LIBERTARIAN
Party of Oregon

Minutes from May 15, 2021 State Convention
Cascade Locks, Oregon

Call to Order

The 2021 bi-annual meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021, with registration opening at 10:00 am. We concluded registration with 68 checked-in delegates. The Chair welcomed the delegates and observers at 10:30 am.

Opening Speaker

Spike Cohen appeared by Zoom at 10:45 am and spoke for 15 exhilarating minutes.

Business

Technical issues consumed nearly an hour, when finally it was decided to abandon the use of the Porcupine App for voting, with in-person delegates being counted manually and remote delegates voting via Zoom polls or in Zoom chat (there no objection). Some functions of the Porcupine App were used to aid in remote delegate participation.

The chair conducted a head count and established that delegates in excess of quorum were present in the room, as well as delegates attending remotely.

Kyle Markley, the Bylaws Committee chair, moved "That the Bylaws Committee be authorized to update the Constitution and Bylaws in accordance with amendments adopted during the convention, and subsequently ratified by mail ballot if applicable, and to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting members." The motion was seconded, and the question was immediately called. The motion passed.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws from the Bylaws Committee (Appendix A):

- Proposal #1 – Procedure to Amend Bylaws
  Passed
- Proposal #2 – Electronic Voting
  Passed.
- Proposal #3 – Eligibility for Serving as Director and Voting in Director Election
  Failed.

Lunch Speakers

Buck Johnson spoke in person about making personal connections with the people we are trying to make political points with.

Anthony Welti, who ran for Insurance Commissioner in Washington in 2020, spoke to us by Zoom about committing to the party and running for office.

We then broke for lunch.

Business (Redux)

After the lunch break, the chair once again conducted a head count and established that delegates in excess of quorum were present between those in the room and those attending remotely.

- Proposal #3 - Amendments:
  Garrett Leeds offered an amendment to existing Proposal #3 to change the sentence "The board of directors may adopt rules regarding the required content and maximum length of candidate statements." by deleting "content and maximum" to replace it with "format and" in its place. Passed.
  The question was called to vote on Proposal #3 as amended. Passed.
- Motion from Richard Burke to suspend the rules to move Proposal #4 to the end because it will take the most time. Fails.
- Proposal #4 – Public Policy Board
  Passed.
- Proposal #5 – Allow STAR Voting Method
  Passed unanimously.
- Proposal #6 – Primary Candidates
  Passed.

- Proposal #7 – Electronic Meetings
  Fails.
- Proposal #7 – Amendments:
  Richard Burke moved to add to existing Proposal #7: replace Article 12, Section 1 in its entirety with: "Each body of the Libertarian Party of Oregon shall adopt a parliamentary authority by 2/3 vote and may change that authority by 2/3 vote."
  Fails.
- Motion to suspend the rules to reconsider Proposal #7
  Passed.
- Proposal #7 – Motion to pass Proposal #7 as written
  Passed.
- Proposal #8 – Adjust Time Range for Transitional Board Meeting
  Passed.
- Proposal #9 – Attendance Requirement for Directors
  Fails.
- Proposal #9 – Amendments:
  Kyle Markley moved to add the word "regular" before each occurrence of the word "consecutive" in the existing proposal Katy Brumbelow offered a friendly amendment to change "regular" to "regularly scheduled." Passed.
  Motion to pass Proposal #9 as amended. Passed.
  Ed Marihart moved to amend Proposal #9 as passed: in the last sentence of Article 5, Section 9, change both occurrences of "three" to "two." Passed.
- Proposal from the floor offered by Brad Franks: Replace Article 12, Section 1 in its entirety with "Each body of the Libertarian Party of Oregon will adopt by majority vote a parliamentary authority it uses to operate. Changes to such authority may be made by 2/3 vote of that body."] Vote was so close initially as to require a recount. Fails.
- Proposal from the floor offered by Kyle Markley: Amend Proposal #4 as passed to change Article 6, Section 1, A4 to match changes to new Article 5, Section 9 to insert "regularly-scheduled" before both occurrences of "consecutive"; in the last sentence of Section 1, change the first "three" to "two" and "all three" to "both." Passed.

Resolution of the Convention

Will Hobson proposed the following resolution:

"It should go without saying, in keeping with our statement of principles (to challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual) that we the members of the Libertarian Party of Oregon do deem illegitimate, null, and void all lockdown orders, restrictions on voluntary association, and infringements on our essential human liberties by national, state, or local governments."

Passed overwhelmingly.

Business (Redux)

- Proposal from the floor by Richard Schneider: Amend Proposal #9 in the new Article 5, Section 9 to delete "all two" and replace it with "both." Passed.

Richard Burke moved to adjourn and there was no objection. Adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

Appendix A