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Minutes from May 13th, 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 13th, at 7:01pm at Elmer's, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present

Katy Brumbelow
Kyle Markley
Timothy Perkins
Gary Dye

Remote

Wes Wagner
Michelle Binker 7:44pm

Observers

Tim Sippel
Carolyn Wade
Bruce Wilson
Jack Oeming
John Lundy
Don Crawford

Absent

Drew Layda
Lars Hedbor
Jennifer Mendenhall

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without amendment.

Approval of Minutes

- The March minutes were approved with a correction to delete a paragraph fragment in the PR committee report.
- The April minutes were approved with a correction on the motion to continue funding the Nationbuilder until the LPO is integrated in National LP's CRM software.

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 Committees

Chair - skipped

Vice Chair - Has been doing committee work and member engagement. Taxation remains theft.

Treasurer - skipped

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2019 Director Election Committee Report

The director election mailing had some errors. The Voters' Guide was collated incorrectly (in page order 1-2-4-3-6-5-7) and the #10 return envelopes were printed skewed. Election day is tomorrow.

I have started to browse the source code for the election software and sent some questions to Jeff. We need to schedule our ballot processing event.

Bylaws Committee Report

I recommend rescinding the proposal to authorize a state-conducted primary. SB 226 does not appear to be going anywhere this session, so our amendment wouldn't be useful, and would take time away from other amendments.

At the last meeting we were still interested in hearing Jeff's input regarding the electronic meetings amendment proposal. Unfortunately, I still have not received any. I recommend sending the proposal to the convention and recommending that the next board not adopt a parliamentary authority.

At the last meeting we tabled the proposed amendment to create a category of sustaining members. The room seemed negative on it, and there were no suggestions by e-mail, so it has not returned. Our next board meeting will obviously be the last chance to bring new text.

Timothy Perkins submitted three proposals which we will cover in new business.

2019 Convention Committee Report

Drew Layda was not present to deliver his committee chair report.

Drew has previously said he would provide a projector.

There should be speakers and microphones provided by hotel.

We need to tell people that no food will be provided.

No advertising other than phone banking and actions already taken planned on.

Special Orders

There were none.

New Business and Unfinished Business and General Orders

2005 Party Platform

In our Facebook group, Richard Burke posted a Dropbox link to the LPO's 2005 platform. He indicated that 2005 was the most recent convention at which the platform had been amended in convention. This dates from before my involvement with the LPO and despite my recent years of involvement, I was not aware that we had any platform at all. We should discuss its current

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validity and consider bringing it up at our convention.

Wes will look into whether the old platform was eliminated via proviso at the time of the 2011 bylaws changes.

Bylaws Amendment Proposals

Kyle Markley brought up rescinding the proposal already forwarded to the convention that dealt with state-run primaries. Katy Brumbelow motioned to rescind the proposal and Kyle seconded. The motion succeeded with one nay vote from the vice chair.

Gary Dye had previously been interested in putting forward a proposal to create a dues-paying subset of LPO membership, but the draft put forward previously had not been forwarded to convention by the board. Gary declined to renew the effort, stating that the sunset of Oregon's Political Tax Credit made the concept less attractive.

The board then considered bylaws amendment proposals 1-4 (full text following descriptions of the motions):

- Katy Brumbelow moved and Gary Dye seconded sending Proposal #1 to the convention. The motion succeeded with one nay from the Vice Chair.
- Kyle Markley moved and Michelle Binker seconded sending Proposal #2 to the convention. The motion succeeded.
- Kyle Markley moved and Timothy Perkins seconded to send Proposal #3 to the convention and giving the bylaws committee the authority to alter already-approved proposals without changing their meaning so that all of them could be passed without conflict. The motion succeeded.
- Michelle Binker moved and Timothy Perkins seconded to send Proposal #4 to the convention. The motion succeeded

The following proposal was forwarded to the 2019 LPO state convention.

Proposal #1: Electronic Meetings

Background: The board of directors has found it useful to allow remote attendance at meetings, or fully electronic meetings when no convenient venue was available, and some votes by e-mail. The usefulness of these things has prevented us from formally adopting Robert's Rules of Order as our parliamentary authority, as those Rules do not allow teleconference or electronic meetings without specific authorization in the bylaws.

Rationale: This amendment would ensure that remote attendance at meetings and voting by e-mail would remain available even if we adopt Robert's Rules of Order as our parliamentary authority. Remote attendance makes it more viable for people who live far from the population centers of the state to serve in positions of party leadership.

Text of proposed change: Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws by modifying Article 12 to move the existing text to a section captioned "Choice of Authority" and appending a new section captioned "Remote Meetings" with the following content:

Remote attendance at meetings of any body of the LPO is permitted, provided

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that continuous audio is available. Business may be conducted by written electronic communication according to a policy adopted by the board of directors.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	Wording If Adopted
<p>Article 12 – Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>Each body of the LPO may adopt or change the parliamentary authority they use to operate by two-thirds vote.</p>	<p>Article 12 – Parliamentary Authority</p> <p><u>Sec 1: Choice of Authority</u> Each body of the LPO may adopt or change the parliamentary authority they use to operate by two-thirds vote.</p> <p><u>Sec 2: Remote Meetings</u> <u>Remote attendance at meetings of any body of the LPO is permitted, provided that continuous audio is available. Business may be conducted by written electronic communication according to a policy adopted by the board of directors.</u></p>	<p>Article 12 – Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>Sec 1: Choice of Authority Each body of the LPO may adopt or change the parliamentary authority they use to operate by two-thirds vote.</p> <p>Sec 2: Remote Meetings Remote attendance at meetings of any body of the LPO is permitted, provided that continuous audio is available. Business may be conducted by written electronic communication according to a policy adopted by the board of directors.</p>

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Proposal #2: Public Policy Authority for Board of Directors

Background: The bylaws greatly limit the authority of the board of directors to take positions on matters of public policy, with most issues out of reach. This amendment would expand that authority. Although this initially appears to be an alternative to the Public Policy Board proposal, they are actually compatible: if both are adopted, the Board of Directors would be bound by the platform developed by the Public Policy Board.

