



**Minutes from LP Oregon Board Meeting**  
**Sept. 10, 2025**  
**7 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, 09/10/2025, at 7:05 PM by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

| <b>Present Remotely</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Observers</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Richard Burke           |               | Will Hobson      |
| Joe Christman           |               | Marion Kauffman  |
| Matt Rowe               |               |                  |
| Rob Rhodes              |               |                  |
| Benjamin Feintech       |               |                  |
| Sonja Feintech          |               |                  |
| Tom Busse               |               |                  |
| Peter VandenBerg        |               |                  |
| Michelle Binker         |               |                  |

2. Approval of Agenda.

- *Christman makes a motion to add adoption of CRM to the new business portion of the agenda. S. Feintech seconds. **Motion carries.***
- *S. Feintech moves to adopt the agenda, second by Rhodes. Discussion: Busse asks, did we not approve a motion to continue the previous business? Yes, but we also adjourned. Busse reserves the option to appeal. **Motion carries with one Nay (Busse).***

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - ready but with insufficient time to review, it is recommended we defer to the next meeting.

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

#### 5. Officer Reports

- Secretary's Report: none
- Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse:
  - \$2,485.94... Aug = received \$20 in donations, expenses of \$59
  - YTD \$640 (compared to \$1,040 2024)
  - Get off click and pledge and move to anadot, but no one saved the EIN issuance letter from IRS.
  - Has party's business debit in his name.
  - Keep logins with master file
  - Would like to mirror all documents in ODOO; Secretary needs to upload
- Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Christman
  - Updated minutes on the website. Feel free to yell if I'm falling behind
  - Bitwarden set up with many of our accounts and passwords; eventually would like to get debit cards in there too.
  - ZoHo? Pricing is per user; bottom tier is \$14 per month per seat. Believes it is important for fundraising.
  - Hijinks in Hawaii: the convention was flooded with remote out-of-state delegates, which were eventually disqualified.
- Chairman's Report: Matt Rowe
  - Have been busy navigating this governance proposal.
  - LNC 2028 nominating convention to be held Presidents' Day weekend; an earlier nominating process than previous years.
  - Urging the LNC to form a Debate Committee. If not, will work with Region 1 and other Regions to run professional, virtual debates.
  - Kirk assassination and growing political violence. This party must grow into a viable alternative to the major parties.

#### 6. New Business

- Selection of Delegates and Alternates to 2026 Libertarian National Convention
  - Those interested: M. Rowe, M. Kaufman, S. Feintech, J. Christman, R. Burke, P. Vanden Berg, R. Rhodes, B. Feintech, T. Busse
  - *Motion to appoint M. Rowe, M. Kaufman, S. Feintech, J. Christman, R. Burke, P. Vanden Berg, R. Rhodes, B. Feintech, and T. Busse as Oregon delegates to 2026 LNC Convention made by S. Feintech, 2nd by Burke.*
  - Additional and alternate delegates can be seated closer to convention time.
  - **Motion carries with no objection.**
- Adopt CRM?

- Christman says ZoHo is a professional and relatively cheap CRM. He encourages adoption.
- *Christman makes the motion to purchase two ZoHo licenses, at \$14/month per seat and allowance to purchase two more as needed. Seconded by Vanden Berg.*
- Discussion:
  - Q: Do they offer a trial? Christman is working with it now.
  - Q: Is there a way to put a widget on our website to capture emails? I (Busse) have never received an email from the LPO, despite donations.  
A: We use MailChimp and WordPress. Joe has never received an email, either.
  - Q: Can we access tools that cross reference voter registration data with national databases to gather phone numbers and emails. Can we merge that data into ZoHo for fundraising calls?
  - Q: Is ZoHo's pricing based only on # of users, not the number of entries?  
A: There may be limits by tiers but don't have exact numbers right now.
- Busse: our rules allow the Treasurer to make statements on the financial impact of potential motion. >> Zoom = \$15.99/mo; BitWarden = \$8/mo; ZoHo will add about \$30-60. Regular, recurring donations are not sufficient to cover these expenses. Would like to see recurring donations meet recurring overhead.
- Christman feels an upfront investment in fundraising will pay.
- Burke feels CRM is indispensable, but perhaps premature before we have a plan and structure in place.
- Busse: commits to \$30/month through December to cover the cost of this.
- Christman: We have about 3,000 names and numbers on Excel sheets. I would be happy to postpone the next meeting if people want more input on building up a plan, but any delay postpones fundraising efforts.
- Burke: with Tom's pledged contribution, supports motion.
- Voting Aye:
  - Richard Burke
  - Joe Christman
  - Matt Rowe
  - Rob Rhodes
  - Benjamin Feintech
  - Sonja Feintech
  - Tom Busse
  - Peter VandenBerg
  - Michelle Binker
- Voting Nay: none
- **Motion carries with no objection**

## 7. Committee Reports

- Communications Committee – Will Hobson
  - Kirk assassination and post was received well. monitoring.

