



Minutes from May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting  
By Zoom

**Call to Order**

The May meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, May 12, 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  
Erich Garcia  
Tim Sippel  
Katy Brumbelow  
Kenny Sernach  
Don Crawford

**Absent**

Wes Wagner

**Observers**

Michelle Binker  
Shira Newman  
Taylor Rickey  
Garrett Leeds  
Gabriel Bowersox  
Will Hobson  
Francis Wendt  
Richard Longstreth  
Christopher Peters  
Nick Kostenborder  
William Johnson

**Approval of Agenda**

Carolyn moved that the agenda be approved and it was.

**Approval of Minutes**

The amended minutes for April 14, 2020 were approved after ritual public shaming on the April Action Items and minute amendments, on Don's motion and Erich's second.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. It was moved “To authorize the release of the full amount held in the LPO’s name as a security deposit with Harrang Long Gary Rudnick P.C. to Jeff Weston.” That motion passed, with Ayes from Kyle, Don, Gary, Timothy P., Erich, Tim S. and Katy. Carolyn and Wes did not vote.

## **Open Forum**

Richard explained the status of the national convention. He was disappointed about the need for us to cancel our special convention, but understood. He had planned to drive up to attend.

The LNC voted on May 2 on the impossibility of conducting the national convention in Austin as originally planned, and the contract with the J.W. Marriott was cancelled under the impossibility clause. That cancellation should be without liability. There was no consensus on May 2 about what should ensue, so another LNC meeting occurred on May 9, for 8.5 hours by Zoom. A compromise was reached, under which an electronic seating would occur, beginning on May 22, with an agenda only to nominate our presidential and vice-presidential candidates. That early seating is necessary for states that must know who our candidates will be for ballot access petitioning purposes. There will be a second seating July 8-12 in Orlando, Florida.

There are many what-ifs being discussed on social media, including whether delegates may choose to overrule the compromise and do other business during the electronic seating. He invited questions, which included why the in-person seating was moved from Austin to Orlando. The Convention Oversight Committee sought competitive bids from likely locations, and the Orlando bid was the most attractive. Why Florida in July? Because the bylaws require the convention to be closed by August 31. It was just impossible to pull together by June. What software platform will be used for the electronic seating? We’ve had two tests of Zoom so far, with the first being a disaster. The second was during Libertarian Happy Hour on Friday, which was better. They are working furiously to make it work, with another test tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday. Breakout rooms helped a lot. Staff is devoting 90% of their time solely to making the electronic seating work. Regional staff will have a Slack channel on the side. There will be a Saturday meeting for the region, after the regional agreement is signed. NOTE: credentialing is this weekend. Is there room for alternates? Yes. Should we buy airline tickets now? No—wait until the contract with the hotel is signed. What about Florida’s state of emergency? It should not affect the convention. If we don’t do it in July, an in-person convention will be impossible.

## **Reports of Officers**

A. Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

Here in Oregon it has been interesting to see a reflection of the National and even global division over freedom vs security, and frustrating to see the opportunity slipping away to advocate for personal responsibility instead of government action. We've had a lot more members flooding into the Facebook group and Kyle has reported an excellent response to the membership postcard, so I hope that's a good indicator for the future.

Due to the changing circumstances around the National Convention I am now tentatively able to attend both the online and physical sessions without concern for missing the impending birth of my daughter. I communicated as much with Carolyn to get my name on the list for an alternate position, although some primary delegate slots have opened since then and I would be glad to be considered for one.

It is my understanding that, while possibly one of the only viable courses of action available, the current plan to hold an online session is in clear violation of the LP's bylaws as they are written, and the only way to correct that is with a physical follow-up meeting that will ratify the "in-limbo" results from the electronic meeting. While I hope for and will work toward the best to come out of this scenario, I have written a resolution to give the LPO a contingency option in case there were to be a successful suit against the LP Presidential ticket coming out of the electronic session. We will deal with that resolution under the report of the Primary Election Committee.

I have been in frequent communication with our LNC Region 1 Representative and Alternate as the situation around the National convention has unfolded, and am very pleased with their careful consideration of the wishes of the state chairs in Region 1 when dealing with LNC business. As we prepare to reform Region 1, I wish the Region 1 seats weren't quite such revolving doors, but I wish Mr. Longstreth and Mr. Wendt the best in their other endeavors.

Speaking of reforming Region 1, the regional agreement has been sent to the board with a modification to allow for electronic ballots for electing representation, and we can deal with that now. If everything seems to be in order then I'd be happy to receive a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Region 1 agreement.

Carolyn moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Region 1 agreement; Kenny seconded. The motion passed.

