

## Libertarian Party of Oregon

Minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

McMenamin's Cedar Hills, Beaverton, OR

Approved 2018-09-24

### Call to Order

The August meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:04pm at McMenamin's, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

#### Present

Michelle Binker  
Lars Hedbor  
Kyle Markley  
Jennifer Mendenhall  
Drew Kayda  
Nicole Nowlin  
Gary Dye

#### Observers

Richard Burke  
Nick Chen  
Kamden Layda  
Tim Sippel

#### Absent

Jeff Weston  
Wes Wagner  
Josh Hunking  
Timothy Perkins

#### Remote

Jake Pelroy (observer)

### Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved without objection.

### Approval of Minutes

- The July minutes were presented and approved without objection.

### Consent Agenda

- There was none.

### Open Forum

- Richard Burke requested to table the reconciliation report from Josh for next month for more review. He also reminded the board Western Liberty Network has free candidate training.
- Jake Pelroy provided a campaign update for Teri Grier, who received the Libertarian nomination, to the board.

### Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Chair
  - The full text of the report is available in Appendix A.
- Vice Chair
  - There was no report.
  - Taxation is theft.
- Treasurer
  - The current bank balance is \$1811.43.
- Fundraising Committee
  - There was no report.
- Member Development Committee
  - Tim Sippel should have messages from Drew, Lars, and Kyle by the weekend to get the volunteer information he is to compile.
- Bylaws Committee
  - There has been no work.
- CRM Committee

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- o There was no report.
- Website Rebuilding Committee
  - o The Word Press child theme is still pending.
- Affiliate Development Committee
  - o There was no report.
- Public Relations Committee
  - o There was no report.
- Candidate Development Committee
  - o The full text of the report is in Appendix B. Kyle moved to dissolve the candidate development committee. Lars seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Primary Election Operations Committee
  - o The full text of the report is in Appendix C. Lars moved to dissolve and Jennifer seconded. Unanimously approved.

### Special Orders

- There were none.

### Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Discussion of Method for Reconciliation - Postponed

### New Business

- Nomination of Randell Carlson
  - o The full text of the business is in Appendix D.
  - o Kyle moved to approve and Lars seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Political Party Statement for the Voters' Pamphlet
  - o The full text of the statement is in Appendix E.
  - o Lars motioned to adopt as written. Kyle seconded. Lars moved to amend the statement to replace the word "retard" with "restrain." The amendment was seconded by Jennifer. Unanimously approved amendment. The meetup link will also be removed due to the LPO not controlling that platform. Unanimously approved amended statement.
  - o Lars moved to approve the \$1200 expenditure to place the statement. Seconded by Drew. Approved via roll call vote.

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

- Creation of 2019 Convention Committee
  - o The full text of the motion is in Appendix F.
  - o Drew Layda will be chair. Jennifer, Lars, Nicole, and Michelle will be in the committee. The committee will have the power to add new members.
  - o Kyle motioned, Lars seconded. Unanimously approved.

### Open Forum

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- In response to a question, the board clarified its ability to support candidates, issues, and voting measures. There are rules in the bylaws that prohibit support for issues.
- In response to a Facebook request during the meeting, Lars motioned to nominate Frank Brannen for Jackson County Commissioner Position 1. Kyle seconded. Unanimously approved.

### Next Board Meeting

After discussion, Kyle Markley moved to set the next board meeting for Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Elmer's in Beaverton. The Chairperson has the authority to reschedule. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18pm.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A

#### Chairperson's Report

Kyle Markley

I have kept very busy with sending letters to our primary election winners and processing the returned nomination forms. As of August 13, I had submitted 30 nominations (23 members, 7 fusion). Three people were ineligible due to the length-of-residency requirement, and four have needed to be resubmitted due to missing information. The Elections Division has been relatively slow to process our nominations. I have 6 more nomination forms ready to notarize and submit.

The national LP set a goal for 2,000 candidates in 2018. By Oregon's 1.27% share of the US population, we meet our share of that goal at 26 candidates.

Follow-through from the primary winners has been poor. This can be expected from write-ins, but it has been poor even from candidates who registered for the primary election. There are about 30 races for which we had a winner but where the winner has not submitted their nomination paperwork. I've contacted the runners-up, but for many of these races there was no runner-up.

Free speech update: In my personal capacity, I've submitted a ballot measure argument against Portland City measure 26-200 to appear in the Voters' Pamphlets for Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties. It was fun to quote from the opinion in my own Oregon Supreme Court case. Also in my personal capacity, I've filed a lawsuit against the Secretary of State's decision that 2020 Initiative Petition 1 meets the constitutional procedural requirements.

