



Minutes from the September 8, 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, September 8, 2020, at 8:13 pm by Zoom, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

**Present Remotely**

Timothy Perkins  
Carolyn Wade  
Kyle Markley  
Ted Yanez  
Tim Sippel  
Katy Brumbelow  
Kenny Sernach  
Don Crawford

**Absent**

Wes Wagner  
Erich Garcia  
Gary Dye

**Observers**

Will Hobson  
Toby Knight-Meigs

**Approval of Agenda**

Carolyn moved and Katy seconded that the amended agenda be approved. There was no objection.

**Approval of Minutes**

Don moved and Katy seconded that the minutes for August 11, 2020 be approved. There was no objection.

Carolyn moved and Kyle seconded that the minutes for August 22, 2020 be approved. There was no objection.

## Consent Agenda

- A. Kyle moved and Don seconded:  
Pursuant to bylaws A8§1(A), last paragraph, I move that the LPO approve nominations to the general election for the following LPO members, should they be interested in running:
- HD13: James McFerran
  - HD17: John Newton
  - HD29: Alexander S Williams
  - HD30: John Kinsky
  - HD34: Casey J Winters
  - HD38: Frances Victor
  - HD42: Shira Newman
  - HD44: Jodie Ann Newell
  - HD45: Jeffery Schreiner

Ayes: Don, Tim S, Carolyn, Timothy P, Gary, Kyle, Katy, Wes

Timothy noted that many of these candidates were not informed that they needed to submit paperwork. The only candidate that did, John Newton, regrettably did not make it onto the ballot due to Timothy missing the filing deadline (to be elaborated on in the Chair's report).

## Open Forum

No observers spoke on agenda items.

## Reports of Officers

- A. Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

The Primary Election Committee did a lot of work, and related duties as chair. Overall, the work was great, but there were a few procedural "holes" that caused problems:

- The primary election should be earlier.
- Due to the time constraints there was not a good process for notifying runners-up.
- Candidates should receive a better explanation of the process (some candidates thought there was a filing fee because costs related to Voter's Pamphlet statements were brought up but it wasn't explicitly stated that filing as a candidate is free).
- Timothy was using a spreadsheet as a tracking tool, but two late additions (John

Newton in HD 17 and Timothy Perkins for State Treasurer) did not make it onto the spreadsheet. Due to overreliance on the tracking sheet, those candidates' paperwork did not make the filing deadline. Timothy feels badly about missing those deadlines.

-There was not a robust process or written instructions in place, which is part of why these errors occurred.

PAC #16869 held a "nominating convention," and attempted to nominate Jo & Spike. The Jorgensen campaign declined to fill out the paperwork for them.

The Libertarian Party Vice Presidential candidate Spike Cohen made two appearances in Oregon, in Eugene and Portland, and attendance was good.

Kyle asked if there was any further news from PAC #16869. Timothy said that nothing had been heard since they preemptively filed a complaint about our candidates, though he had checked with the Secretary of State's office to find out if they wanted some sort of response from us, but received no response.

B. Vice Chair (Don Crawford)

Don had little to report for Vice Chair, but had been trying to figure out Nationbuilder. Kyle hopes to work on cleaning up data after the election. Nationbuilder can take donations.

C. Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny reported that Kyle submitted our political party statement and is owed reimbursement for the filing fee. The P.O. Box did not get renewed, but will soon. Kyle noted a potential technical error in a filed transaction and gave Kenny a heads up. Kenny self-flagellated.

D. Secretary (Carolyn Wade)

Carolyn made minutes and an agenda prior to the start of the meeting.

## **Reports of Boards and Committees**

A. Campaigns Director: A couple of fusion nomination seekers that would have won as a result of being the next runner-up were annoyed that they didn't receive their respective nominations. Timothy mentioned that he had a call with Justin Hwang

and his campaign manager where they proposed a press release and a mailer that the LPO would “sign off on” to affirm that Mr. Hwang would have received our nomination except for time constraints around filing paperwork. The Hwang campaign did not follow up.

Ted offered to candidates that we’ll have a new voter roll soon and we’d share that data with them.

One of our candidates was pressured to drop out. In response, he aired his own dirty laundry.

Joshua Solomon was invited to a forum along with his Green Party opponent, Ted will work with him to prepare.

There was discussion on finding and taking opportunities for forums and media interviews.

B. Fundraising: Erich was not present to give a report.

C. Public Relations Director: Erich was not present to give a report. Will Hobson worked with the Jorgensen campaign to make this month’s events happen. He is eager to have more events and more local groups meeting regularly.