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

B. Vice Chair (Don Crawford)

Don reported that he has nothing much to report in particular; he needs help keeping track of and making connections between members. Timothy will coordinate committees to get the volunteer form updated to include “phone tree” as a job volunteers can sign up to do.

C. Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny reported that we have approximately \$13,000 on hand, all of which is earmarked for the primary mailing. Donations have increased in response to the postcards. Two people have paid for candidate statements and there is some money in today’s mail.

D. Secretary (Carolyn Wade)

Carolyn reported that the minutes are current. Timothy will upload the freshly amended and approved April minutes.

### **Reports of Boards, and Committees**

A. Campaigns Committee: Ted reported that the number of Republicans wanting fusion nominations has surged, with 18 now seeking fusion nominations. We now have 31 candidates confirmed for our primary ballot. There were questions about rules for candidates: If what goes on the campaign website is paid for by the campaign, it must say so. There are questions required by the Secretary of State to be answered by donors.

B. Fund Raising. Katy reported that the mailer has been very successful, even more so than the special convention would have been, although the postcards didn’t quite pay for themselves.

C. Public Relations. Katy has been in contact with people interested in forming affiliates, and has been working on an on-line format for Milwaukie High School class. She sent thank-you notes to those who contributed by mail, and will get in touch with Kenny to do the same for those who donate on line.

Erich volunteered to help with outreach and to help increase membership. Now that Justin Amash is officially a Libertarian Congressional Representative, the furthest we've ever gotten, it's a good time for publicity. He's thinking we could shift our thought process to external goals, like donating blood, cleaning up highways, showing that Libertarians aren't just selfish, telling others to go figure their problems out themselves. Don said that doing things for private charity is important; that's the way the country should be run. Let's preach personal responsibility. Katy says our limitation on not taking policy positions saves us from needing to reconcile the differences between what "Libertarian" means among the different counties across the state, but noted that the affiliates can take positions and candidates can take individual positions.

Carolyn moved and Kenny seconded that hats be switched: Erich will undertake Public Relations and Fund Raising and Katy will be responsible for Affiliates. The motion passed and hats were switched. Timothy will update the agenda with new committee/director roles.

D. Special Convention Committee. Katy will get the deposit back from the convention venue. Kyle moved and Kenny seconded that the Special Convention Committee be dissolved. The motion passed. We need to plan for the 2021 real convention. Tim and Erich will talk about whether there will be candidate debates.

E. Data Director. I received an April 30 statewide voter list and loaded it onto the website. I forgot that this would put us over our 750MB per-database data cap, only realizing days later that this would be a problem, and then reduced usage by removing records of inactive voters (but keeping Libertarians) and dropping or shrinking some indexes.

That list shows 19,214 members of the LPO, and is the list we will use for primary election balloting.

I sent a spreadsheet containing the most important data from the postcard responses. I apologize that I haven't had time to work on migrating data into Nationbuilder, yet. The most timely purposes for this data are helping affiliates to organize and forming a team of election tellers.

F. There was no report of the Bylaws Committee.

G. Primary Election Committee. Kyle gave the report of the Primary Election Committee. There was a question whether we should ask about changing the bylaws in the ballots. No.

The filing deadline for our 2020 primary election was May 8. We had a total of 49 people express interest in being candidates, 31 of whom confirmed that they want to be listed on the ballot. There was unusually strong interest from people seeking our fusion nomination; 18 of the confirmed candidates are Republicans. The remaining 13 are Libertarians. There are only three contested races: US Senator, US Representative district 5, and Secretary of State. Our primary election webpage is current and shows all the confirmed candidates.

For comparison, in our 2018 primary we had 32 Libertarian candidates and just 5 others. The difference may be that this year we treated responses to the election announcement mailer as just indicating interest in being a candidate, whereas last time responses indicating an office automatically became candidates. Due to the effort required and low response rate when contacting the "potential" candidates, I recommend that for our next primary the website should capture candidate registration, not just candidate interest. Also, it should display the names of existing candidates (if any) for the offices the member might run for.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order 20-24 extending the declaration of emergency through July 6, it may be impractical for us to count ballots when we had planned to. It would be prudent for the board to consider another modification to the ballot mailing date (currently May 18) and election date (June 12). The filing window for minor party candidates to the 2020 general election is June 3 through August 25.

