

Libertarian Party of Oregon

Minutes from January 22nd, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Held at the Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton

Approved 2018-02-12

Call to Order

The January meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday, January 22nd, at 7:00pm at the Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton, Oregon, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present

Lars Hedbor
Kyle Markley
Jennifer Mendenhall
Nicole Nowlin
Gary Dye

Remote Participants

Timothy Perkins
Wes Wagner
Josh Hunking
Drew Layda

Observers

Michelle Bird

Absent

Jeff Weston
Erik Sippel

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes

- The December minutes were presented and approved without objection.

Consent Agenda

- There was no agenda.

Open Forum

- Guest Michelle Bird is interested in volunteering for some committees, including the website rebuilding committee and membership development committee.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Chair
 - The full text of the report is available in Appendix A.
 - Lars inquired about IP28. Kyle submitted a petition to the Supreme Court, a response was received, and the reply is in progress.
- Vice Chair
 - The vice chair's schedule has opened up to catch up on a variety of committee work.
 - "Taxation remains theft."
- Treasurer
 - The current bank balance is \$ 3615.08. There are some issues with our merchant account that need to be resolved before proceeding with fundraising due to information requirements.
- Fundraising Committee
 - The newsletter went out to the email listserv. Feedback is appreciated before the next one.
 - Drew is joining the fundraising the committee.
 - Josh would like to plan a high end fundraising dinner quarter 3 or next year.
- Member Development Committee
 - There was no report.
- Bylaws Committee
 - There has been no work.

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- CRM Committee
 - CRM committee will proceed with the National Builder purchase when the website is running.
- Website Rebuilding Committee
 - Michelle Bird was added to the committee. Timothy is debugging and fine tuning. It will be ready soon.
- Affiliate Development Committee
 - There has been no work.
- Public Relations Committee
 - The chair circulated a second draft of the election announcement mailer. Feedback is due immediately so as not to hold up mailing.
- Candidate Development Committee
 - Kyle updated our elections database structure and added the partisan County Commissioner offices (10 of 36 counties) and recorded which of those positions were open in 2018. Thanks to Lars for finding that information. We need to get a web page online that queries the candidate list from the database.

Special Orders

- There were none.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- There were none.

New Business

- National convention delegate policy
 - The text of the policy and motion for approval is in Appendix B.
 - The motion was unanimously approved.
- Election announcement authorization
 - The text of the authorization for approval is in Appendix C.
 - Jennifer seconded and the roll call vote passed.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	Y	Wes Wagner	Y	Timothy Perkins	Y
Lars Hedbor	Y	Kyle Markley	Y	Erik Sippel	A
Josh Hunking	Y	Jennifer Mendenhall	Y	Drew Layda	Y

Open Forum

- Lars brought up the National Party vice chair's comments regarding sexual consent and the image of the party. He will draft a censure letter to release with party approval.

Next Board Meeting

After discussion, Kyle Markley moved to set the next board meeting for Monday, February 12th, and the following for Monday, March 5th, at the Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton, Oregon, at 7pm, with chair having authority to select a new date and venue. Jennifer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 pm.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A

Chairperson's Report

Kyle Markley

Last year, HB 2586 was signed into law, and it goes into effect this year. That bill exempts fees paid for submitting Candidate Statements in the Voters' Pamphlet from counting toward the contributions and expenditures limits that trigger campaign finance regulations. For most of our candidates, this is their largest expense, and this exemption will let them worry less about campaign finance compliance. When I was on the campaign finance reform task force, I shared the story of one of our 2016 candidates who decided not to submit a Candidate Statement purely due to worry over campaign finance compliance. I think that this bill was a consequence of that story.

I met one-on-one with Richard Burke to discuss our different visions for how to reconcile the factions. We are getting closer, and he has been working on language for a joint resolution. I am impressed by how far his group has been willing to move. The most significant point of disagreement is their insistence on the existence of a coordinating committee to settle disputes.

On January 11 I received a cease and desist letter from the organization "Nasty Women Get Shit Done PDX" alleging unauthorized use of their copyrighted work "In Our America". The letter did not show their work, or our alleged use, so I asked for details. They replied with a photograph that appears to have been taken at our Lucky Lab social event, where there were signs patterned after an American flag with text in all the fields, and their work which shares the same basic description. The signs depicted in the photograph were very clearly not of their graphic; the words and font and graphic elements were different. I informed them that the signs were not created through any official act of the LPO and that materials brought by private individuals to a social gathering are outside of our control. I told them that if they wish to pursue copyright claims, they should do so with the creator of those signs. I did not share my opinion that their claim of copyright infringement is without merit. I have not received a response.

Sadly, we failed to make an end-of-year fundraising appeal based on the Oregon Political Tax Credit. I got many e-mails from other political organizations doing this.

Everything else I have to report will come later in the course of the meeting.

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Appendix B

National Convention Delegate Policy

Motion proposed by Kyle Markley

Earlier this month, Kyle circulated a proposed policy for selecting the national convention delegates. He moves to adopt that proposal, as follows:

This policy defines the process for becoming an Oregon delegate to the 2018 Libertarian Party National Convention.

Any member of the Libertarian Party of Oregon may request to become an Oregon delegate by contacting any director or officer, or by contacting the Party by postal mail. The Party shall maintain a list of interested members, the "delegate pool".

The board of directors shall from time to time vote to designate individuals from the delegate pool to be members of the Oregon delegation as a "delegate" or "alternate", limited by the number of positions afforded to us in each category by the national Libertarian Party.

If the size of the delegate pool at the end of March is smaller than the number of available positions, then the entire delegate pool at that time is automatically added to the Oregon delegation, first as delegates, then as alternates, in the order that the individuals' requests are received.

Requests by delegates to withdraw from the delegation are accepted automatically.

The board of directors may vote to recategorize people between delegate and alternate to give preference to those who confirm that they have booked travel or other convention-related expenses.

The Oregon delegation chair shall be Drew Layda.

The Oregon delegation may vote to fill vacancies at the convention, and such new delegates are not required to be members of the Libertarian Party of Oregon.

Appendix C

Election Announcement Authorization

Motion proposed by Kyle Markley

We received an estimate of \$9,190.25 to print and mail 19,000 election announcement letters consisting of two letter-sized sheets, a return envelope, and an outer envelope. That's a unit cost of \$0.484. Historically, this letter brings us the bulk of our candidates and significant donations. The actual cost will vary because the 19,000 quantity was just an estimate of our membership because we didn't have the current membership list yet.

Because we don't have this much cash on hand, Kyle proposes to pay for the letter and be reimbursed later.

Kyle moves to authorize spending up to \$10,000 to fund our 2018 primary election announcement mailer.