



Minutes from March 2nd, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Wednesday, March 2nd 2022, at 8:32 pm by Zoom, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely

Timothy Perkins (Chair)
Will Hobson (Vice-Chair)
Taylor Rickey (Secretary)
Tim Sippel
William Johnson Jr
Peter VandenBerg
Kyle Markley
Kenny Sernach

Absent

Rachel Saulo

Observers

Dexter Graphic
LJ Mills
Ayden Parker
Marion Skinner

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda moved by Taylor and seconded by Kenny, No objections.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes unavailable, Kenny moves that we strike approval of minutes, Peter seconds. Approval of minutes are stricken from the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Nothing on the consent agenda.

Open Forum

No comments.

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

Timothy reports that it was a quiet month on the LPO front, Has been following the events in Ukraine. Him and his family were sick for about a week. Timothy did some committee work and wants to see if candidates would be willing to speak at the Occupy Oregon Freedom Convoy. Jeffrey Epstein didn't kill himself and taxation is theft.

Vice Chair (Will Hobson)

Will reports that he has been attending high school protests and walkouts handing out copies of the Law and libertarian pamphlets. Will also reports that he went to a liberty rally held by Free Oregon, he is trying to be the libertarian representative for Free Oregon. In addition Will has also started a "Buy Me a Coffee" account to try and make his activism full time. Peter thanks Will for his continued hard work.

Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny reports that only 40 dollars have been donated since the last board meeting and the approximate total balance in the LPO bank account is \$7,250 or somewhere around there. Kenny will be making a donation; it will not be enough to cover the gap. but could put a dent in it.

Secretary (Taylor Rickey)

Taylor has nothing to report.

Reports of Boards and Committees

A. Campaigns Director (Vacant)

Peter nominates LJ Mills for campaign director. LJ gives his reasons for wanting to be campaign director as he does not want to be a candidate

but wants to help. Will Hobson moves to confirm LJ as the campaign director Peter seconds the motion. It moves for a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Kenny Sernach, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Taylor Rickey, and Will Hobson) Nays (None) Unanimously LJ Mills is our new campaigns director. His first order of business is he wants to create a pamphlet for candidates with step by step directions for running for office.

B. Fund Raising (William Johnson Jr)

William Johnson reports that the fundraising committee meeting was canceled last month. William reports that not much money has been raised. There will be a new committee meeting on Monday March 7th at 8:30 pm

C. Public Relations (Will Hobson)

Will reports that he has created a list of county groups of libertarians. Will also reports that he is working with Katy Brumbelow to continue to work toward forming more county affiliates. Also this Saturday Will will be at Reds in the Hood speaking for Free Oregon. In addition, Tim Sippel has joined the LPO Discord channel. Will Hobson is looking for a suitable backup to Discord in case the LPO Discord channel goes down for "misinformation"

D. Data Director: (Kyle Markley)

Kyle reports there is nothing new in regards to the CRM. He did however get in touch with the Secretary of State and requested the Libertarian primary voter list. Sometime soon he should have the list and put it in the CRM and get our board members' CRM accounts approved. Will asked if he has ran into issues logging into the CRM or if it has been resolved, that some other states have reported, Kyle said he will look into that.

E. Bylaws: (Kyle Markley)

Kyle reports that a few board members(Kyle Markley, Timothy Perkins, and Kenny Sernach) had a meeting to discuss how the bylaws would be proposed on the primary ballot. The proposals were sent via email as a potential draft for the board to consider. Kyle wants to spend time going over each proposal to approve the statements. Taylor recommends that we go through the proposals one by one now and approve the ones that are acceptable as is and work on the ones that need fine-tuning.

The full text of the statements is attached as Appendix

Proposal #1: Procedure to Amend Bylaws

Peter moves that we accept this statement of proposal as written, Kyle seconds. It moves to a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter Vandenberg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Proposal #2: Electronic Voting

Peter moves to approve this statement of proposal as written, Taylor seconds it moves to a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter Vandenberg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Proposal #3: Eligibility for Serving as a Director and Voting in the Director Election

Kyle recommends we fix this one offline because it does not cover how we would select the electors for the director elections. This proposal will be reworked and voted on at a later date.

