

**Opinion of Judicial Committee Member Ken Krawchuk**  
**In the matter of Martin vs. LNC**  
**April 8, 2026**

Regarding the six items listed under "Relief Requested" in the matter of Martin v. LNC received February 17, 2026, here is my take:

**1. Declare that James Wiley was a sustaining member in good standing at the time of his election or, at the latest, upon renewal on May 15, 2025;**

Mr. Wiley was admittedly not a member in good standing at the time of his first election. Once he renewed his membership, he was therefore in good standing, subsequently elected, and at that point was duly and properly seated. Therefore, I vote to sustain the LNC's action of refusing to seat Mr. Wiley until the defect was rectified. Seems to me to be a no-brainer.

**2. Declare that no officer had authority to suspend Mr. Wiley's membership rights or void the Region 1 election without regional action or formal disciplinary process;**

Although it is true that no officer has that authority, Mr. Wiley's membership rights as a member of the LNC were not suspended because they did not yet exist. The Region 1 election chose someone not qualified for the position, therefore he was not qualified for the position (duh), and could not and did not serve until after he was elected. The LNC Chair was indeed within his authority by refusing to seat Mr. Wiley until the defects were rectified. Therefore, I vote to sustain the LNC's action of refusing to seat Mr. Wiley. Another no-brainer.

**3. Declare that the LNC action purporting to sustain the Chair's ruling was invalid and of no force or effect;**

That ruling affirmed that Mr. Wiley cannot serve until after his second, valid election. A third no-brainer. Therefore, I vote to sustain the LNC's action of refusing to seat Mr. Wiley until the defects were rectified.

**4. Affirm the validity of Mr. Wiley's election as Region 1 Second Alternate;**

The Judicial Committee has no authority over Region elections. Regardless, everyone agrees he was elected twice, once as an ineligible LNC candidate, and once as an eligible LNC candidate. This point can be ignored.

**5. Clarify that membership rights may not be suspended for dues lapse absent explicit bylaw authority and due process; and**

This is true in general, but it has no bearing on the appeal at hand. Remember that Mr. Wiley was not yet a member of the LNC, so no due process was due him. A fourth no-brainer.

**6. Recommend adoption of clear, uniform procedures governing sustaining-membership lapses, notice, and opportunities to cure, consistent with the Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.**

The Judicial Committee has no duty to clarify anything. That duty lies with the convention delegates. This point can be ignored.

Bottom line: I vote to sustain the LNC's action of refusing to seat Mr. Wiley until after the defects were rectified. Once rectified, he should be and was seated.

Mr. Montoni did not issue or join an opinion but votes to uphold the decision of the LNC to refuse to seat Mr. Wiley on May 17, 2025.

Mr. Seebeck recused himself from the vote for having previously expressed his opinion in regard to the issues in this case.

By a vote of four in favor and two opposing, the Libertarian National Judicial Committee hereby voids the decision of the LNC to refuse to seat Mr. Wiley on May 17, 2025.

Mr. Krawchuk's opinion has been partially redacted to remove portions this Committee finds objectionable.