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Libertarian Party of Oregon

Public Policy Board

Scheduled Friday, February 21st, 2023 at 7pm PST

1. Present
 - a. Travis, Matt, Peter, Marrion, Sonja, Risto
 - i. Not present: Ayden, Tom, Brendan, Morey. Katy
 - b. Non voting- Will

2. Meeting begin @ 711 hours start
3. Discussion on going about board business without quorum
4. Present the agenda/approve January minutes
 - No edits offered/waiting for quorum
5. Public comment-
 - a. No public comment
6. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - Nothing to report except for working on planks
 - Should be done by next month to review
 - b. Vice Chair
 - Very busy recently,
 - Attended Rage Against War rally in Seattle, gave speech, asking for approval for dispersal. Had a good turn out, Mises Caucus, Social Alliance, Seattle for Assange
 - Put together platform planks
 - c. Secretary
 - Reported on getting press releases finished and caught up on all past resolutions.
 - All past resolutions now have a press release and flyer (minus two flyers) and published on LPO website.
7. Old business
 - a. Developing a Platform specific to Oregon
 - i. Status check on plank drafts
 - Travis asks for input
 - Peter likes the idea of keeping things simple
 - Matt agrees that less is more. Tighter writing is always better for the uninitiated
 - Travis thinks it's better if we stay with more generic, principled positions
 - Travis asks if the officers were interested in getting into the website to work on posting PPB resolutions. Asks input from Sonja and Peter
 - Sonja would be happy to help out if needed and that Pablo has been doing a great job so far

- Peter agrees and says Pablo would be happy for the help and it would just need to be voted on by the board
- Tom joins the meeting
- Katy joins the meeting
- Travis informs them of what we have discussed so far

8. New Business

- Travis: we still have a PPB opening and has not received any responses to the open seat
- Travis reviews bylaws for how we can appoint someone after a resignation but we have 90 days
- Travis: before we started recording Marrion mentioned there might be someone she could approach
- Travis: if we think of anyone that would be good we can discuss in Discord and leave this for agenda next time
- Peter wants to add to the agenda and that he thinks the PPB is too large and asks how the board would feel about making it smaller, might be easier to make the PPB smaller
- Marrion: the bylaws committee is going to write up an amendment to make it 11 members and looking for feedback on the number they offer.
- Peter: we can't get 11 here now so it should be smaller
- Travis likes a bigger number and it's easier to get through resolutions and have different kinds of libertarians but it's about balance. Sees the benefit of shrinking it.
- Katy: are we filling in for Aiden
- Travis: yes
- Katy: how many vacancies are there on the LPO Board of directors
- Will is asked for input
- Will: there are none at the moment
- Katy: lets see how long it takes to fill the vacancy before making changes
- Travis: the PPB will be up for elections in a couple months
- Katy: how many people here are going to continue
- Marrion: Pablos research says he doesn't have 11 candidates
- Katy: who might be moving to other board
- Travis expressed interest
- Katy: the other board is just as time consuming
- Travis agrees and says he understands there's committees etc to consider
- Matt was considering the other board and possibly elections
- Tom: we could consider that county party leaders are members of the PPB
- Katy loves the idea of greater representation from counties
- Peter disagrees, he thinks members should vote for PPB not just make leaders of county parties able to direct public policy
- Travis: we have a few months to figure it out

9. Minutes review (Enough voting members for quorum now)

- Travis: there was technical difficulties in getting these out in time
- Sonja: there is an edit for the date at top, incorrect year
- Travis: he made edits already, edited a section and asks Peter for input on defining the section about the Classical Liberal Caucus
- Sonja: is there is any input on how the minutes are being written
- Matt: do not overwork yourself

Peter motions to approve minutes

Katy seconds

All vote Aye in favor, unanimous

- Katy: is it easier for Sonja to have people raise their hand for voting
- Sonja: not a problem so far

10. Nordstream Pipeline Resolution

- Travis made edits and asked Tom if he was ok with edits
- Tom was cool with it
- Travis made edits on resolution
- Katy suggests that the sovereign nation of Ukraine be edited
- Tom: thats cool
- Katy: Second to last paragraph
- Travis: does she want to change that
- Katy: yes
- Peter: are we are ok with at the top saying Seymour Hersh instead of Hersh
- Marrion: would agree with that since we don't know him personally
- Katy: wishes there was a laugh sign we could put up
- Matt: why the insertion of calling Ukraine a sovereign nation
- Marrion: thinks we should leave that out and the Russian Federation
- Katy: not sure its a choice to be a vassal nation
- Katy: we should not be participants between Ukraine and Russia
- Matt: de jour they are sovereign de facto they are not
- Travis: is there anymore discussion
- Peter: open to elaboration from Matt
- Matt: it gives a qualifier
- Katy: it's not our job to give legitimacy to any country including the US
- Matt: what do we need to add a qualifier, Ukraine is a nation like Russia
- Katy: what you would call both of them is nation state
- Katy says she studies international politics in college
- Marrion recognizes Katy's background and these words run the risk to confuse people and we should leave it out and just say Ukraine and Russia
- Peter is convinced and supports the change
- Tom: it's different if you attack a vassal state, he wrote it this way because it felt right and likes the sovereign language

