



Minutes from April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order

The April meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 7:17 pm by Zoom, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely

Timothy Perkins
Carolyn Wade
Kyle Markley
Ted Yanez
Gary Dye
Don Crawford
Erich Garcia
Tim Sippel

Observers

Gregor Hinckley

Absent

Wes Wagner
Katy Brumbelow
Kenny Sernach

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved after the addition of two matters to the consent agenda: A. Kyle's motion to cancel the special convention, and B. Timothy's motion to cancel the April 7, 2020, Board of Directors meeting, and an addition to the New Business section: C. Formation of Primary Election Committee. The amended agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting were amended by the addition of the heading "Officer Reports," the move of "Committee Reports," the addition of Michelle Binker as an observer, and the approval of the December minutes.

The March 10, 2020 minutes were approved with several changes: Kyle and Erich were both in attendance, Nick's last name is properly spelled Kostenborder, Peter's last name is properly spelled VandenBerg, and Scott's last name is spelled Clawson.

The March minutes were then approved as amended.

Consent Agenda

- A. Kyle moved to cancel the special convention. That motion passed.
- B. Timothy moved to cancel the April 7, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. That motion passed.

Open Forum

Gregor Hinckley introduced himself as a possible State House District 29 candidate.

Reports of Officers

A. Timothy reported that he is majorly disappointed at the need to cancel the special convention. He concedes it is the right decision, but wishes it was not necessary. There has been a lot of activity in the FaceBook group, asking what is going on, how people are adjusting to government overreach. We were going to address all of that at the convention, but now we can't. He's hoping to find a way to move forward. He's preparing for civil unrest and taking care of his kids.

If it had been an odd-numbered year, we would probably have done what PAC 16869 did; call the convention to order, and then set over to another time to be determined.

Because we were not able to change the bylaws at the special convention, though, we must mail the ballots for the primary. Kyle informs us that Jeff Weston, who has contributed much toward paying our major legal bills, will contribute a large amount of money so we can mail the primary ballot to each registered Libertarian.

Taxation is still theft. (Jeffrey Epstein did not commit suicide.)

B. Don reported that he has nothing much to report in particular and needs to figure out how to use CRM better. Perhaps some volunteers could help.

- C. The Treasurer being absent, there was no Treasurer's report.
- D. Secretary's report: Carolyn reported that the minutes are current.

Reports of Boards, and Committees

A. Report of the Campaigns Director: Ted reported that there has been a boom in candidates and competitiveness. He confirmed for Gregor that there is no requirement that a candidate have lived in a district for a year before running. Ted is very excited about William Beck running in U.S. Congressional District 2. Jeffrey Schreier is looking solid for House District 45. Matthew Ricks will run in U.S. Congressional District 5 or House District 51. Don Crawford will also run in the primary for U.S. Congressional District 5, and will write himself in for House District 51 (to cover his bets in case he loses to Matthew Ricks). Angela Roman was discussed here, but I don't know what she was going to do.

Senate Race: Jodie Newell is in District 1, Gary is in the 3rd Congressional District. They will both write-in their own names for representative in the proper congressional district, so whoever doesn't come out on top for senate will have the nomination for Congress.

Ted is going to check to see if Scott Clawson is still interested.

Ted asked if the board would be comfortable if he consulted for a non-Libertarian candidate, of course not using LPO resources. The consensus was that it would not be appropriate until at least after the primary.

Gregor introduced himself—this is his first attempt at political office. He's relatively good at public speaking, thinking on his feet, and doesn't have stage fright. He was a regular Republican until moving to Oregon. He thought he was a Constitutionalist until he read the platform. He was going to come to our convention. He believes each person is sovereign. He is working on a candidate statement, and will begin working on a website as soon as he knows he is a candidate. He has been disabled for 14 years; before then, he worked in IT on a helpdesk, worked on a LAN for a bank.

- B. Fund Raising. In Katy's absence, there was no report.
- C. Public Relations. In Katy's absence, there was no report.

