

Libertarian Party of Oregon

Minutes from June 11th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
Held at Elmer's, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave, Beaverton, OR 97006
Approved 2018-07-16

Call to Order

The May meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday, June 11th, 2018 at 7:00pm at Elmer's, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave, Beaverton, OR 97006, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present

Lars Hedbor
Kyle Markley
Jennifer Mendenhall
Drew Layda
Timothy Perkins
Gary Dye

Absent

Jeff Weston
Wes Wagner
Josh Hunking
Nicole Nowlin

Observers

Joshua Smith
Adam Zielinski
Sara Wolk

Remote

Michelle Binker

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was changed to add remarks from Joshua Smith and a change to the delegation policy. The changes were approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes

- The May minutes were presented and approved without objection.

Consent Agenda

- The items from the Consent Agenda were added to the minutes, motion by the Chair and seconded by Lars Hedbor. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Consent Agenda is located in Appendix A

Open Forum

- No comments were made on agenda items.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Chair
 - See Appendix B
 - Timothy said that he was ready to help manage the contact@lporegon.org email inbox now that he was back in Oregon and settled in.
- Vice Chair
 - The Vice Chair posted in Oregon libertarian social media groups to see if there were registered Libertarians interested in serving as delegates to NOLA18.
 - The Vice Chair met with Carolyn Wade and LPO Director Michelle Binker to discuss the reconciliation proposal.
 - Taxation remains theft.
- Treasurer
 - The current checking account balance is \$6,821.09
 - Post office box renewal is due August 31, 2018. Last year it was \$198.
 - Timothy moved to authorize the Treasurer to spend up to \$250 to renew the P.O. Box. The motion was approved unanimously by those present, as shown below:

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

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- Fundraising Committee
 - o There was no report
- Member Development Committee
 - o There was no report
- Bylaws Committee
 - o There was no report
- CRM Implementation Committee
 - o Nothing new since last meeting. Login credentials will be given out to board members.
- Website Rebuilding Committee
 - o There was no major work done, but references to the ongoing primary were updated.
- Affiliate Development Committee
 - o Plugging along, proposal of policy will hopefully be presented before National Convention. Timothy provided a couple printed copies of the current draft of the policy for board members to look at and make suggestions on.
- Public Relations Committee
 - o No new work; there are a lot of persons who want to enter the FB group, but requirements aren't listed on the group. Lars said that Wes (who created the group) wanted to allow registered Libertarians from anywhere, but that anyone from Oregon could be allowed in.
 - o Timothy would like to start a new group exclusively for active LPO members to discuss party-related activities and drive engagement. This will be deferred until the affiliate policy has been implemented to increase engagement.
- Candidate Development Committee
 - o There was no report. Once the primary is over we will have more to do.
- Primary Election Operations Committee
 - o See Appendix B

Special Orders

- There were none.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Timothy made a point of order that one of the items "Statement to LNC Credentials Committee" on the agenda under "New Business" was an email motion that had not been completed and therefore properly belonged under "Unfinished Business." The discussion was moved to the correct part of the agenda.
- A letter to the Convention Committee was discussed. The vote was 4-4 in email balloting before the meeting, with the chair withholding his vote until the meeting.
 - o Lars spoke opposed and pointed out that the act of sending a joint delegation is a statement in itself. He also expressed that Mr. Burke is likely to use a statement to leverage himself into a favorable position.

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- o Gary said that it's not about throwing bones to Mr. Burke but that Mr. Burke will take advantage of anything he can get ahold of. If a letter is sent it should contain nothing that is possible to misconstrue.
- o Drew says that Mr. Burke has shown his colors. All this letter says is that we have done what we have done. Oregon needs to demonstrate that we're playing ball and that Mr. Burke is doing the troublemaking. Mr. Burke is less likely to cause trouble if we send the letter.
- o Timothy said that a letter would lower the likelihood of Mr. Burke acting out at Convention, but that the current letter was too conciliatory to the point of untruth.
- o Lars suggested the following edits:
 - “Contains both factions”
 - “the entire delegation has agreed”
 - “We welcome them as registered Libertarians in Oregon”
- o Kyle cast the last vote against the motion, killing it. He then referred the motion back to the board for amendment and an email vote.

