EXHIBIT 17:
8/11/07 MINUTES
NEVADA STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11TH, 2007
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO

I. Call to Order @ 11:56 am

II. Invocation - Senator Steven Horsford

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Sarah Ragsdale, President of the Associates Students of the University of Nevada-Reno.

IV. Secretary’s Report – A’shanti Fayshel Gholar

Motion to approve: Dwayne Chesnut (Clark)
Second to approve: Theresa Navarro (Carson City)

Passed unanimously

V. Treasurer’s Report

Travis Brock gave the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Jan Churchill. Travis reminded everyone that there are two separate accounts for the NSDP and the Caucus. Travis gave a rundown of how much money was taken in and all of the expenses. Travis announced that Bill Clinton will be doing a fundraiser for the NSDP in the coming weeks which will give a boost to the account balance.

Motion to approve: Matt Dickson (Washoe)
Second to approve: Chip Evans (Washoe)

Passed unanimously.

(Special Guest State Senator Gil Cedillo of California addressed the SCC on the behalf of Governor Bill Richardson’s presidential campaign.)

VI. State Chair’s Report – Jill Derby

Chair Derby announced that the South Carolina Republicans have moved their Caucus to January 19th. Nevada is the voice of the West and we are committed to protecting that. Jill feels that as long as we are in the early caucus window that is what is most important. Her and Travis are following the issue very closely. Travis said that he believes that Iowa is working with New Hampshire to have a situation where they don’t get pushed back to December 07 for their primary. Jill and Travis are going to meet with the Iowa and New Hampshire state chairs on ways that they can work together to protect the window. Senator Reid and
closest to the Convention Center and the next choice is Stapleton which is a 15 minute ride and then Tech Center. They are still waiting to hear back from the DNC as to which hotel Nevada will be assigned. The average hotel price range is $160-$240 as there really are not any inexpensive places for delegates to stay. Travis commented that the process is more organized than it has been in the past.

Nevada’s Delegate Selection Plan will be up for the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to review on August 25th. Nevada’s Executive Director Travis Brock will be representing us at the meeting. The Committee did a pre-review of the plan which recommended mostly stylistic changes and some additional detail related to caucus and convention procedures which the staff is incorporation into the plan prior to the RBC review.

Other activities that Jill participated in were a meeting with tribal leaders and attending the launch of the African American Leadership Council. Jill also talked about the Democratic soccer team “Los Democrratas” led by Assemblyman Ruben Kihuen. There has been a lot of press coverage including the cover of the Wall Street Journal and a feature in the LA Times. The first game resulted in a tie and they won second game 4-1.

Jill announced the DNC American Majority Summit August 23-25 at Bally’s Hotel in Las Vegas. This is a great way to train the constituency groups of the DNC. The last day to register is the 17th and you can find more information at www.democrats.org under the American Majority Partnership section.

Jill talked about her meeting with Cox Cable who have expressed an interest in doing a video on demand option showing people how they can participate in the Caucus in the Las Vegas area. This is a great opportunity to expand the educational outreach arena.

Jill also received a briefing on the Western Majority Project and how they are focused and working on turning the eight western states blue. They are working with the candidates on how to run effective campaigns and doing polling so that they are prepared for the 2008 election.

Dwayne Chesnut (Clark) asked why the Delegate Selection plan has to be done over every four years. Jill said that is has to be approved every time and Harriet Trudell (Clark) said that it is updated since the population changes and you want to get more delegates.

Jill acknowledged the chair of the Clark County Democratic Party John Hunt.

VII. Staff and Committee Reports

A. Executive Director Report
Kirsten said a question she gets a lot is “how do you talk to people about the Caucus?” You talk to them about how exciting it is, how it is their hands and opportunity to get involved and change the course of the country.

D. Caucus Director – Jayson Slime

Jasyon said that 1700 temporary chairs are needed to run the Caucus sites. They currently have 25% of the needed chairs and they need another 75%. They are working on the locations and will be keeping an active and updated list that is likely to change.

E. Rules and Bylaws – Matt Dickson

Jill acknowledged Matt Dickson and thanked him and his committee for all of their hard work.

Matt Dickson overviewed the process for which the Bylaws Committee will go through the bylaws revisions and setting appropriate rules for the election of the DNC members. The Committee will be working for consolidation of the bylaws and charter which will be ready for a vote at Convention. Matt thanked his bylaws committee for all of their work.

Bylaws Committee Timeline

Regular meetings of the Bylaws Committee take place weekly via conference call. Special meetings may occur as necessary.

August 11, 2007

- Open meeting of Bylaws Committee in Reno- 9 am (open to general SCC membership), Location and Agenda TBA.
- Timeline presented to NSDP e-board and SCC at SCC meeting in Reno.

September 15, 2007

- No later than September 15, submit proposed changes regarding Statewide affiliated Committees to stakeholders for review and feedback. Feedback to be returned to Bylaws committee by September 23, 2007.

October 4, 2007

- Draft revision of Charter & Bylaws addressing Statewide affiliated Committees and Caucuses received by SCC members.
- Draft revision of Charter & Bylaws addressing language clarification of National Committeepersons received by SCC members.

November 3, 2007
IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. John Hunt (Clark) made the motion to add the following Clark County members to the SCC:

   Delia Martinez
   Joshua Krakow
   David Black-Downes
   Walt Norris
   Patty Chavez Bifano
   Andrew B. Martin
   Leslie Newman
   Annette Magnus

Second by Jack Mallory (Clark)

Passed unanimously.

B. Mike Zahara (Clark) presented a motion about NSDP finances. Item was referred by the Chair to the Finance Committee.

C. Mike Zahara (Clark) made a motion to allow Executive Board members to endorse. Motion violated the bylaws and was ruled out of order.

XI. Announcements

A. Matt Higginson made an announcement about the ONE Campaign and their work in Nevada. www.one.org

B. Matt Dickson (Washoe) announced the Washoe Wine event www.washoedems.org

C. Virginia Cain (Washoe) encouraged everyone to get out and help and sweep the elections.

D. John Ponticello (Clark) announced the upcoming Paradise Democratic Club $5 chicken dinner.

E. Patty Chavez-Bifano (Clark) introduced Andrew Martin who is running in CD3 against Jon Porter.
Motion to adjourn: Kristian Forland (Elko)
Second to adjourn: Frederico Banuelos (Washoe)

Passed unanimously.