D. Data Director: I regrettably have not migrated the data about who returned ballots in the primary election into our database, yet. It's still in spreadsheet form.

A few days ago I received our first (of two) free statewide voter lists for the 2020 general election. I have not gotten the data uploaded to [lporegon.org](http://lporegon.org) yet, but will do that soon. We can make voter lists available to our nominees either by exporting the data for their district or by providing them with a database login.

After the general election, I will be able to help with CRM.

As a reminder, the intended schedule for our free voter lists is:

- Primary 1 - fall/winter before primary election, for the election announcement
- Primary 2 - spring before primary election, for primary balloting
- General 1 - summer before general election, to provide data to candidates
- General 2 - spring after general election, for biennial convention delegate credentialing

There are three additional events where a voter list is useful:

- Director election announcement
  - We don't need a fresh list; we can announce to those who returned ballots even if they are not still members
- Director election balloting
  - Use the "general 2" list, or purchase the list of LPO members for ~\$35
- Vetting prospective national convention delegates
  - Use the "primary 2" list, or purchase the list of LPO members for ~\$35

E. Bylaws Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Primary Election Committee: For the 2020 general election, the Libertarian Party of Oregon nominated 33 candidates for public office, including Vice President which is not a separate ballot line. Of those, 23 are Libertarian and 10 are fusion nominees. (For 2018, the corresponding numbers were 31, 23, and 8.) Despite having record write-in interest, follow-through with nomination paperwork was not great, and the relatively short time available between primary election results and the deadline for general election nominations made it difficult to turn that interest into results.

This year there are only 5 candidate statements from Libertarians in the Voters' Pamphlet, down from 10 in 2018 (and 8 in 2016). This is at least in part due to my personally investing a lot more time opposing Measure 107 than operating the Statements for Liberty PAC.

Kyle moved and Carolyn seconded to dissolve the Primary Election Committee. The motion passed.

G. Tie-breaking Committee: Timothy reported that ties were broken, striving to do so optimally to get as many Libertarians on the ballot as possible. The committee voted to automatically remove candidates from tied races if they had won a different race, which seemed to have pretty optimal results. Timothy moved and Carolyn seconded to dissolve the committee. It passed without objection.

H. Website Committee: The banner was updated with information about this meeting. The front page will be updated to direct people to look at our candidates instead of asking for their personal code. Minutes are up to date.

I. Affiliate Director: Nothing to report except that maybe Multnomah County libertarians met before the Spike event in Portland.

J. Member Development: Don gave this report under the Vice Chair's report.

### Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

### Unfinished & New Business

A. Political Party Statement. The LPO's political party statement is published in the Voters' Pamphlet, having been submitted comfortably a week before the deadline, unlike the Republican Party's.

B. JoJo events in September. Carolyn was involved in organizing the Eugene event and volunteered at the Portland event. More than \$1,000 was raised between the two events. Carolyn had Spike and Tasha along with the bus crew to her house. Gary spoke as a candidate at the Portland event. William Johnson Jr was present at the Portland event. Isaiah Wagner, a Eugene mayoral candidate not affiliated with the LP, spoke in Eugene because Matthew Rix forgot.

No further events are expected in this area prior to the election.

C. August Action (self-flagellation) Items:

Who	What	When
Don	Share info about Nationbuilder and its abilities regarding donations to Kenny and to the fundraising committee	done
Don	Get information to Ted about volunteers willing to help campaign	ball dropped
Kyle	Email CSV data from postcards and primary election to Katy, Timothy, Peter, and Don	sent
Don/Katy/Peter	Enter data emailed by Kyle in Nationbuilder	In progress

Don	Have Nationbuilder representative walk him through process	done
Timothy	Send Secretary of State's office Kyle's name as designee for political party statement	Done!!
Carolyn	Send Katy the NY and Texas "How to form an affiliate" docs	done
Kyle	Email information to Timothy for information to send to Secretary of State's office for political party statement	done
Katy, Peter, Don	Enter volunteer information in Nationbuilder	duplicate
Katy	Affiliate development Zoom meeting	nope
Timothy	Send Katy the "How to form an affiliate" packet	nope
Katy	Follow up on need for trainings about different media platforms	nope
Peter & Timothy	Add Register-Guard article to website	done

### **Open Forum Redux**

Will has a lot of Jo Jorgensen campaign materials (signs, bumper sticker, shirts, etc). He intends to drive around the state and deliver them to people in geographical regions to act as local distributors.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on October 13th at **8 p.m.**