

LPO – PPB

Libertarian Party of Oregon

Public Policy Board

Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 7pm PST

1. Meeting begin @ 7:15pm
 - Peter, Marrion, Matt, Sonja present, Katy and Tom arrived later
 - Tom, Travis, Brendan, Morey not present
 - Due to Travis not being present at the beginning Vice Chair Peter is running the meeting.
 - No quorum yet
 - Discussion on Daylight Savings Time
2. Present/accept/amend minutes from the February meeting (Accepted after 7:22 with quorum)
 - Matt says it is readable
 - Katy agrees
 - Peter makes one correction
 - Peter asks if any changes
 - Marrion motions to accept as amended
 - Katy seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
3. Present the agenda
 - Peter asked if any additions
 - Katy mentions adding senate bill for abolishing department of education
 - Katy: It's on our platform plank so maybe we should show up in support
 - Matt: How many folks have been able to get in there and work on the platform?
Lots of blank space, education, and distinguishing between fed and state. Spirit of platform plank is against both.
 - Peter thinks we are close to finishing
 - Peter asks if anymore additions to agenda

- Meeting officially started as Tom joined and we have Quorum 7:22
 - Peter moves to accept agenda
 - Matt motions to accept
 - Katy seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
4. Public comment- open for observers to speak on any agenda item or any topic
5. Reports
- a. Chair
 - Peter is sitting in for Travis as he is absent
 - b. Vice Chair
 - Been working on platform
 - Working on fundraiser for March 26th
 - Tweeting from LPO twitter, once resolutions are indexed can point to them in tweets
 - Planning on volunteering for Vice Chair of the PPB, if elected to the PPB
 - Travis is planning to volunteer for LPO secretary, if elected to the LPO Board
Note: Treasurer actually, not secretary
 - Will is running for LPO Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - Matt says you can represent your office, can't represent the whole though
 - Peter asks to drop details on the event
 - Marrion: Point of this board is to give views on our topics and any representative of the organization can speak on these topics.
 - Peter: look at RATWM
 - Matt: Lori is an old friend and is upset at vote and putting pressure on her for her bad take from other parties
 - Tom says to avoid screeners
- Peter: Meeting is ending in 9 minutes and we will jump into the new meeting
6. Old business
- a. Developing a platform specific to Oregon
 - i. Status check on plank drafts

- Matt: Oregon never had a county by county senate seat, hard cap of 30 seats in state senate
- Katy: It was originally 4 counties and created 30 districts
- Tom: Wrote plank originally, addressing problem of dealing with rural urban divide, one kind of solution to solve that
- Matt: His is 1.1 section
- Tom: We support county governance to address county divide
- Matt concurs, federal courts won't allow states to do that. Best thing to do is counties should be able to decide what states they are in. They have the right to secede.
- Peter agrees
- Peter will highlight places we disagree and we can tackle that later
- Katy: How many sub groups do we have here?
- Peter: 26 planks
- Katy: What if we just took one group and assigned it
- Peter: Would be nice to have it done
- Katy: What if we did a day with each plank, done by end of day
- Peter: For debate on discord sounds fine or comments on document whatever works best
- Matt: Who is point for tribal relations
- Tom wrote it
- Matt: Should the feds be responsible for policy termination? Tribal stuff is powder keg. Tribes will back Dems and Rep. We should address the best policy. Would like to work with Tom.
- Tom: Having a plank is good PR and means we care about it
- Matt: Should be connected with foreign policy
- Katy: You could connect to county sovereignty. Treat it as tribal sovereignty. Has the right to decide how they associate.

- Matt: If they want sovereignty from States there should be talk of ending government subsidiary for it
- Matt: Who wrote the water resources part?
- Sonja: I put some ideas in there

Meeting ended at 7:46 and will start again

Meeting restarted at 7:49

- Matt: Contacting planks author may help with debate
- Peter: Who wrote military plank
- Sonja did
- Marrion: Have been trying to save time, been pulling excerpts from national platform and shortening or inserting to start with
- Katy joins the meeting
- Peter: We will go through and initial who wrote what
- Katy wrote School, Sonja added to it
- Sonja worked on forestry and land
- Tribal is Tom and Matt
- Housing Development is Sonja
- Matt asks questions about removing property taxes
- Sonja: Just had ideas to throw in
- Tom: Housing policy can be a good resource
- Katy: State loves to make task forces which can be useful, good place to start to see how that could be eliminated
- Tom: Housing and development, would be better to oppose exclusionary development
- Matt: Prohibitive taxes on millionaires in coquille
- Katy: Executive order by KB has created lots of bureaucracy, code had to be revamped
- Matt will chip in on housing

