

Libertarian Party of Oregon

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Minutes from Mar. 25th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
Elmer's, Beaverton, OR

Call to Order

The March meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday, March 25th, at 7:07pm at Elmer's, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present

Katy Brumbelow
Lars Hedbor
Kyle Markley
Jennifer Mendenhall
Timothy Perkins

Remote

Michelle Binker
Gary Dye
Nicole Nowlin
Carolyn Wade

Observers

Ted Yanez
John Lundy
Nick Chen

Absent

Drew Layda
Wes Wagner

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved with correction.

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved with correction.

Consent Agenda

- There was none.

Open Forum

Carolyn discussed the bylaws amendments especially as it relates to the reconciliation efforts with the Misc PAC.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Chair

The full text of the report is available in Appendix A.

Vice Chair

The full text of the report is available in Appendix B.

Treasurer

Our current balance is \$3295.41.

The Treasurer position will be available in the coming election as Jennifer is stepping down.

Fundraising Committee

There are current conversations about fundraising opportunities including an auction or 50/50 raffle at the convention. Drew is no longer on the fundraising committee. The overall response was not negative to the ideas. The committee will need donations.

Member Development Committee

There was no report.

Bylaws Committee

At our last board meeting we decided to send proposals 1-4, 7-13, and 15 to the convention. We'll discuss proposals 5-6, 14, and 16 today. A small amount of mostly supportive feedback has been received from members.

CRM Committee

There was no report.

Website Rebuilding Committee

The full text of the report is available in Appendix C.

Affiliate Committee

The full text of the report is Available in Appendix D.

Public Relations Committee

The full text of the report is available in Appendix E.

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Kyle Pitts was added to the PR committee.

2019 Convention

Drew spent time untangling the terms of the contract which had resulted from Katy Brumbelow's December inquiry. Speakers are being lined up.

2019 Director Election

The full text of the report is in Appendix F.

A stuffing party will be needed for ballots. Volunteers were requested.

Special Orders

- There were none.

New Business

LNC Region 1 Alternate Vacancy

The full text of options is available in Appendix G.

Milwaukie High School Class Visit

Katy Brumbelow is going to represent the LPO.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Bylaws Committee Proposals

The full text of the proposals is in Appendix H.

Proposal #5 – No objections; forward to the convention.

Proposal #6 – Postponed (*and removed from minutes*)

Proposal #14 – Postponed (*and removed from minutes*)

Proposal #16 – Declined.

Open Forum

- Some observers are interested in reviewing the affiliate drafts that have yet to be published.

Next Board Meeting

After discussion, Kyle Markley moved to set the next board meeting for Monday, April 22nd, at Elmer's in Beaverton. The Chairperson has the authority to reschedule. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34pm.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Chairperson's Report

I have no Party business to report aside from what will be covered in committee reports.

I want to thank the Affiliate Committee for the engagement they've had this month with members interested in county affiliates.

Free speech update: I went to Salem to testify before a joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Campaign Finance and the House Committee on Rules. They were holding public hearings on potential constitutional amendment referrals that would permit censorship of political speech and further invasion of privacy: [HJR13](#) and [SJR18](#), among other things. The four minutes I was given to speak were insufficient to deliver my whole testimony. Even with a few additional minutes later, I got through less than half of it. But my written testimony is part of the record.

Appendix B

Vice Chair's Report

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Pendleton Convention

I attended the LPO-PAC#16869 convention in Pendleton on the 16th. The business portion of the convention was short, limited to officer reports, two bylaws amendments, and officer election. The officers are Tim Reeves as Chair, Ian Epstein as Vice Chair, Gregory Burnett as Secretary, and Richard Burke as Treasurer.

Membership Engagement

I have engaged with dozens of Oregon libertarians, mostly in the capacity of my various roles on committees. Of particular note, however, was a promising encounter with a registered Libertarian that founded a Facebook group about gun rights with great success.

Defend the 2nd Rally

On March 23rd I and several thousand Oregon gun owners attended a rally on the Capitol Mall in support of their right to bear arms, and in protest of several gun control bills in the Oregon Legislature. I'm personally aware of several other Libertarians that attended the event.

Taxation remains theft.

Appendix C

Report for Website Committee

Prepared by Timothy Perkins (committee chair)

Meetings:

No meetings were held.

Work Done:

- I have gained access to the NationBuilder, but don't have account permissions to connect forms on the website to automatically feed into NationBuilder. At the moment, data for new forms is sent to my email instead. I've not replaced any old forms yet because of this.
- Pages related to the Policy on Affiliated Organizations were updated, though more work remains to be done.
- As a reminder, the child theme is active as of January (someone wondered).

