



Minutes from LP Oregon Board Meeting
Aug 13, 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, 08/13/2025, at 6:34 PM by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

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

2. Approval of Agenda adopted. Vanden Berg moves adoption of the agenda, Rhodes seconds.
Motion carries with no objection

3. Approval of [July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#). **Approved by email.**

4. Christman report on Fundraising:

- Working on the switch to Anadot. We need a doc confirming EIN.
- Looking at a password management solution

- Looking into CRMs.

5. Presentation by Thomas Cox Regarding Organizational Structure of LPO ([see attached](#))

- The thought is to reflect the board's desire to change bylaws to make quorum and do more business of politics, while risking little.
- Recommended course of action:
- The "meat" is resolution 2.
- Richard says: Tom has his conclusions, but I would say national JC in 2015 and 16 rulings determined these were the correct bylaws.
- We will want to amend in 2027 when we get there.
- Busse: let's have a public comment period before voting on something this big. How do these bylaws impact our selection of delegates?
- Why not the ... prior to 2005 "an assembly of delegates". Special convention in 2007 changed the party from "assembly of delegates" to "assembly of members". In 2011 convention, recessed to May but Wager circumvented the convention and saddled us with the unworkable bylaws we now have.
- Christman offers his three-point take on why 2013 isn't defensible.
- Burke: under the bylaws approved by members in convention the organization continued to function.
- Legal reprisal? The board can't be touched, Richard says, because we can't go back to 2013 until SOS accepts them.
- S. Feintech: please offer a brief summary of everything that is being discussed? What are the pros and cons? We should be well informed before making a change this big.
- Busse: treasurer points out there is the option of taking out an E&O policy.
- Sonja's question stands. Richard: less bureaucracy is a good thing. Policy and statements can be made quickly. There is a judicial committee. Quorum is possible. Bylaws amendable. Easier to create county parties. Incentive to get ppl to convention from different counties. Counties have representation on the board. Makes factional disputes less destructive. Stabilizes the party structure. Efficacy. Organization. Cons: dues, but net cost of \$0 (state income tax credit). Less "process"
- Cox: "All results exist outside the organization." ~ Drucker. The 2013 bylaws were deliberately structured to blunt factional takeovers and keep governance stable. Key anti-factional features included:
 - Two-tier membership – Broad nomination voting rights for all registered Libertarians, but bylaws and officer elections reserved to dues-paying, pledge-signing Regular Members. This meant casual or opportunistic registrants couldn't suddenly flood a business convention to swing control.
 - Higher commitment threshold for governance participation – Requiring dues and pledge filtered for members who had a sustained connection to the party, making sudden influxes less likely to shift power overnight.

- Gradual county representation – County reps were phased in under clear population or membership thresholds, so no single county could suddenly stack the board with allies.
- Simplified board structure – A smaller board reduced the number of winnable seats, making it harder for a faction to grab a majority quickly.
- Clear officer election and vacancy rules – Filled vacancies promptly between conventions, so control gaps couldn't be exploited by boycotts or walkouts.
- Retained RRONR and convention notice requirements – Both ensure that major changes can't be rammed through without time for opponents to organize.
- Those elements don't eliminate factionalism—nothing can—but they make sudden, hostile shifts of power harder and give stability between conventions
- Rowe: there are good reasons to see this in the interest of our members in the long term. We are at a turning point. Will this thing recover or just continue its slow decline?
- Discussion: (1 hour, 50 minutes)
- Christman proposes we move on.
- Notwithstanding the remainder of Cox's package, Richard moves to adopt RONR, Binker seconds. Joe makes a motion to postpone this decision to September. Rowe offers a friendly amendment to bring up RoNR at the next meeting held by LPO. Burke withdraws motion. Everyone is cool with that.
- Discussion/Consideration of Using Bitwarden Password Management for LPO Accounts
 - Pwd documentation is sketchy. Get a formal pwd management process.
 - Sonja: strongly suggests we adopt.
 - Busse: hates it. And wants a budget for it. Can be cost-prohibitive.
 - MLB: put pwds with the role of Treasurer and IT committee chair. Joe moves to acquire Bitwarden and entrust pwds with Treasurer and IT Chair. Rhoads seconds: **Motion carries. No objections.**

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

5. Officer Reports

- Secretary's Report: Michelle Binker
 - Please get agenda out earlier than 12 hours in advance
- Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse
 - LPO in OreStar
 - Unhappy with Wave (sp?) moving to ODOO - app allows us to integrate many functions. Has additional modules.
 - Currently \$2500 in the bank. \$500 deposited from state account for tax credits.
- Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Christman
- Chairman's Report: Matt Rowe
 - Tonight's convo "had to be had"

- I attended PDX Pride and met many politically friendly folks.
- More drama at LNC. Talk of moving the presidential nomination to President's Day 2028.
- Busse: Wash St. fair letter in support of Pierce County (WA) GOP. Basically, the Washington State Fair wouldn't let the Republicans host a state fair booth. The Libertarian Party Region 1 has an interest in injunctive relief.

6. Committee Reports

- Communications Committee – Will Hobson
- IT Committee – Joe Christman (VP report)

8. Old Business

- Vacating and Restructuring of LPO Committees
- LPO Retreat - Oct. 18 at Sonja's
- Fundraising - we need more. Combine budgeting and fundraising committees.
 - Marion:
- Special mtg in two weeks and send an email to check availability.

9. Next Meeting - The Board of Directors next regular meeting, as set by policy, will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom

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10. Adjournment Joe moves, ALL second but Rowe gives it to Rhoads. No objection.. 8:57

- Update [Motion Tracker](#).



LPO Monthly Board Meeting

AGENDA

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via [Zoom](#)

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Libertarian Party of Oregon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LPO State Board Meeting - July 2025

Time: Jul 9, 2025 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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