### Appendix B

#### Candidate Development Committee Report

Prepared by Kyle Markley

There has been only light interest in candidate training sessions, so we are unlikely to hold any events.

All the Libertarian general election candidates who have returned their nomination forms are included in a Google Group. Discussions there have been primarily about candidate statements.

We should consider dissolving this committee.

### Appendix C

#### Primary Election Operations Committee Report

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Prepared by Kyle Markley

Kyle used the tiebreaking decisions and data from our previous meeting to contact the appropriate candidates. We resolved the race for Governor in favor of Nick Chen.

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### Appendix D

#### Nomination of Randell Carlson

Kyle Markley

Randell Carlson won our primary election in HD10. However, he had moved to HD32 without updating his voter registration. He has lived there long enough to meet the residency requirement, and we have no other candidate for HD32.

I move to nominate Randell Carlson for State Representative, district 32.

### Appendix E

#### Political Party Statement for the Voters' Pamphlet

Gary Dye

Gary Dye accepted the challenge to draft this year's general election political party statement. The proposed text follows, and ORESTAR counts it at 648 words. The filing fee is \$1,200. We will need motions to approve both the text and the expenditure.

Whether you are conservative, liberal, or moderate, the time has come to vote for Libertarians.

You wanted your government to reflect your values, and help you build a society having those values. Liberals believe in individuals having social freedoms, and resent government interference in that; but also believe in government having strong control over the economy. On the contrary, Conservatives believe in economic freedoms, resenting government interference in that; but also believe in government having strong control over social issues and behaviors. The moderate/centrist (non-extremist) Democrats and Republicans believe in both liberal governmental economic controls and conservative social controls, and not so much in their freedoms. And so, Liberals have voted for Democrats to try to make their government liberal, while Conservatives have voted for Republicans to try to make their government conservative. The result is not liberal or conservative government, but stalemate. Yes, our government swings more liberal or more conservative from time to time, but we can now conclude that neither Liberals nor Conservatives will ever be able to establish or sustain a liberal or conservative government.

So, what are you getting instead of liberalism or conservatism by voting for Liberals/Democrats or Conservatives/Republicans? Since both ideologies/parties ultimately believe in the goodness of government controls and force, more so than the goodness of individual freedom and volunteerism, we are getting more government control over both social behaviors and economic matters, and less individual freedom and volunteerism. Bipartisan compromise – helped along by moderates/centrists within both parties – has consisted of agreeing to governmental social controls for the Conservatives and economic controls for the Liberals, and not agreeing to social or economic freedoms for individuals. We are moving toward total control of society, both social and economic, by the government – totalitarianism. Liberals, Con-

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servatives, and moderates/centrists are effectively leading their parties and our government, through compromise, collaboration, and cooperation, to a bipartisan totalitarian government, leaving individual freedoms and the free market in their wake.

Proof of our march toward a totalitarian government is a \$4.4 trillion federal budget, \$1 trillion deficit, \$21 trillion debt, \$trillions of unfunded Social Security and Medicare and federal pension liabilities, and equally bloated state and local budgets and unfunded liabilities (government pensions). All this money is for more government employees, allowing more and more governmental control over our lives and economy. Where will this end? Either a full totalitarian state, or a bankrupt state, as creditors stop purchasing the loans that fund our budget, deficit, and debt.

But there exists another form of centrist – the Libertarians. We believe in the social freedoms espoused by Liberals and the economic freedoms espoused by Conservatives. We are against the social governmental controls of the Conservatives and the economic governmental controls of the Liberals. We want to lead the Democrats and Republicans to social and economic freedoms through compromise, collaboration, and cooperation, and away from total governmental control. We want a libertarian government and society, not one that is totalitarian.

Libertarians believe that government is needed to retard the unwanted use of force by others against your life, liberty, or property. We do not believe that government should initiate force to achieve social or economic ideals or goals. We believe you should be as free as possible to live your life, as long as you do not infringe upon others' freedom in doing so – government should not interfere. We have many ideas on how to best transform our country from dependency on government, to one that is based on freedom and volunteerism. We believe in the goodness of Humanity itself, and one that does not need the care, consent, or force of its government.

This is why you should vote Libertarians into office. Only a few of us are needed to guide Democrats and Republicans to freedom and liberty, and away from bondage and tyranny. Trust us – we'll do it.

<http://lporegon.org>  
<http://www.lp.org/platform/>  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/lporegon/>  
<http://www.meetup.com/libertarian-365/>

### Appendix F

#### Creation of 2019 Convention Committee Kyle Markley

Our 2017 convention was planned too late, poorly advertised, and lightly attended. We must do better for 2019, and that means starting sooner. We should create a convention committee now, and ask it to deliver a convention planning schedule of milestones by our next board meeting.