



Minutes from July 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order

The July meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 7:07 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
Tim Sippel
Katy Brumbelow
Kenny Sernach
Don Crawford

Absent

Wes Wagner

Observers

Will Hobson
Christopher Peters
William Johnson
Peter Vandenberg
Toby Knight-Meigs

Approval of Agenda

Carolyn moved and Don seconded that the amended agenda be approved and it was.

Approval of Minutes

The amended minutes for June 9, 2020 were approved on Katy's motion and Carolyn's second.

Consent Agenda

Kenny moved and Timothy Perkins seconded "that we create a tie-breaker committee so that any ties that may result after tabulation of the primary results may be rapidly resolved. I suggest any board members that serve as tellers in the primary

election be added to the committee.” Ayes: Timothy Perkins, Carolyn, Gary, Wes, Don, Kyle, Tim Sippel, Katy

Open Forum

Chris Peters asked how one would know how to attend these meetings. Timothy explained that we’re not posting the information generally on the internet, but he will respond to any emails requesting the log-in information. We’ll put a banner on the website directing people with questions to email Erich or Timothy.

Reports of Officers

A. Chair’s Report (Timothy Perkins)

Timothy reported that this has been a monthful of libertarian activities for him: in May, the first (electronic) sitting of the national convention, our last board of directors meeting, the second sitting of the national convention, then the primary election and lots of logistical issues around the use of paper ballots, this meeting, and lots of travel for all of the above. It’s been very energizing and he’s had a great time. In addition, there have been lots of Oregon things going on. He will also have a call with Pat Ford, the Rhode Island Libertarian Party chair to discuss in a personal capacity what is happening in Portland.

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. Katy is grateful for the information given to obtain the tellers for the primary election ballots.

C. Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny deferred his report this month, as he arrived late and asked to report next month.

D. Secretary (Carolyn Wade)

Carolyn reported that the minutes are current, as of 6:58 p.m. Peter VandenBerg thanked her for the work she did at the convention.

Reports of Boards and Committees

A. Campaigns Committee: Ted reported that there wasn't much happening this month, as we are waiting for the report of the results of the primary. He is excited at the number of write-ins. The results are not yet final so they cannot be shared.

B. Fund Raising. With Erich absent, the report of the Fund Raising Committee was skipped.

C. Public Relations. Katy reported that she has been in contact with people connected with the national party about how to be involved with the Jorgensen campaign. In terms of reaching out to the public, she'll report in the affiliate report. There's a lot of interest apparent on the Facebook page and with different events from new people which is very exciting.

D. Data Director. This has been a very busy period. The ballots raised lots of interest, some people thought they were members of the party, but weren't. One person registered one day after the voter list was pulled, so the cutoff was missed. 183 used the code to check the website to provide or update personal information, but he didn't look to see the number of times the voter's guide was downloaded.

Timothy sent out information about national Civi-CRM training on July 29 (he is intending to attend). We have not committed to using the national Civi-CRM yet, because information that is entered there automatically becomes national's information. He is attending to gather more information, as will Kyle.

Katy pointed out that when she was entering information, she thinks in Nationbuilder, she discovered that it was impossible to enter if one field was missing (say, a telephone number). Timothy believes it is possible to overcome that deficiency manually. To enter it manually requires backend access. Some voters responded on paper with their personal information. Katy, Don, and Peter Vandenberg volunteer to enter the paper ones into Nationbuilder. (There's a big process that Kyle does not currently have time to address to gather all data from all sources and combine them into one resource. That's not going to happen right now.)

F. There was no report of the Bylaws Committee. Katy brought up the question of being sure that any future bylaws amendments include addressing the requirement that write-ins be a member of a party.

G. Primary Election Committee. Kyle gave the report of the Primary Election Committee. The cost was \$13,472.98. Kyle learned for the first time that the files that we deliver to the printing house aren't used—they have their own software and recreate the layout using their software. The ballots were delivered to the mail house on June 10 and began to arrive at houses on June 19.

Don assembled a team of volunteer tellers that met originally Katy's house. It took four meetings to tally after the software was loaded and the process for dealing with write-ins was determined. There were about 130 distinct names for write-ins. There were about 609 timely ballots; 69 late returns arrived in the first week after the deadline, and 13 arrived in the second week.

The board reviewed the .pdf of the preliminary results, which was not final because the tie-breaking committee has not done its work. Tie-breaking committee has lots of discretion. Tellers to be thanked are: Chris Arnesen, Aimée Lesieutre, Liz McAtee, Bradford Franks, Peter VandenBerg, Katy, Tim, Timothy, Don, Ted

G. Website Committee. Timothy reported that the website has been updated with all minutes except those just approved.

H. Affiliates. Katy has a grand scheme to use the momentum from the Jorgensen campaign to help get affiliates started. There are six county affiliates with good progress: Washington, Yamhill, Benton, Lincoln, Multnomah, and Lane. Others mention Hood River and Marion-Polk. Don requests that Katy identify the person trying to start the affiliates. Katy points out the affiliates are most likely to be started when there are two people. Katy will make a Facebook group of county affiliate founders. The Mises Caucus would like an affiliate here. Will wants to know can be done—get a list of registered libertarians? Don can give a list of the email addresses we have. Timothy warns not to spend money until the PAC is formed.