- Peter is softening on the idea, when big government uses tax dollars it violates your rights
- Matt appreciates the spirit, protecting the local right of tax, and getting the power back to the communities.
- Peter taxation is least offensive when done at the local level
- Marrion: Dropped comment on plank from national platform in chat
- Matt: Whoever wrote to encourage an opt in mail system
- Tom wrote election plank
- State monopolies Travis or Katy
- Katy: That's another local issue and state and county
- Oregon lottery
- Katy: Unelected government agencies are a response to federal policy. Response to control from feds.
- Matt: How does membership feel about casinos
- Peter and Sonja say sure
- Matt: Wanted to create a casino in his town, lots of pushback
- Crime and Justice
- Peter asks if we need a plank on everything
- Marrion: Recommends we get familiar with the national language. It covers a lot of this.
- Reads from national plank
- Original language for specific local things, pull from national for the rest
- Sonja agrees
- Matt: Doesn't want to create ill will, is everyone behind language on civil commitment
- Peter: Lets have a debate in discord

- Katy: We can look at national platform, 10 biggest money sucking depts. and then match up those things
- Tom: They are completely changing the laws and methods in civil commitments. Want to round people up and force drug them
- Katy: Helps to be familiar with Oregon constitution and its violations
- Sonja: We can link state constitution where applicable
- Tom: We can remove background language
- Peter will leave open for debate
- Matt: Folks look for reasons to make negative conclusions on what they don't know.
- Katy: This is a fluid document
- Peter: Not a living document
- Parental rights Peter
- Tom has to go, new third party in Oregon, RFK JR may be running for president.
- Crime and Justice Peter
- Privacy Peter
- Property Peter
- Sonja: Could go get national planks and throw them in the blank ones
- Matt: Finances could go under taxation
- Risto: Would like to add, approval of homesteading principle, if you develop a resource you can use
- Katy: Do you know Adam Zalinski, he may be good resource, environmental stuff, adding email to chat
- Peter: Govt finance could be redundant, Matt and Sonja
- Peter and Sonja wrote agorism
- Healthcare Sonja added to

- Discrimination - National plank added by Katy
- Matt: Read Charles Murray's book on being a libertarian?
non-discrimination, resources could not be allocated based on race.
- Katy: Comes down to discrimination is a buzzword. Deal with the topic by going back to everyone is a human.
- Marrion agrees
- Matt: We could add equal protection
- Katy: Another opportunity for linking to constitution
- Matt agrees
- Markets and money Peter
- Peter: Any questions?
- Katy: If you want help on markets and money, I would throw my husband under the bus on that one.
- Matt: Wants to put a plank in on local govts able to create their own currency. bond system, pay municipal fees etc.
- Peter: Would love to do that
- Risto: New England, started currency during 2008 financial crisis
- Matt: North Bend had own currency
- Risto: Gold currency would be an easy exchange
- Peter: Only 9 minutes till meeting ends

b. Fill vacant voting member position by appointment

- Risto: Will be leaving Oregon in May so will not be running again
- Peter: Are you going to the pool tournament?
- Risto: Will try to make it
- Katy: Will try to make it as well
- Matt: Any sharks in the group?
- Peter: Money goes to the LPO convention

1. New business
 1. Resolution concerning Tolling on Taxpayer-funded roads, highways, bridges, or transportation routes
 1. Peter suggested we take this up between meetings, discuss on discord, and vote by email. No one disagreed.
2. Questions for Chavez- Deremer at open house.
 1. Group did not provide any additional questions.
3. Resolution concerning the 5000 Voices Campaign for Oregon
 1. Peter suggested we take this up between meetings, discuss on discord, and vote by email. No one disagreed.
4. State senate bill to abolish the Dept. Education
 1. Group agreed we should support, though doubtful that it will pass
5. LPO Pool tournament
 1. Peter advised of the event and details for the fundraising event
6. Good of the order
 1. Nothing was mentioned
7. Next meeting is scheduled for April 5th, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom
8. Will conduct emails for voting on resolutions and discussion on Katy and Sonja's proposals
9. Meeting end 8:23pm