Important tasks for the primary election committee include:

- Ballot mailing
  - Chair's message
  - Libertarian Voters' Guide (mailed statements)
  - Ballot
  - Instructions
  - Donation/Volunteering form (option to respond at website)
  - Send to printers

- Website
  - Libertarian Voters' Guide (complete)
  - Response forms (similar to postcard)
- Ballot returns
  - Periodic ballot pickup from P.O. box
  - Secure transportation and storage of ballots
- Counting ballots
  - Form a team of election tellers
  - Organize ballot counting event
  - Configure voting application

We received seven candidate statements, two of which were paid (both of which were statewide), so we have no need for any custom printing on the voters' guides (yeah!). Kyle has heard from two candidates who missed the deadline for the candidate statements. The website contains all of the candidate statements but some candidates are paying to have their statements included with the ballots.

We don't yet know how many pages will be in the mailing, but we need to approve the spending. If we use two sheets of 11" x 14", the cost will be approximately \$11,500; three sheets of 8½" x 11" would be approximately \$13,500. Kyle moves, Carolyn seconds, to authorize spending up to \$14,000 for the voters' guides. If there is a shortfall, Kyle will make it up. (Thank you, Kyle.) The vote was as follows:

Timothy Perkins: Aye

Carolyn Wade: Aye

Kyle Markley: Aye

Gary Dye: Aye

Erich Garcia: Aye

Tim Sippel: Aye

Katy Brumbelow: Aye

Don Crawford: Aye

The motion passed. Don moves and Carolyn seconds to move the ballot mailing to June 8. That motion passed. Kenny moves and Kyle seconds to extend the time to submit candidate statements to May 29, 2020. That motion passed.

Kyle sent Lars and Jen an email regarding whether they have pointers or if they are willing to help with planning but received no response. Kyle moves to authorize Timothy to empty lockboxes of previous years' ballots to free them up for balloting, Katy

to help. Somebody must have seconded and the motion passed. Katy joins the Primary Election Committee.

Timothy made a motion (attached to the agenda) proposing that the LPO ballot include the question “Should the 2020 Libertarian Party of Oregon nominees for President and Vice President be the same persons nominated in electronic convention called by the Libertarian National Committee?” After vigorous discussion, the motion failed.

G. Website Committee. Timothy reported that the website has been updated, references to the special convention have been removed. We have paid for the site for one year.

H. Affiliates. Ted asked about Katy’s outreach to 16 new people at 12 counties regarding affiliates. She will send information to the board.

I. Member Development: Was covered in Don’s vice-chair report.

### **Special Orders**

There were no Special Orders.

### **Unfinished & New Business**

A. 2020 National Convention Delegate status. Erik and Timothy were promoted from alternates to delegates, by motion of Carolyn, second by Kenny, which motion passed. Additional alternates were added: Garrett Roush, Don Crawford, Kyle Markley, William Johnson, Taylor Rickey, by motion of Tim, second by Erich, motion passed.

B.. April Action Items: Were completed.

### **Open Forum Redux**

Will Hobson had questions about affiliates.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on June 9, after the first sitting of the national convention.

Adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

*May Action Items*

Who	What	When
Timothy	Coordinate committees to get volunteer form update to include "phone tree."	May 8
Timothy	Upload freshly amended and approved April minutes (DONE!).	May 8
Timothy	Update agenda with new committee/director roles (DONE! attached).	
Katy	Get the deposit back from the convention venue.	
Tim & Erich	talk about whether there will be candidate debates.	
Primary Election Committee	do the work to get the primary ballots ready to mail on the 8th.	
Timothy	get an existing lockbox ready for use during this primary, deliver to (Katy? Primary Election Committee can decide)	



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
Call to Order at 7:00pm, June 9, 2020,  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8458935125>  
Meeting ID: 845 893 5125

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes from May 12th, 2020 meeting
3. Consent Agenda
4. Open Forum – observers may speak on any agenda item
5. Reports of Officers
  - A. Chair - Timothy Perkins
  - B. Vice Chair - Dr. Don Crawford
  - C. Treasurer - Kenneth Sernach
  - D. Secretary - Carolyn Wade
6. Reports of Committees and Directors
  - A. Campaigns – Ted Yanez
  - B. Fund Raising – Erich Garcia
  - C. Public Relations – Erich Garcia
  - D. Data Director – Kyle Markley
  - E. Bylaws – Kyle Markley
  - F. Primary Election - Kyle Markley
  - G. Website – Timothy Perkins
  - H. Affiliate – Katy Brumbelow
  - I. Member Development – Dr. Don Crawford
7. Special Orders
8. Unfinished and New Business
  - A. 2020 National Convention electronic session report - Carolyn Wade
  - B. May Action Items
9. Open Forum – observers may speak on any item they wish
10. Next Board Meeting is set by policy for July 14, 2020