I. Member Development: Don attended a one-hour training on Nationbuilder that was overwhelming because it has so many capabilities that he doesn't yet know how to access. The trainer is willing to do some consulting with us. He has requested a meeting. If we use the program, we'll be able to grow our membership. He's had 6-8 people in the last week who have wanted to volunteer, but it's been overwhelming.

Timothy and Tim will join the member development committee; there should be others to help share that load. Don to call a meeting of the committee.

Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

Unfinished & New Business

A. 2020 National Convention report. Carolyn reported that it was hot in Florida. We had nine in-person delegates and six on-line. The first day was very hard, as the entire focus was credentials. When the on-line session ended in May, it was uncertain whether the in-person delegates would vote to allow the remote candidates to be credentialed and attend by Zoom. Having lost the first day, everything else got squished. The second day was taken up with bylaws amendments, many regarding voting methodology for this convention only. Joe Bishop-Henchman was elected chair. Ken Moellmann was elected vice-chair.

More than a thousand of the platform deletion tokens were placed on the abortion plank; which is more than twice the number than in a previous convention. That was sufficient to bring it to a vote, which, in this circumstance, requires 50%, a lesser requirement than the usual 2/3 requirement to delete a plank. This vote ended up being 45-55 in favor of deletion, also closer than any previous vote on the question. That was the only platform issue brought before the convention, in spite of the significant amount of work done by the platform committee.

As a result of the changes in voting methodology, and then the further squishing of time, the later elections were shortened. The judicial committee and at-large candidates were not allowed to make any presentations, and the method of voting were changed on the fly. So the last couple of hours were frantic, and the tellers' jobs were very difficult.

Saturday night Timothy and I attended the gala (I got to dress like a princess), the party raised a lot of money, and Timothy and I had our photos taken with Jo and Spike. The entire delegation had our photo taken which should be posted eventually on the website.

B. Political Party Statement. Kyle reports that it will cost \$1200 to post a political party statement in the voter's pamphlet for the general election. The deadline is August 25. Kenny believes we have that on hand. Kyle will send copies of previous versions. Timothy and Katy will do a draft and submit it to Carolyn for edits.

C. Jo Jorgensen Events in August. #LetHerSpeak on August 8, a convoy to raise awareness of the need for Jo to garner 15% in three major media polls to qualify for the debates. It is going to be difficult to fit into the format that is currently being used nationwide, given our lack of local affiliates, the short amount of time to organize, and a dearth of organizers. Katy is also trying to get Jo to come to Oregon on August 22, the date of the PAC 16869 nominating convention, which will be held at their office in Tigard. PAC 16869's office is the headquarters of the Jorgensen campaign in Oregon. Christian Crimmens is the Oregon campaign director.

D. June Action Items. Kyle to summarize to board issues around longer candidate statements on our website. Done. Timothy to post May minutes on website. Done. Timothy to ask Richard Longstreth about a Zoom link for the Saturday LNC meeting. He did—they decided they did not have an appetite for removing Nick Sarwark. Timothy to apologize to Marvin Sandness for omitting him from the primary ballot. He did not do that. Timothy to check in with Katy about checks that arrived in the mail. He did. Timothy to deliver the ballot lockbox to Katy. He did that. Timothy to deliver teller volunteer list to Kyle. He did something like that, then Don took over and finished with Nationbuilder.

Open Forum Redux

Christopher Peters thanked the board for choosing new members to be delegates to the convention and volunteered them to do any work necessary.

William Johnson introduced himself and volunteered to work on campaigns.

Katy thanked Carolyn for putting content in local newspaper.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on August 11, at **8 p.m.**

Adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

July Action Items

Who	What	When
Kyle	Send previous versions of political party statement to board	
Katy & Timothy	Write new political party statement and send to Carolyn	
Carolyn	Edit draft political party statement	
Don	Call meeting of member development committee (Tim and Timothy)	
Tie-Breaking Committee	Finalize the results of the primary election.	
Timothy	Send Katy the “How to form an affiliate” packet	
Carolyn	Send Katy the NY and Texas “How to form an affiliate” docs	
Katy	Have in-person meeting with Richard Burke and Christian Crimmens about Jorgensen campaign	
Katy, Peter, Don	Enter volunteer information in Nationbuilder	
Katy	Affiliate development Zoom meeting	
Will	Create affiliate development channel on LP Oregon slack	
Peter & Timothy	Add Register-Guard article to website	