



Minutes from LP Oregon Board Meeting
July 9, 2025
6:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was called to order on Wednesday, 07/9/2025, at 6:35 PM by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely	Absent	Observers
Matt Rowe	Benjamin Feintech	Tom Cox
Richard Burke	(excused)	Will Hobson
Joe Christman		
Tom Busse		
Sonja Feintech		
Rob Rhodes		
Peter VandenBerg		
Michelle Binker		

2. Approval of Agenda. Burke makes a motion to approve; Rhodes seconds. No objection.
Motion carries..

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- May 14, 2025: Christman makes a motion to approve; Feintech seconds. Burke abstains. No objection. **Motion carries.**

- June 7, 2025: VandenBerg makes a motion to approve; Rhodes seconds. No objection.
Motion carries.

4. Open Forum (Please limit comments to three minutes) - none

5. Officer Reports

a. Secretary's Report: Michele Binker- none

b. Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse

- Cash \$2017; convention expenses ~\$800
- Depressed recurring donations over time. Would like to see a 100% board participation in regular donations.
- Looking into payment processors. Anedot is a recommended platform.
- Wishlist: November election statewide voter handbook; directors and officers insurance; minor IT things; a fiscal policies guide (example authorized de minimus expenditures)
- Mult. Co. LP has paid for a Pride booth. We have swag. Show up.
- Meeting with Joe and Will to transfer bank accounts.
- Busse is in Orestar. There is concern that our reporting is delinquent.
- Reconciliation reports.
- Chair notes he has authority up to \$50. The treasurer can bring such to him. The treasurer would prefer a documented fiscal policy.

c. Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Christman

- Less productive than would like
- Wrote notes of thanks to convention attendees
- Organizing data in anticipation of election season. Hoping to use this soon to recruit candidates. Will begin studying districts and campaign strategy.
- Participated in the first Region 1 meeting.
- Password manager? After the switch over to Anedot. Busse says make sure extends to all online resources, incl. Social.
- Will has pretty much every password and all contacts. So ask him.

d. Chairman's Report: Matt Rowe

- Region 1 stuff echoes what Joe said. It's largely a harmonious region w/in LNC, but LNC itself is a "whirlpool of cloak and dagger."
- Looking at state legislative races, possibly US Senate, governor.

- Developing a tentative strategic plan for 2026. There are promising opportunities in some of these districts for affiliate development and fundraising.
- Sadly unable to attend Pride this weekend.

6. Committee Reports

a. Publicity Committee

- Hobson is still the social media manager. X followership growing. Discord membership growing.
- Maybe we change the name of this committee to Communications.
- Busse: QC for comms? How are posts created, who looks at them? Public Policy board members, and largely Will. If the board has comments or questions contact him.
- Busse: add development to that conversation.
- Busse: why has the party not been thanking donors? Hobson: We need a system to ensure this is happening. Rowe asks for the list of (four) recurring donors so he can phone them.

b. IT Committee - Christman

- Hobson working with Busse and Christman on the banking stuff.
- Has access to the Mail Chimp newsletter. As does the Chair.
- Feintech: (At her job) we get a list weekly from Anedot of donors and those can be thanked.
- Busse: how does our IT work? Our domain? JC: Hostinger is our primary host, WordPress site, CRM is an excel spreadsheet.
- Busse: wants the calendar updated on the website.

7. New Business

a. Approve Mr. Christman and Mr. Busse to Access/Conduct Authorized Transactions with LPO Bank Account.

- Required by every bank in the county. VandenBerg makes the motion to grant access to and authorize conducting transactions through the Libertarian Party of Oregon's account at Banner Bank to Joe Christman and Tom Busse; Binker seconds. No objection.
Motion carries. Minutes to be ratified via email before Friday, June 11

b. LPO Newsletter - pending. Authors lined up to produce articles. Joe Christman, Bruce Knight, Mike Montchalin, Chris Peters. Available online, and printed to hand out. We will need some kind of criteria for what goes in. Hoping to drop in August.

- Rhodes: what goes into the newsletter vs what the public policy board publishes vs bylaws? PPB news releases are appropriate. Write ups about resolutions and party activity. Use for recruitment and fundraising.
- Busse: PPB nominates an editor? Rowe: the actual publication should come from the party.
- No expense; a pre-existing project.
- Hobson recommends a monthly "theme." Also reserve space for a message from the Chair.
- Rowe makes a motion to rename Publicity Committee to Communications Committee; vacate ALL existing members, and appoint Hobson as Communications Director, Christman seconds. No objection. **Motion carries.**

c. Board Retreat/Strategy Meeting

- This has been a "wish" for a while, but has never been seriously pursued. Even just a working meeting over a meal to hash out direction for the next year. Helpful, especially around restructuring committees.
- Would like to see officer presentations, committees, PPB. Budget and fundraising goals. Campaign strategy.
- Rowe makes a motion to hold a board retreat at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at Sonja's residence; Seconded by VandenBerg. **Motion carries**, no objection was heard.

d. Restructuring LPO Committees

- Where is everyone at?
- Institute term length to committee membership.

e. Possible Earlier Presidential Nominating Convention in 2028

- Call from Pat Ford to gauge interest in convening at Presidents Day, rather than after Memorial Day to give candidates more time to implement campaign strategy. Compact the nomination calendar. Will heavily favor those with name recognition and money. LNC needs to step up and host debates.
- Christman: would the new LNC be nominated at the same time?

- Feintech: for a forum or debate: Set criteria? A threshold for donations? Rowe: Previous experience? Petition?
- Burke: recalls that having the nomination convention a year early is a huge benefit. Serious contenders will be ready. Also recalls that LNC was elected early.
- Busse: thinks it's a bad idea, as the election cycle is too long anyway; complicates things with the LNC.
- Hobson says the election is increasingly important. An earlier nomination will be beneficial.
- VandenBerg, Feintech in support.

f. Libertarian National Convention 2026

- The **2026 Libertarian National Convention** is the upcoming biannual [Libertarian Party](#) National Convention. It will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. On May 1, 2025, it was announced that the convention theme would be "Freedom Calls."
- Hotel rooms are open
- Delegates: Allocation not complete yet.

g. 2026 LPO Nominating Convention

- We probably need to nominate in March to give candidates time to fundraise, but after the filing deadline for R's & Ds. We may not have money to run a mail ballot election before our candidates need to file . If we don't make quorum the board can appoint.
- Burke, nothing in the bylaws stops us from holding multiple nominating conventions. Could hold it as early as October of this year. Recommends holding the first of several nominating conventions as soon as possible.
- Christman, set a drop dead date for deciding one way or another. Oct. 18?

8. Old Business

a. 2025 LPO Convention

- Failed to make quorum.
- Lessons learned in the process might help us make quorum in the future..
- Competition for attention with other events, current political climate.
- VandenBerg: more organization needed.
- Hobson: a convention manager is important. Helps to make things run more smoothly. Appoint through the convention committee.

b. Fundraising - effectively covered previously.

c. County Affiliates

- Multnomah coming to BOD in September for official approval as an affiliate. Coos, Washington on the way. Only takes three people and a set of bylaws the LPO BOD approves.

Good of the Order: looking to begin a General LPO chat by invite to donors for ... Rowe: bring a proposal next month

9. Next Meeting: The Board of Directors next regular meeting, as set by policy, will be Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom.

10. Adjournment. Christman, VandenBerg seconds. No objection. Motion carries. 8:37 p.m.

- Update [Motion Tracker](#).



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via [Zoom](#)

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