Proposal #4: Public Policy Board

LJ moved to approve this motion and then withdrew his motion. Peter moves that we discuss this proposal in greater detail in April and Taylor seconds.

Proposal #5: Allow STAR Voting Method

Given the existence of motivated individuals likely to submit their own arguments which would bring revenue to the LPO, we believe it is unnecessary for the Board of Directors to submit its own argument about this proposed amendment.

No Objections

Proposal #6: Primary Candidates

Peter moves that we accept the statement of proposal as is and Will seconds. It moves to a vote Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Proposal #7: Electronic Meetings

Peter moves that proposal #7 does not need a board statement in favor of it, Will Hobson seconds. It moves to a vote Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Proposal #8: Adjust Time Range for Transitional Board Meeting

Peter moves that we accept this statement as written, Taylor seconds. It moves to a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Proposal #9: Attendance Requirement for Directors

Will moves that we accept this statement as written, Peter seconds it moves to a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

F. Website: (Timothy Perkins)

Timothy reports he updated the banner and will be creating a 2022 Primary Election page to recruit candidates and have a link for the voter guide, he uploaded all available minutes.

G. Affiliates (Katy Brumbelow)

Not present and no report.

H. Member Development (Peter VandenBerg)

Peter reports he got a new job and is looking at getting a house in Milwaukee and focusing on getting delegates to Reno. He has been managing the LP Mises

caucus social media; he has gotten 500 new followers on the LPMC Oregon twitter page.

Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

Unfinished & New Business

2022 delegation:

Timothy reports he has received no new applications to be a delegate or alternate.

2022 primary election:

He sent out a Doodle poll, but did not see the results as they went to the wrong email, and then he got sick. Peter nominates himself, Marion Skinner and LJ Mills to the committee and Kenny seconds the motion. it moves to a vote Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter Vandenberg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None) **it passes**

Will Hobson will set a time for this weekend for the committee to meet.

New Business

Political Party Statement submitted by Kyle to add to the voter's pamphlet. This statement is in Appendix B

Peter moves to approve the statement as written and Taylor seconds.

Open Forum

Marion Skinner wants to reconfirm delegates for Reno. Timothy said that only one has dropped out but all other delegates and alternates are still planning on going. LJ has expressed interest in becoming a delegate. He will send Timothy an email expressing that. LJ then asked about marketing strategy and logos. Timothy informed him we have some branding. LJ also asked about in kind donations as far as if someone wanted to donate marketing tools for the LPO.

Will Hobson moves to hold a special board meeting on March 30th 2022 with a limited agenda to address the bylaws proposals and 2022 primary elections. Taylor seconds and it moves to a vote. Ayes (Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Kenny Sernach, Taylor Rickey, William Johnson Jr, Peter VandenBerg, Tim Sippel, Kyle Markley) Nays (None)
it passes

Next Meeting

The board will meet again on Wednesday, April 13th 2022 @ 8:30 pm.

Adjourned at 10:50pm

Appendix A

Board of Directors Bylaws Amendment Referral Argument Statements – **First Draft**

Please review and provide written feedback to Kyle, Timothy, and Kenny so that we may prepare final drafts for the Board's consideration at the April meeting. The best format for suggestions is to send a modified copy of this document. (Change tracking is enabled.)

Proposal #1: Procedure to Amend Bylaws

The LPO made quorum at its biennial convention in 2021, but that is the only time in the past decade we have made quorum. Without a quorum, a convention can't refer bylaws amendments for your approval. The last time bylaws amendments were referred (in 2016), this was done through the Board of Directors' unclear authority to use the primary election to "decide any other matters referred for ratification." We don't think that's good enough.

This proposed amendment would:

1. Give the Board of Directors explicit authority to refer bylaws amendments, but only by unanimous vote.
2. Remove the provision that a convention with unrealistically high attendance (at least 1% of all party members) could amend the bylaws without a referral to mail ballot.
3. Clarify that bylaws amendment referrals would remain pending if the LPO does not hold a primary election (nominating candidates by convention, instead).

