



Minutes from May 11th, 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, May 11th 2022, at 8:37 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
Peter Vandenberg
Kyle Markley
Kenny Sernach
Katy Brumbelow
LJ Mills (late)

Absent

Rachel Saulo
William Johnson Jr

Observers

Marrion Skinner
Jack Oeming
Carolyn Wade
Aaron Robnett
Art Wanderlust

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda moved by Peter and seconded by Will H, no objections.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the November 10th meeting; there were edits and corrections made to the draft minutes. Kenny moves and Tim S seconds to approve the amended minutes, with the chair authorized to amend to attach the meeting agenda from the corresponding meeting; there was no objection.

Consent Agenda

- A. "Authorize the LPO Chair to sign this agreement on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Oregon." Moved by Timothy and seconded by Kyle.

Ayes: Timothy, Tim, Taylor, Peter, Will H, Kyle, Kenny

Nays: none

The Regional Formation Agreement document referred to in this motion is appended to these minutes as Appendix A

Open Forum

Carolyn inquired about speaking on the delegation to the National Convention, the chair inquired of the board if they would allow hearing from observers at the time that the agenda item was reached in the course of the meeting and the board gave their assent. Carolyn reserved her remarks for when the agenda item was presented.

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

Timothy and his family were quite sick for two weeks and he got behind on things. He was able to work with LJ (Campaigns director) on a list of candidates who had run with the party in the past and are currently members of the party and contacted the ones that he thought might be interested in running again, there's been some response.

Timothy worked with the state LP chairs of WA, NV, AZ, and CO. These states are in Region 1 but don't feel represented by their rep. They have enough share of the National LP membership to form a region on their own, and he worked with them on what that will look like.

Timothy's been fielding inquiries from potential candidates and dealing with internal LP tensions.

Jeffrey Epstein did not kill himself and taxation is theft.

Kenny inquired if there had been discussion of in-person meetings again. There's interest.

Will asked if Ibra Tahir had reached out to be co-nominated. The chair needs to follow up, but Mr. Tahir did reach out and still needs to contribute \$50.

Vice Chair (Will Hobson)

The National Convention is coming up, Will is getting people ready. He has heard that Ron Paul will be there in person at 7pm on Friday of the convention; Ron Paul is a Lifetime Member of the LP.

Will's talked to some potential candidates and people running in association with Free Oregon. He's considered having another Primary Election update next week to try and keep the membership in the loop.

Will's taken a few days to garden, recuperate, and get ready for Reno.

Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

We have about \$9,000 in the bank right now; his understanding is that matching funds are for contributions from the 20th on. Will clarified that the offer from the Mises Caucus to match \$1,000 basically doesn't have an expiration date; they want to give the LPO the money. Timothy mentioned that Kenny needs to watch for contributions related to candidate statements, etc.

Kenny asked if there is an estimate for the mailing cost. Kyle got a couple estimates from our preferred mailhouse; our membership has grown by 10% and inflation has driven costs up more like 20% per mailing. We're going to need to send out a slimmer mailing than we often have; if we send out 4 sheets it will cost \$21,000, and if we eliminate a sheet in the mailing to make it 3 sheets it will drop it to around \$19,000.

Secretary (Taylor Rickey)

Taylor is working to get caught up on some minutes.

Reports of Boards and Committees

A. Campaigns Director (LJ Mills)

LJ is not present to present a report. LJ has had intermittent job performance. He did help during a time when the chair was sick, which was appreciated. The chair is aware of 10 candidates that are currently slated to enter our primary election, which we hope to increase.

B. Fund Raising (William Johnson Jr)

William Johnson Jr was not present to give a report.

C. Public Relations (Will Hobson)

Not much to report Will still doesn't have access to Facebook, and there's not much to tweet until we have a Public Policy Board. Timothy sent out a newsletter. There's been discussion of removing trolls and those recruiting for other parties from our FB group.

D. Data Director: (Kyle Markley)

Not much to report. Our membership is at 21,219 Active Voting Libertarians. The list had been sent to National to get CiviCRM updated, but it hasn't been updated.

E. Bylaws: (Kyle Markley)

Nothing new. Peter has drafted a new board statement for Bylaws proposal #4 (Public Policy Board) that fits in the maximum word count, there was extensive discussion and debate on the merits of the board making a statement. Will H moved and Taylor seconded to pass the statement; the chair called for a roll call vote; *Ayes: Will H, Peter, Taylor, Tim S Nays: Kyle Express Abstentions: Timothy P, Kenny*

F. Website: (Timothy Perkins)

Timothy reports that the website should be up to date with the minutes available and posted meeting dates. We should have a calendar. The website hasn't been updated to show that Lane County Libertarians became an affiliate, because that part of the website needs updated and he was sick.

G. Affiliates (Katy Brumbelow)

Nothing to report.

H. Member Development (Peter Vandenberg)

Peter moved to a new home in Clackamas county. His security startup, The Neighborhood Squatch, started operating in Portland tonight. He's helping the Mises Caucus organize for Reno. He's hoping to host an event for the LPO in July.

Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

Unfinished & New Business

2022 delegation:

Timothy reported that there have been no changes to the delegation since the last meeting, there's one available delegate seat. Will H said that Ryan Haffner would not be able to be a delegate, and inquired if Leon had dropped out (he had not). Carolyn explained some history of her and Jack Oeming's involvement in the LPO, and advocated that he be chosen to be seated as a delegate. There was extended tense debate and discussion on why certain persons should be preferred for the delegate slot(s).

The chair called for pending motions to be stated so that the board would know what the intentions of the various parts of the board were. Will H stated that he would like to move to put the remaining delegate slots into the hands of the delegation in Reno. Kyle stated that he would like to move to place Jack Oeming as a delegate.

The chair asked if either party would voluntarily accept the other's motion going first, and Kyle acceded.

Will moved and Peter seconded to have the delegation fill any remaining delegate slots on the first day of the convention before the start of business from the delegates there in person. Ayes: Will H, Taylor, Peter, Timothy P Nays: Kenny, Tim S, Kyle

The chair indicated that the business at hand seemed to be dispensed with and inquired if there was anything further. Kyle made a question of order regarding the motion that he had intended to make, whether it would be in order to make that motion and thereby overrule the previous motion. The chair stated that it would be in the nature of a reconsideration, but that it would be allowed if there were no objection, and inquired if there was any objection. No objection was raised, so the motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Tim S to promote Jack Oeming to be a delegate. Ayes: Kenny, Tim S, Kyle, Timothy P Nays: Will H, Peter*, Taylor

*Peter wanted it noted that his vote was not an objection to Jack, but rather made in support of the previous motion.

It was clarified that the previous motion was still in effect, but overruled by the succeeding motion in the case of Jack Oeming. Any open delegate slots will be filled by the delegation as dictated by the prior motion, and any delegates that do not show will be replaced by alternates only until the delegate(s) show.

2022 primary election:

We have 10 candidates so far, 6 of which are Libertarians. The ballot will have Yes/No questions on the Bylaws Amendments, then precinct-specific questions on public offices. Timothy may shorten his “chair’s letter” to save space, and ballot instructions may be compacted. There was a short discussion on a space for contact information for write-in candidates. There was a discussion of the timeline of the mailing.

Open Forum

Marrion inquired about a notation in the delegate spreadsheet that she wasn’t verified as an LPO member, which was able to be corrected.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourned at 10:56pm



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Call to Order at 8:30 pm, May 11th, 2022
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8458935125>
Meeting ID: 845 893 5125

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. November 10th, 2021
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. "Authorize the LPO Chair to sign this agreement on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Oregon." [*Appendix A*] Moved by Timothy and seconded by Kyle
Ayes: Timothy, Tim, Taylor, Peter, Will, Kyle, Kenny
Nays: none
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 – LJ Mills
 - 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 June 8th, 2022 at 8:30pm

Appendix A (Regional Formation Agreement) follows

2022-2024 REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR REGION

The state affiliates of the Libertarian Parties listed below, through their State Chairs, hereby form a representative Region for the purpose of electing a Regional Representative and Regional Alternate (“Regional Representatives”) to the Libertarian National Committee. To facilitate the gathering of signatures, signatures may appear on separate versions of this agreement. All versions together shall constitute the agreement.

ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

A Regional Caucus shall be held at the 2022 national Libertarian Party convention. Each registered primary delegate (or alternate substituting in for a primary delegate as determined by the last credentials report) shall have one vote. There shall be separate elections for the Regional Representative and the Regional Alternate. Voting shall be by approval voting and it shall take a majority of those present and voting to win. If multiple rounds are required, the lowest vote getter shall be dropped until a candidate reaches a majority or there is only one candidate and NOTA. NOTA will always be an option in the first round but can be dropped if NOTA is the lowest vote getter. If NOTA gets a majority, a second election will be conducted with any prior candidates for that position being ineligible. This process will continue for each position until candidates are elected. The method and procedure of voting can be changed by a 2/3 vote of the assembled delegates.

REGIONAL CAUCUS

The current LNC Regional Representatives (or if there are none due to vacancies or Regional re-alignment, the Regional Chairs) will be responsible for organizing the Regional Caucus and conducting the elections and will make an effort to provide reasonable notice to the affected delegates. No State Chair is eligible to be the Regional Representative or Alternate.

This agreement shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of the national Libertarian Party a number of copies of this agreement signed by Regional Chairs with enough national party sustaining members to form a representative Region. After this agreement has come into effect and before the final vote has been called on the election of the Regional Representatives at the Regional Caucus, a state affiliate can only join or withdraw with the unanimous consent of the other state signatory affiliates through their State Chairs.

The term of office for a Regional representative or Regional alternate shall commence at the close of the convention at which a Representative Region may be formed and shall end at the close of the next convention at which a Representative Region may be formed.

REMOVAL

Once the elections have been completed, any person elected as a Regional Representative or Regional Alternate may be removed from office by:

1. A majority petition of the Region's registered national convention delegates who were qualified to vote at the initial election or;

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2. Voting on the Libertarian National Committee in direct contradiction to the will of the State Chairs as described under the Responsibilities of the Regional Representatives below, in which case the state chairs can remove the Regional Representative or Alternate with a majority vote.
3. For any other cause, a 2/3 vote of all of the State Chairs in the Region.
4. Failing to attend two regular meetings as defined by the national Libertarian Party's Policy Manual.