New Business

- Joshua Smith told the board about his background and his run for LNC Chair.
- Drew moved to add Gary Dye to the Alternates list for the National Delegation. Timothy seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- A motion for amending the delegation membership policy to make it harder to change the delegation (supermajority to remove, unanimous to remove delegation chair, majority to add, may resign) was deferred to email, as time for the room was running out and exact wording was not available.

Open Forum

- Lars informed the board that Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Mr. Richardson has been diagnosed with a tumor in his brain. He moved to send a get well note, which was unanimously approved. It will be drafted by Lars and sent to the board for final approval via email.
- Adam Zielinski and Sara Wolk informed the board on a petition in Multnomah and Lane counties to implement the use of Star Voting system and encouraged the board to consider endorsing the voting system and/or using it for LPO elections.

Next Board Meeting

It was moved to defer setting the next meeting to an email motion.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Consent Agenda

On May 18, Kyle Markley made a motion by e-mail, seconded by Timothy Perkins, which passed 6-0-3:

I move to designate every person in the national convention delegate pool, who has not already been designated as a delegate or an alternate, to be designated as an alternate.

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Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	y	Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	a
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	a	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	a

On May 19, Kyle Markley made three motions by e-mail, seconded by Josh Hunking, which all passed 9-0-0:

I move that the LPO be opposed to 2020 Initiative Petition #1.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	y	Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	y

I move that the board authorize Kyle Markley to submit public comments in the names of those voting in favor of this motion and in the name of the LPO to the Secretary of State concerning 2020 Initiative Petition #1's satisfaction of procedural constitutional requirements and the legal sufficiency of its draft ballot title.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	y	Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	y

I move that the board authorize Kyle Markley to send our 2020 Initiative Petition #1 comments, possibly still in draft form, to people who in his estimation may help to defeat the initiative.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	y	Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	y

On May 22, Wes Wagner made a motion by e-mail, seconded by Lars Hedbor, which failed 1-6-2:

[I move] to suspend all reunification efforts.

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Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	n	Josh Hunking	a	Jennifer Mendenhall	n
Gary Dye	n	Drew Layda	n	Timothy Perkins	n
Lars Hedbor	n	Kyle Markley	a	Wes Wagner	y

On May 28, Kyle Markley made a motion by e-mail, seconded by Gary Dye, which passed 9-0-0:

I move to amend the 2018 Primary Election Rules §III(A)(1) as follows:
Change text: LPO Election Day changes from June 12 to June 26

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker	y	Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	y

Appendix B

Chairperson's Report Kyle Markley

Miscellaneous PAC 16869 held a press conference about the legislative special session. It got some expected media coverage, and some unexpected media coverage – one reporter was interested in writing an article about the longstanding conflict over bylaws and leadership. <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/395142-288479-libertarians-on-the-road-to-resolving-split>

There was considerable outside pressure to work on reconciliation, which I ultimately had to push back on very sternly in order to prioritize work related to our primary election.

I have heard from many members who are upset that none of our three candidates for Governor submitted a candidate statement and none have much of an online presence. They are justifiably bothered that they can't find any information about these candidates in order to make a decision about them.

The final Region 1 formation agreement is not available yet, so I haven't been able to sign it yet.

The Secretary of State's office notified us that they are working on a bill for the 2019 session relating to political parties, and especially minor political parties. They are soliciting our input, and several board members have indicated interest in providing some.

I would appreciate someone else helping with the contact@ e-mail box. I have been unable to keep up with it.

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Protecting political speech

Litigation over 2018 Initiative Petition #28 has concluded. The ballot title approved by the Oregon Supreme Court in *Markley/Lutz v. Rosenblum* is enormously less favorable to the petitioners than the one they started with, and was the very strong foundation for the ballot title given to the successor initiative petition (2020 IP 1). And interestingly, this litigation appears to be the first time that the Oregon Supreme Court has explicitly stated that contributions to political committees from corporations and unions (as well as individuals) are protected by the Oregon Constitution.

Petitioners could not gather signatures until litigation was over, and the process was so lengthy (Dec. 28 until May 18) that there's no chance petitioners will get it on the ballot for 2018.

I wrote comments to the Attorney General and Secretary of State regarding 2020 IP 1. We've argued better than last time that the initiative violates the separate-vote requirement, and comments from our co-traveler arguing the same conclusion had both useful overlaps and different arguments. We're also asking for minor changes to the draft ballot title.