The Board of Directors recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #2: Electronic Voting

Our bylaws allow electronic voting in the primary election, but only on an opt-in basis. This amendment would enable the Board of Directors to switch to electronic voting by default, with members able to opt-out to receive a mailed or printable paper ballot.

Having electronic voting by default would be an enormous cost savings. The 2020 primary election cost over \$13,000 in printing and mailing expenses, and as our party continues to grow, so does the cost of the primary election.

Being able to send a postcard with electronic voting instructions rather than a thick ballot envelope would cut our printing and mailing expenses by more than half. Using that opportunity to gather e-mail or other electronic contact information would cut future expenses even more.

The Board of Directors urges a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #3: Eligibility for Serving as a Director and Voting in the Director Election

This proposal is designed to address two holes in the current bylaws caused by the following restriction for Director Elections in Article 8, Section 1(B): "Members who did not return a ballot during the previous primary election or who joined after the previous election are not eligible to vote on matters of party leadership or run for party office."

1. Due to the restriction above, the LPO is locked out from exercising the option of holding a nominating convention in place of mailing out ballots for a primary election if it is not financially feasible to do so (a power granted in Article 8, Section 1A). In the event that a nominating convention was to be held for financial reasons, there would then be no members who had "...return[ed] a ballot during the previous

primary election,” therefore there would be no members eligible to vote or run for party leadership or office, and therefore no one to form a board and run the party once the term of the board of directors that held the nominating convention was expired.

2. Appointment to a director vacancy only requires a majority vote of remaining board members (Article 5, Section 5), while running for director requires having turned in a primary election ballot.

By changing and expanding eligibility to serve and run for party leadership, the amendment proposal prevents the possibility of the LPO accidentally causing a leadership succession crisis by holding a cost-saving nominating convention, makes eligibility for being in party leadership more consistent, and keeps the selection of party leadership in the hands of the LPO’s most involved members.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #4: Public Policy Board

Due to the controversial nature of this proposed amendment, we recommend that the Board of Directors not submit any argument either in support or opposition, but instead rely on arguments submitted by LPO members. Even so, we prepared the following draft argument:

The current bylaws of the LPO forbid the Board of Directors from defining Libertarian policy, defining Libertarian Platform, or taking a position on any public or electoral issue unless it directly affects the operation of the LPO. The original intention of this restriction was to reduce infighting and encourage candidates, PACs, think tanks, and other organizations to step in and educate the public on Libertarian ideas while the party simply focused on running candidates for public office.

Since the adoption of this restriction, there have been observations and criticisms that the public looks to the LPO to tell them what Libertarians believe; that widespread education about our ideas hasn’t taken place; that there is no standard to which our candidates can be held; that the LPO has its hands tied when it comes to public outreach; and that the LPO can’t address issues important to Libertarians, even as the State of Oregon creates legislation and executive policies that infringe on our freedoms.

This amendment proposal allows a new body of the LPO (the Public Policy Board) to address public policy, with several restrictions on the PPB that are intended to mitigate the possibility of adopting positions that would be divisive among Libertarians:

- its powers are locked behind a two-thirds quorum requirement, and most of those powers require a two-thirds or three-quarters majority vote;
- some of its powers require concurrence or requests for funding from the Board of Directors;
- it has no authority to contradict the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles or to contradict public policy positions adopted in LPO conventions;

The Board of Directors recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #5: Allow STAR Voting Method

Given the existence of a motivated individuals likely to submit their own arguments which would bring revenue to the LPO, we believe it is unnecessary for the Board of Directors to submit its own argument about this proposed amendment.

Proposal #6: Primary Candidates

This proposed amendment cleans up several issues related to candidates and elections.