*If removal is conducted by a vote of the Regional Chairs, the Representative in question shall be entitled to all of the due process protections of Robert's Rules of Order. If removal is conducted by a petition of delegates, it is treated as a recall and no formalities of Robert's Rules of Order will be required.

VACANCIES

Vacancies are to be filled in the following manner:

1. If the position of Regional Representative becomes vacant, the Regional Alternate shall automatically assume the position of Regional Representative unless declined.
2. For any remaining vacancies, a majority written vote of the Region's registered national convention delegates who were qualified to vote at the initial election if obtained within fourteen (14) days of any vacancy; or
3. After fourteen days have elapsed and any remaining vacancy has not been filled by the delegates as described above, by a majority vote of all the State Chairs in the Region.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE CHAIRS

- Remain engaged with the Regional Representatives and cast a vote on all items requested by the Regional Representatives or required under this agreement.
- Timely provide information or other support needed for the good of the Region as agreed upon by the Regional Chairs.
- Clearly communicate expectations and issues with the Regional Representatives.
- Make their best effort to participate in the region's collaborative effort as described in the Statement of Collaborative Intent found at <https://tinyurl.com/regioncollab>

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Diligently represent and advocate for the interests of the Regional States in their votes, debate, and participation in the business of the Libertarian National Committee. The representative shall pass along to the LNC any joint resolution or request for action passed by the majority of state chairs.

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- Consult with the Regional Chairs on all key votes and vote the will of the majority of the Regional Chairs, unless the corresponding LNC vote requires a higher vote threshold in which case the same threshold will be required of the vote of any Regional Chairs. Any state chair may call for a vote to deem an LNC vote Important to the region and to make the region's position clear. If the regional representative or alternate then casts their vote contrary to the vote of the state chairs, the representative or alternate may be removed as described in "Removal" above. Note: the regional representative may defer to their alternate or expressly abstain if they cannot in good conscience cast their vote in concurrence with the wishes of the represented states.
- Provide regular updates to Regional members (i.e., through such things as, but not necessarily, website, social media groups, electronic newsletter, Regional conference calls).
- Prepare a timely and thorough Regional Report for each LNC meeting and make a good faith effort to confer with each of the Regional Chairs prior to the production of same, such effort to comprise more than a cursory email asking for an update.
- Provide both a telephone number and email address for Regional members to contact the Representatives and be reasonably available to speak with the same.
- Attend each meeting of the Libertarian National Committee. Failure to attend two regular meetings as defined by the national Libertarian Party's Policy Manual shall be deemed an automatic resignation. This applies to both the Regional Representative and the Regional Alternate.
- Make their best effort to participate in the region's collaborative effort as described in the Statement of Collaborative Intent found at <https://tinyurl.com/regioncollab>
- Make a good faith effort to attend at least one convention in each of the Regional State per term between the two Representatives.
- Timely resign if at any time either Regional Representative feels they cannot fulfill any of these responsibilities.

The representatives will not be guaranteed any compensation for travel in relation to their duties, though the Regional states are encouraged to set aside a voluntary quarterly contribution towards a travel expense fund to reduce the burden.

Oregon

The Libertarian Party of the state of _____ agrees, in accordance with the terms above to enter into a representative Region with the Libertarian Parties of the states of Arizona (2.622%), Colorado (3.586%), Nevada (1.434%), Oregon (1.165%), and Washington (3.133%).

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TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF QUALIFYING NATIONAL MEMBERS 11.94%

I attest that I am authorized to enter into this agreement and contractually bind my state party thereby:

Timothy Perkins Chair - Libertarian Party of Oregon Name:

_____ Office: _____

May 1st, 2022

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ATTESTATION OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

I attest that I will fulfill the duties and obligations outlined in this agreement.

Name: _____, Regional Representative

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____, Regional Alternate

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix B: Board statement on Bylaws Proposal #4

The current bylaws of the LPO forbid the Board of Directors from taking positions on any public policy or electoral issue unless it directly affects operations of the LPO. Although the original intention of this restriction was to reduce infighting within the LPO, this has severely prevented growth of our state affiliate. When Oregonians might have looked to Libertarians for a different take on issues that Democrats and Republicans are lockstep on, or a common sense take on issues all Libertarians agree on, we have been silent.

Since adoption of this restriction, there have been criticisms that the LPO has its hands tied when it comes to public outreach; there is no standard to which our candidates can be held; and that the LPO can't address issues important to Libertarians. This all while legislation and executive policies 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 LPO board believes these restrictions to be more than sufficient to prevent infighting based on any extreme positions not felt by other Oregon Libertarians. In the event that the PPB takes positions the LPO membership disagrees with, PPB members can easily be removed at the LPO's biennial convention. For these reasons, the LPO board wants to allow LPO social media to engage with Oregonians and spread the message of liberty. The alternative is to stay silent on the issues of our time.