Committee Participation:

The membership of this committee is:

Timothy Perkins (chair), Kyle Markley, Lars Hedbor, Garrett Leeds, Michelle Bird

Appendix D

Report for Affiliate Development Committee

Prepared by Timothy Perkins (committee chair)

Meetings

No meetings have been held.

Policy on Affiliated Organizations:

The policy has been distributed and well received. It is also up on the website.

Interested individuals

At the moment I have a list of 35 libertarians that have confirmed their interest in helping to start county parties. I have helped them to network with each other within their counties and will be following up with all over the next few weeks and months as we work to get the county organizations started.

Membership

Timothy Perkins (committee chair), Kyle Markley, Garrett Leeds, Michelle Binker, Mike Montchalin, and Drew Layda

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Appendix E

Report for Public Relations Committee Prepared by Timothy Perkins (committee chair)

Meetings

No meetings were held.

Twitter:

I asked Twitter nicely and they gave us back the @lporegon Twitter account (okay, it was a tad more involved than that).

Newsletters:

One newsletter has been sent out with regard to the Director election. Two more newsletters will be sent out over the next week or two regarding county parties and the state convention.

Facebook group:

The members-only Facebook group has been created and garnered quite a bit of interest despite not being broadly announced yet. Again, the purpose of this group is to have internal party discussions away from the eyes of the media and members of other parties.

Facebook page:

We have had a volunteer (Kyle Pitts) step forward to help with regularly posting on the LPO Facebook page to drive engagement. None of the PR Committee members had any objection to his being added.

From his volunteer application email:

“I noticed that the Facebook Page has not been posted on since February and I am a Social Media Platform Manager for Think Liberty Network and have helped on several Pages. I know I can grow the Page and keep it relevant without being a complete edgelord. I can represent both AnCaps and Minarchists alike as well. I am not asking to run the Page, but would like to be able to help!”

MOTION: To add Kyle Pitts to the Public Relations Committee

Membership:

Timothy Perkins (chair), Kyle Markley, Nicole Nowlin, Michelle Binker, Lars Hedbor, Katy Brumbelow. This committee does NOT have the ability to add its own members.

Appendix F

2019 Director Election **Kyle Markley**

We currently have 9 candidates for the director election, 7 have paid for mailed candidate statements, and 4 have submitted candidate statements. The filing deadline is March 31. Our upcoming tasks are:

- Publish candidate statements on our website
- Write the ballot materials
- Print, stuff, and mail ballots
- Process returned ballots
- Announce results

Appendix G

LNC Region 1 Vacancy **Kyle Markley**

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LNC Region 1 alternate Craig Bowden has resigned. There are 9 applicants to fill the vacancy:

- Adams, Johnny
- Burke, Richard
- Daniels, Jeff
- Dunn, A. Blair
- Layda, Drew
- McFarland, Michael
- Mulder, Eric
- Olivi, Jim
- Treibert, James

Region 1 state chairs are electing the replacement by approval voting by the end of the month.

Appendix H

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Proposal #5: Require Mail Ballot to Amend Bylaws

Background

The current requirement for 1% attendance in convention (about 200 people) to amend bylaws immediately exists to prevent a hostile takeover of the party. Eliminating this protection puts us at risk.

Rationale

A convention quorum small enough to easily achieve is also small enough to enable a hostile takeover.

Text of proposed change

Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws by striking Article 13, Section 1, subsection (A) and striking “attended by less than 1% of all voting members” from subsection (B). If conflicting proposals #4 and #5 are both approved, only the one receiving the most votes will be adopted, and the other will be dropped, with a tie vote broken in favor of #5.

Proposal #16: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Background

In 2011, the Libertarian Party of Oregon replaced its bylaws, but this also led to a long-running legal dispute. The First and Fourteenth Amendment place significant constraints on the ability of courts to settle internal disputes of political parties (as opposed to other kinds of organizations). Consequently, internal disputes must be resolved by political means, rather than by judicial means.

Rationale

Private third-party mediation and arbitration provide a judicially-enforceable means of resolving disputes.

Text of proposed change

Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws by appending a new Article as follows:

Article 15 – Dispute Resolution

If a dispute arises from or relates to these Constitution and Bylaws or the breach thereof, and if the dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the parties agree to endeavor first to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association before resorting to arbitration settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The place of arbitration shall be Oregon. The arbitration shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon. The arbitrators may determine how the costs and expenses of the arbitration shall be allocated between the parties, but they shall not award attorneys' fees. The award of the arbitrators shall be accompanied by a reasoned opinion.