D. Special Convention Committee. In Katy's absence, there was no report.

E. Kyle gave the report of the Data Director by email: Election announcement postcards were paid for on March 12 and started arriving in mailboxes on March 20. The mailing list was all 19,305 LPO members as of March 3. We've received website visits from 265 members (1.37% response rate) and to my surprise those visits continue to trickle in even now more than three weeks later. I am pleased that 93% of visitors have provided an e-mail address and 58% have provided a phone number. Responders have overwhelmingly opted in to our categories of electronic communication.

I recommend against trying to set up any system for electronic voting in this year's primary election. It would be difficult to set up on short notice, and would spare very little cost, with over 98% of members having not opted in to use it.

Responses to the election announcement postcard generated 17 new people expressing interest in running for office. I added their details to the candidate database but they will not show online until they confirm that they are running. Ted and I are reaching out to them by e-mail. We currently have 13 confirmed candidates (5 fusion) and 18 potential candidates.

I have not examined the volunteering interest results much yet except to see that 22 people expressed interested in being election tellers, 16 expressed interest in organizing local groups, and 52 expressed interest in connecting with local groups.

We need to get the information raised through the election announcement postcard to the people who will use it, especially for the newsletter, affiliates, and election telling. We also need to copy the data to our CRM system. I have only poked around a little bit in that system, and would like someone more familiar with it to show me around so that I can figure out the most sensible way to copy this data.

We still have a year to get ready for the director election, which will require a much smaller number of ballots.

F. There was no report of the Bylaws Committee.

G. Timothy gave the report of the Website Committee. There have been minor edits regarding candidates and the special convention.

H. While we do not have an Affiliate Liaison, Katy might be hosting a Zoom call on April 15.

I. Member Development: Don still has lots to learn about CRM.

Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

Unfinished & New Business

A. 2020 National Convention Delegate status. The list as submitted, adding Heidi as a delegate and Erik as alternate was adopted with motion by Kyle, seconded by Ted, passed. Kyle will send a list confirming addresses, registration, etc. "Kyle will do everything."

B.. March Action Items: Timothy did not work with Erich, or do anything about lunch. Kenny took care of fine and Statement of Organization. Kyle made drafts of bylaws proposals, but did not make copies. Katy did not finish February minutes, and did not do the convention items. Carolyn did the agenda and the minutes, but did not send email addresses to Will Hobson.

C. Primary Election Committee. Preparing ballot materials, getting candidates who want candidate statements to be sent to get them sent in, ballot counting software, arranging meeting, interim pick-up of ballots from post office box. Lars and Jen have previously helped with elections; Kyle will check with them to see if they have pointers or if they are willing to help with planning. Katy and Kyle are only key holders. Timothy will ask Katy about picking ballots up. Candidates can do everything but be tellers. Candidates must express interest by April 24. We would plan to have ballots ready by April 27, mailing company would have them processed for mailing by May 4, election on May 29. If we delay the election by a couple of weeks, would make counting easier, as could be after some relaxation of quarantine restrictions. Kyle moves formation of committee to be chaired by Kyle, consisting of Don, Timothy, Carolyn, Ted, Erich, Gregor. Motion seconded by Ted, motion passes. Carolyn moves for a delay of two weeks for the primary election, which would still fit within the Secretary of State's filing deadline, give more time to recruit candidates, and

increase the chance to count ballots in person. Don seconds. Motion passes. Ted asks if that would delay creation of candidate committees? Kyle says it does not.

Open Forum Redux

Don mentions he was reading Hornberger's blog, where he suggested that we should eliminate Social Security and Medicare because they are unconstitutional and illegal. Nominating him could get us a new low in presidential votes. (Never a good time to eliminate redistribution.)

Kyle is challenging ballot title Referral 401. Last filing due tomorrow.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on May 12, before the ballots are mailed on May 18.. Continue pushing for fundraising. Need to think about how to thank Weston.

Adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

April Action Items

| Who | What | When |
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| Carolyn | Prepare agenda | May 8 |
| Carolyn | Print paper materials | May 8 |
| Timothy | Help Erich with email | |
| Timothy | Ask Katy about picking up primary ballots | |
| Don | Contact volunteers for Nationbuilder work—Zoom meeting to discuss and explore functionality | |
| Kyle | Contact Lars and Jen about pointers/volunteer interest for Primary Election Committee | |
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