- Travis highlights what is being debated. Does Not have an issue with calling them Ukraine and Russia
- Peter asks Risto to chime in on this
- Ristp apologies if mic is unmuted
- Ristpo: agrees with what we were talking about

Peter motions to remove highlighted language

Matt seconds

Travis asks if any discussion

All ayes except for Tom abstains $\frac{7}{8}$

Travis asks if we would like to vote to pass resolution

Matt motions to adopt resolution as amended

Peter seconds

Travis asks for discussion

- Katy: would it help to use the names the countries use to refer to themselves
- Tom: we should use what the countries use with the United Nations

Travis asks if any further discussion

All Ayes, Unanimous

Resolution passes

- Travis: Peter mentioned his speech and that it would be posted to website
- Peter: put a lot of work into writing it, if approved he will be posting but would prefer it to be approved by this body.
- Katy: would love to read it
- Peter: posted it an hour before meeting so no worries
- Tom: maybe we should move to approve the RATW and soft core PR including this speech would be publishable
- Peter: just wanted permission to post
- Tom: you don't need a resolution we should vote to approve
- Travis: that was already done
- Tom: we should just go ahead and approve
- Katy: RATW is an ongoing thing and more content will be coming up, is any info posted endorsed by the PPB
- Katy asks for a link on that information, says she's focusing on the state
- Travis pulls up website,
- Katy: hesitation is that we are in a battle to make libertarians more practical and approachable and that abolishing war is a difficult state item
- Katy: this has been distracting
- Peter: we have been working on state platform which will be at convention
- Katy: we've spent a lot of time on this
- Marrion: resolution has passed and it's not up for debate anymore, waste of time to discuss
- Katy: wonders how much time we are going to dedicate
- Katy: Peter is asking if his speech can be posted and the answer is yes, as long as the content of speech is focused on that, anyone can post anything as long as it

represents the PPB. Don't think anyone's going to spend anymore time on this event

- Katy asks if we can work on this as a plank
- Tom: would like this as a foreign policy plank, the PPB is to untie the tongue of the LPO

11. Select a consistent date/time for PPB monthly regular meetings

- Travis moves onto consistent time for meeting
- Tom: we should do ash wednesday, pentecost and good friday
- Katy: ash wednesday is good
- Travis: proposes last wednesday of month at 7pm
- Marrion: the only question is does it work for the people not here
- Katy asks if we have an appointee
- Travis: no
- Travis: we have to fill in 90 days or the LPO board will fill
- Tom asks what are the qualifiers of the board, and says there are people in Oregon who aren't libertarians but are great public policy nuts. Could they advise the board
- Katy: maybe they could be advisors but could be odd to not have libertarian on board
- Travis: they have to be registered
- Matt asks if there is an agenda item they could speak on an issue as a guest
- Travis: we are open to public comment
- Travis asks about timing, March 29th, 2023
- Katy: works for her
- Travis: does not work for him but that's why we have a vice chair.
- Travis asks any objections on schedule
- Katy asks if any other wednesdays work
- Peter: he's fine with taking the gavel but we shouldn't pick a day Travis can't be there
- Katy is always unavailable 3rd wednesday
- Tom: we should take a slack poll
- Peter: we have very little engagement on discord
- Travis isn't sure what that is
- Tom: there are polls to propose meeting time
- Sonja explains how they have been used in past
- Katy asks if calendars are open
- Discussion on specific dates, talk of Mondays
- Katy suggests the 13th
- Tom: we need to work on platform
- Matt: could give us an extra meeting possibly before convention
- Peter agrees with Matt
- Katy: works better when less time
- Travis: we will plan for march 13 2023
- Tom made a reminder that we do have to get the platform done

- Peter asks if we should look at agenda to see what's missing
- Travis will bring up the planks
- Matt has been floating around making corrections
- Tom: we need to show leadership to create a quality product, every state will be looking to Oregon
- Peter is not sure if we need a plank for every single issue
- Katy asks if business/economy is assigned to Travis
- Travis: anyone can work on it
- Katy: can take on state monopolies
- Katy: can also work on Defend the Guard
- Peter: Katy can use the Defend the Guard resolution
- Travis will post link again in discord

12. Good of the Order

- Travis asks if any other good of the order

- Meeting end 810 pm