



Minutes from June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order

The June meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, June 9, 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
Erich Garcia
Tim Sippel
Kenny Sernach
Don Crawford
Wes Wagner

Absent

Observers

Michelle Binker
Garrett Leeds
Eddy Chaltiel

Approval of Agenda

Timothy asked that an executive session be added to the agenda to discuss the impending action filed by PAC 6869 with the Secretary of State. The amended agenda was approved on Don's motion and Erich's second.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 12, 2020 were approved, on Carolyn's motion and Kenny's second.

Consent Agenda

There was nothing on the consent agenda.

Open Forum

No Open Forum at this time.

Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

The chair announced the birth of his daughter, Indigo Mae Perkins, three weeks early, yet after the first sitting of the national convention, which has acted as a good distraction from everything going on here and nationally.

The second sitting of the convention is mired in controversy, new for the party. The pandemic has created more than the usual amount. 92% of the delegates voted for a split sitting, but there is some doubt about whether all delegates will be seated. Utah and Nevada have both adopted resolutions that if there is not full remote participation for all delegates who appeared at the first sitting, they will disaffiliate from the national party.

Eight delegates are planning to come to Orlando, including Erich. Michelle Binker has donated a Gold-level ticket to LPO, which is available to the highest offer. Timothy reported that there will be a vote of the LNC on June 13 on whether to remove Nick Sarwark from his position as chair (which needs a 2/3 majority of the LNC to pass) for undermining the express will of the delegates regarding the second sitting.

PAC 16869 has filed another action with the Secretary of State to replace our bylaws and board of directors. No communication from the SoS has been sent to Timothy.

Kyle asked about the procedure regarding Nick. Carolyn reported that the ruling to remove Hayes had been overturned. Timothy will find out whether there will be a Zoom link for the LNC meeting.

(Katy is having technical issues and may not be able to join us.)

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 did not coordinate committees to get the volunteer form updated to include “phone tree” as a job volunteers can sign up to do but will do so.

C. Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny reported that we have approximately \$14,000 on hand, all of which is earmarked for the primary mailing, after which we will be as broke as ever. Mr. Weston gave us \$7500. The bill for the ballots has not yet been received. The printing/ mailing service will accept payment by an image of a check.

D. Secretary (Carolyn Wade)

Carolyn reported that the minutes are current.

Reports of Boards, and Committees

A. Campaigns Committee: Ted reported that he has received all of the candidate statements. We have almost as many candidates as in the record-breaking year, 2018.

There is quite a bit of interest in the Libertarian Party about Jo. Ted received an email from former Pacific Green Party member Marvin Sandness who would like to run with us for U.S. House, Oregon’s 5th Congressional District, but since Matthew Rix, a registered Libertarian wants that spot, we will not be putting Mr. Sandness on the ballot so long as Mr. Ricks receives at least one vote (and it’s too late, anyway). Timothy will apologize.

There is a public relations opportunity regarding Jo Rae Perkins’s nomination for U.S. Senate since we have not-crazy people running

Gary and Jodie Ann Newell have both drafted candidate statements. Kyle has .pdfs, which are ready to be posted on the website. Ted is wondering if we should have a Zoom debate? Much enthusiasm from the board.

Gary will host a Facebook page for his candidacy, would like to like to the LPO page, and would like help from the LPO.

B. Fund Raising.

Erich raised the question about how Kate Brown (when Secretary of State) let PAC 16869 register using the name of "Libertarian Party of Oregon" in 2011; it is making all of his ideas for fund raising and public relations difficult. It's tempting to try to register a PAC named "Democratic Party of Oregon" to show how difficult that makes it. It's also hard because of COVID-19.

C. Public Relations.

Erich wants to get us shirts to show us off as LPO Directors, volunteering at foodbanks, donating blood, showing us being charitable. He'll add a photo to our page. Going to get started posting on the BlueCheck account, which has been dormant. This will allow him to change the narrative. We can't just live on Facebook all the time (demographic getting up there), especially if we want to get in front of the defund movement. Ted mentioned bumperstickers, other objects we could sell without having to put funds up. Eddy raised question about YouTube as platform for candidates. Erich agreed that a channel should be created, but that for volunteers, it is difficult to create and edit content.

D. Data Director

Kyle said that he has signed the non-disclosure agreement so we should soon be able to do things with the national CRM. Timothy pointed out that being involved with the LNC CRM means that when we give them data, it becomes their data as much as ours, so we should proceed with caution. There are many benefits, but we can't really keep the data separate. We're paying \$30 per month now, but using the LNC CRM would be free; we have a lot of information in our current CRM now. Decision is that we won't just dive into using the LNC system.

E. There was no report of the Bylaws Committee.

F. Primary Election Committee.

Kyle reported that the primary election is underway! The ballot materials went to the mailing company. Unicode is an issue, accents in names are an issue. The printing company said there were some issues with the letter, but he doesn't know what they were yet. A month ago, it looked like we had seven candidates with candidate statements, two of which were paid. Now, we have 21 candidates with seven paid statements!

The board issued a formal thank-you for all of the work Kyle did to make the primary election come together.

The ballot return date is July 6. He has not heard from Lars or Jen. He can configure the voting application on the website that the tellers use. New personal codes are needed. Wes can do teller work and is added to the committee. Timothy has a box ready and can deliver it to Katy.

G. Website Committee. Timothy reported that he fixed a glitch on the website where clicking on a link for the November minutes gave you the December minutes and vice-versa.

H. Affiliates. No report in Katy's absence.

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 First Sitting.

Carolyn reported on the first sitting of the 2020 national convention, which occurred on line by Zoom during Memorial Day weekend, and resulted in the nomination of Dr. Jo Jorgensen for president and Spike Cohen for vice-president. Over 1,000 delegates participated.

B.. May Action Items: Were completed.

The candidate statements brought in \$1,000.

Open Forum Redux

Garrett Leeds asked why the meeting was being recorded—just for the benefit of the secretary, to help with drafting of the minutes. He mentioned that when he ran for state house a few years ago, OSU did a forum on doing something like LPTV, where members of the party could discuss a topic and post on website. Timothy explained the limitations where the Board is not allowed to take political positions.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the letter sent by PAC 16869 to the Secretary of State.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on July 14, after the second sitting of the national convention in Orlando.

Adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

June Action Items

Who	What	When
Timothy	Coordinate committees to get volunteer form update to include "phone tree."	
Carolyn	Upload June minutes	July 21
Tim & Erich	talk about whether there will be candidate debates.	
Timothy	find out whether there will be a Zoom link for the LNC meeting.	