Rationale: Enable the Board of Directors to broadly address public policy outside of conventions, either as an alternative to or in addition to the Public Policy Board.

Text of proposed change: Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws with the following conforming amendments:

Strike item D from Article 5, Section 2 and insert the following two items in its place and renumbering later items:

D. Taking a position that conflicts with any LPO platform plank or standing convention resolution on any public or electoral issue, unless it directly affects the operation of the LPO, including political party laws, election laws, and campaign finance laws.

E. In the absence of an existing platform plank or standing convention resolution on the matter, taking a position that conflicts with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.

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<p>Article 5 – Board of Directors Sec 2: Authority The board of directors has full power and authority over the affairs of the LPO between conventions with the following exceptions: A. Modifying actions taken in convention. B. Defining Libertarian policy. C. Defining Libertarian platform. D. Taking a position on any public or electoral issue, unless it directly affects the operation of the LPO, including political party laws, election laws, and campaign finance laws. E. Modifying the constitution and bylaws of the LPO.</p>	<p>Article 5 – Board of Directors Sec 2: Authority The board of directors has full power and authority over the affairs of the LPO between conventions with the following exceptions: A. Modifying actions taken in convention. B. Defining Libertarian policy. C. Defining Libertarian platform. D. Taking a position <u>that conflicts with any LPO platform plank or standing convention resolution</u> on any public or electoral issue, unless it directly affects the operation of the LPO, including political party laws, election laws, and campaign finance laws. E. <u>In the absence of an existing platform plank or standing convention resolution on the matter, taking a position that conflicts with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.</u> E. Modifying the constitution and bylaws of the LPO.</p>	<p>Article 5 – Board of Directors Sec 2: Authority The board of directors has full power and authority over the affairs of the LPO between conventions with the following exceptions: A. Modifying actions taken in convention. B. Defining Libertarian policy. C. Defining Libertarian platform. D. Taking a position that conflicts with any LPO platform plank or standing convention resolution on any public or electoral issue. E. In the absence of an existing platform plank or standing convention resolution on the matter, taking a position that conflicts with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles. F. Modifying the constitution and bylaws of the LPO.</p>

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Proposal #3: Hold Conventions Annually

NOTE: This proposal interacts with the proposal to adjust the scheduling of the transitional board meeting and the proposal to change eligibility to be a director, because both mention “biennial” conventions. A motion to send this proposal to the convention should also authorize changes to those other proposals to retain their current meaning.

Background: The LPO holds biennial conventions in odd-numbered years. Holding conventions in general election years would likely increase turnout.

Rationale: Holding conventions annually gives the LPO more opportunities to conduct business in conventions and makes it more likely to make quorum.

Text of proposed change: Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws by striking “biennial” (two occurrences) and “odd-numbered” from Article 7, Section 1.

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Current Wording	Proposed Change	Wording If Adopted
Article 7 – Conventions Sec 1: Regular Biennial Convention The LPO shall hold its regular biennial business convention in the state of Oregon in the spring of each odd-numbered year, at a time and place chosen by the board of directors.	Article 7 – Conventions Sec 1: Regular Biennial Convention The LPO shall hold its regular biennial business convention in the state of Oregon in the spring of each odd-numbered year, at a time and place chosen by the board of directors.	Article 7 – Conventions Sec 1: Regular Convention The LPO shall hold its regular business convention in the state of Oregon in the spring of each year, at a time and place chosen by the board of directors.

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Proposal #4: Electronic Voting

Background: The bylaws currently allow electronic voting on an opt-in basis. The majority of members do not vote in our elections at all, so it is likely that most members would not respond to a request to opt-in. This amendment would allow electronic voting to be the default, with an opt-out to receive a mailed ballot. The cost of mailing paper ballots is the LPO’s largest expense.

Rationale: Reduce costs.

Text of proposed change: Amend the Libertarian Party of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws by striking from Article 8, Section 1(A) the paragraph beginning with “The LPO may allow” and inserting the following in its place:

The LPO may allow voting members to opt-in to implement a method of electronic voting in lieu of receiving a mailed paper ballots. Additionally a A voting member may opt instead to receive a mailed or printable paper ballot, or opt out of receiving a ballot if they choose.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	Wording If Adopted
Article 8 – Elections Sec 1: Methods of calling elections A. Regular Primary Election The LPO may allow voting members to opt-in to a method of electronic voting in lieu of receiving a paper ballot. Additionally a voting member may opt out of receiving a ballot if they choose.	Article 8 – Elections Sec 1: Methods of calling elections A. Regular Primary Election The LPO may allow voting members to opt-in to <u>implement</u> a method of electronic voting in lieu of receiving a mailed paper ballots. <u>receiving a mailed or printable paper ballot, or opt</u> out of receiving a ballot if they choose.	Article 8 – Elections Sec 1: Methods of calling elections A. Regular Primary Election The LPO may implement a method of electronic voting in lieu of mailed paper ballots. A voting member may opt instead to receive a mailed or printable paper ballot, or opt out of receiving a ballot if they choose.

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Roll call voting template (**y** = yes, **n** = no, **a** = abstain, - = absent)

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Michelle Binker		Lars Hedbor		Jennifer Mendenhall	
Katy Brumbelow		Drew Layda		Timothy Perkins	
Gary Dye		Kyle Markley		Wes Wagner	

Open Forum

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

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set at the previous meeting to this one; it will be on June 3rd at the same location at the same time.