- More followers and engagement on socials.
- Board members to be extended Discord mod permissions.
- IT Committee – Joe Christman
  - All in the Vice Chair report

## 8. Old Business

- The Cox Plan
  - Christman' fundraising plan (argument against adoption):
    - get our CRM up and data organized, form an election plan. Bylaws won't sell, but an election plan will.
    - Fundraising feedback will help us learn what people want, candidates, support, issues.
    - We need to put in the work to demonstrate that we made an attempt to fundraise and follow the bylaws as-is.
  - Burke: has provided a fundraising plan premised on adoption of the Cox proposal. Five things we can do to raise interest and attract funders:
    - Take on projects. Like pass a resolution against HB 3991 and authorize the chair to take a position and LPO to campaign.
    - Schedule early conventions.
    - Adopt a 2026 legislative agenda, take positions
    - Survey vacant local public office
    - Resume a bi-monthly newsletter
  - Burke: RE 2013 bylaws, while there are shortfalls, they are based on proven governance structures.
  - Rowe: both have put excellent work into their fundraising plans.
  - *Burke makes the motion to approve Cox plan, with an amendment to state that lifetime members residing out of state are ineligible to vote in the business convention, Binker seconds.*
  - Christman: Point of Order, this motion is out of order because under either set of bylaws the board does not have the authority to amend bylaws. Also, adopting these bylaws would de-facto decrease this board's quorum. Cites:
    - 3:3 - defines quorum, specifically states it is majority+1 unless stated otherwise in bylaws.
    - 25:2(7) and 25:10 - Motion to suspend cannot suspend rules designed to protect absentees.
    - 25:10 specifically says rules designed to protect absentees cannot be suspended even with a unanimous vote.
    - 39:5 - Any motion that violates the bylaws or the parliamentary authority is out of order
  - Burke: RE the POO, this is not a bylaws amendment, it is an acknowledgment that the 2013 bylaws are the properly adopted bylaws. Quorum.... A change isn't being made affecting quorum. If overruled by state law then we abide by state law.
  - Christman: we have to look at the effect, not the intent of a motion.

- Rowe: Chair rules in favor of Christman's POO
- Rowe: will be speaking with election-law attorney and Sec. of State Read.
- *Burke: in light of these intended inquiries, I move to postpone the motion to a future meeting. Busse seconds.*
- Feintech POI? Was this \*just\* discovered? A: Just learned about the RRoO aspect. Burke: I don't think Christman's interpretation is correct.
- Christman: will put \$100 toward attorney fees.
- Busse: Would like to see people who are pushing for the changes to make efforts to fundraise. Acknowledge that the bylaws are hindering us but we're doing what we can.
- Vanden Berg: Don't think Busse's comment is fair. We should decide this issue first before we decide whether the members who support this proposal are acting in support of the party or not according to Busse's POV
- Burke: I'm good at fundraising, but I want to believe in the organization before recommending any donors. I don't believe in this organization based around these bylaws.
- Rowe: Does the majority want to take this action tonight? I prefer to seek legal counsel, because I think Christman may have a point.
- Burke: POI, if you want to finish, vote no on the motion to postpone, then a motion can be made to appeal.
- Voting Aye:
  - Joe Christman y
  - Matt Rowe y
  - Rob Rhodes y
  - Benjamin Feintech y
  - Sonja Feintech y
  - Tom Busse y
  - Peter VandenBerg y
  - Michelle Binker y
- Voting Nay: Burke
- **Motion to postpone the motion to approve the Cox plan carries.**
- LPO Retreat - hoping to have a program soon.
  - Races to target 2026
  - Fundraising plan
  - Duty assignments and plans of action
  - Volunteer recruitment; outreach calendar
  - Legislative session planning/ballot measures positions
  - Food and booze

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10. *Adjournment motion made by Burke, seconded by Rhodes.* No objection. **Motion carries.**  
8:40 p.m.

Update Motion Tracker.



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Via [Zoom](#)

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B. Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse

C. Vice Chairman's Report: Joe Christman

D. Chairman's Report: Matt Rowe

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B. LPO Retreat

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## **10. Adjournment**

- Update [Motion Tracker](#).

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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