1. Our bylaws currently require Libertarian nominees to stay members of the party through the general election. While that is well-intentioned, it is utterly unenforceable. Oregon has no mechanism to rescind a nomination. The amendment would give the party the option to not nominate a person who leaves the party before their nomination is made.
2. Our bylaws currently forbid nonaffiliated candidates from earning the LPO's nomination, while allowing so-called 'fusion' nominations to "candidates from another party." That restriction doesn't make sense. The amendment refers uniformly to "[p]eople who are not members of the LPO."
3. The amendment gives the Board of Directors discretion about allowing non-members to register as candidates, and about whether and how to count votes for registered and write-in non-member candidates. In previous years, major party candidates have often won the LPO's nomination through write-in votes when no Libertarian candidate was running. Some of these non-member candidates have been embarrassingly non-Libertarian in their positions. We should have the discretion to prevent such nominations.
4. The current bylaws do not adequately describe a process for listing Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates on our primary ballot, and do not describe the effect of a primary election for those offices on Oregon's delegates to the Libertarian national convention.
5. The current bylaws do not mention the selection of members of the Electoral College.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #7: Electronic Meetings

We believe it is unnecessary for the Board of Directors to submit its own argument about this proposed amendment.

Proposal #8: Adjust Time Range for Transitional Board Meeting

The purpose of this amendment is to make scheduling of the convention and primary more convenient, as the transitional board meeting has generally taken place at the convention. This amendment allows more scheduling flexibility without scheduling a separate board meeting.

The board recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Proposal #9: Attendance Requirement for Directors

This amendment has been proposed to ensure that the board is able to continue to meet quorum and conduct the business of the party.

The board recommends a vote in favor of this amendment.

Appendix B

The Libertarian Difference

How do you know what a political candidate stands for? A lot of political speech these days consists of using a lot of words to say very little of substance. Politicians would rather be unclear and ambiguous. They're happy to say vague but nice-sounding things, but afraid of being pinned down on concrete issues because they don't want voters to realize that they disagree!

By contrast, Libertarians are not afraid of stating their positions, or the principles that brought them to those positions. Libertarianism is not just a collection of disconnected policy ideas, it is a coherent political philosophy grounded in the importance of individual freedom. These are our principles:

Libertarian Party Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual, namely:

1. the right to life – accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others;
2. the right to liberty of speech and action – accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and
3. the right to property – accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

Be A Libertarian

If these principles appeal to you, we invite you to switch your voter registration to “Libertarian” to join the cause of advancing liberty and freedom. There are never any dues or fees required to participate in our elections or conventions, or to be a candidate for public office, and party leadership is directly elected by our members. There are many opportunities for true grassroots activism.

Join the Libertarian party, and vote for Libertarian candidates! The Libertarian Party of Oregon conducts its own primary election without taxpayer funding, unlike the major parties who use your tax dollars to benefit themselves. Our members will receive a separate Libertarian ballot to select candidates to advance to the general election.

The Libertarian Party of Oregon has nominated more candidates for public office than all other minor parties combined. Libertarians are not right or left or center, but we stand on principle and champion your freedom to do what you want with both your life and your money. We want to compassionately unravel our overbearing government while minimizing the pain to those who have been made dependent on it.

For more information, visit our website: <http://lporegon.org>
Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/lporegon/>



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Call to Order at 8:30 pm, March 2nd, 2022
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8458935125>
Meeting ID: 845 893 5125

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Consent Agenda
4. Open Forum – observers may speak on any agenda item
5. Reports of Officers
 - A. Chair - Timothy Perkins
 - B. Vice Chair - Will Hobson
 - C. Treasurer - Kenneth Sernach
 - D. Secretary - Taylor Rickey
6. Reports of Committees and Directors
 - A. Campaigns – vacant
 - B. Fundraising – William Johnson Jr.
 - C. Public Relations – Will Hobson
 - D. Data – Kyle Markley
 - E. Bylaws – Kyle Markley
 - F. Website – Timothy Perkins
 - G. Affiliate – Katy Brumbelow
 - H. Member Development – Peter Vandenberg
7. Special Orders
8. Unfinished and New Business
 - A. 2022 Delegation – Timothy Perkins
 - B. 2022 Primary Election – Timothy Perkins
9. Open Forum – observers may speak on any item they wish
10. Next Board Meeting is set by policy for April 13th, 2022