon (Carson City).

Passed unanimously
B. Liz Foley (Clark) made a motion to add Adam Chan, Oriental Collier, Tim Kelly, Judith Kelly, Brian Schneider, Mariana Kihuen, Michael Foley, Karen Taycher, Clint Womack, Marie Manendo, Ed Fishman, Harold Loftsgord, Steve Tolman, Sharlene Tolman, Karen Kostoff, Judy Barclay, John Moran, John Hamilton and Phil Kohn to the State Central Committee. Second by Jerry Johnson (Clark).

Passed unanimously.

X. **Announcements**

A. Chris Wicker (Washoe) announced that Pam duPre is leaving as Executive Director and wanted to thank her for all that she has done for the Washoe Democratic Party.

B. Jason Fromoltz (Clark) announced that the NSDP is sponsoring Mile 9 in the New Las Vegas Marathon. The mile is on MLK and Vegas and people should come out and volunteer. See him for more information.

C. Ann Reynolds (Washoe) announced that she had a petition to impeach Bush and Cheney if anyone was interested in signing it.

D. Dan Hinkley (Clark) announced the Stonewall Democrats training March 22-23, 2007 at The Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

E. Jo Ann Orange announced that on January 27th at The Carson Valley Inn Douglas County will have its annual “Turn Nevada Blue Dinner” and they will have presidential candidates in attendance.

F. The next meeting will be March 31st, 2007 in Washoe County.


XI. **Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: Shannon Beasley (Clark)
Second to adjourn: John Birkland (Clark)

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm