



Minutes from March 30th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order

The Special meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, March 30th 2022, at 8:00 pm by Zoom, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely

Timothy Perkins (Chair)
Will Hobson (Vice-Chair)
Kenny Sernach (Treasurer)
Taylor Rickey (Secretary)
Kyle Markley
Peter Vandenberg

Absent

Rachel Saulo
Tim Sipple
William Johnson Jr

Observers

Dexter Graphic
Marion Skinner

Agenda

To discuss business related to the 2022 primary election.

Timothy Perkins opens the meeting with a call for questions. Kyle Markley notes that there have been some election committee meetings he has not been able to attend and would like an update to how they have gone.

Timothy explains that the meetings were scarcely attended and that it was difficult to assign responsibilities to the members of the committee. Some things that were discussed were the option to use Opavote to conduct the primary election. Peter had agreed to take the lead to look into using Opevote software to conduct the primary election.

In the second meeting it was determined that Opavote software would not be able to be implemented to conduct our primary election due to the inability of Opavote to have the option of a write-in candidate. That is the recap that Timothy gave to Kyle.

Kyle then asked how serious the board was about conducting two separate elections. One for the bylaw amendments and one for the primary election. Timothy said that Opavote would be a viable option for the bylaws election. Timothy and Kyle weigh the cost of performing two separate elections and determine that it does not save the party money in the long run.

Marion asks a clarifying question; If it was possible to do the election fully electronically. But due to the Opavote software not having a write in option it would only be possible to the bylaws portion. Marion then quotes the LPO bylaws article 13 sec 1.b "amendments passed during a convention attended by less than 1% of the voting members must be referred to a mail in ballot. Then the board must vote whether to send out a special ballot or to wait until the regular primary. Marions interpretation of that is that we can do it under the primary.

Timothy responds that primary elections have their own rules under article 8 sec 1.a and 1.b after further debate regarding the interpretations of the bylaws Marion offered to reach out to former LPO board member Wes Wagner and or Richard Burke to clarify her interpretation.

Next Kyle Markley mentions that the board has still not received the new voter list from the secretary of state's office. He put in a request in early March, They had wanted Timothy Perkins to confirm that Kyle Markley could receive the voter lists on behalf of the LPO which he did. Kyle is optimistic that he will receive the updated April voter list instead of the March voter list.

Timothy wants to show the board another option rather than Opavote, that option being Election Buddy. Timothy then sent a test email out to the present members of the board with the Election Buddy software. After the test the question was raised if Election Buddy would work for the Board of Directors election because it did not match the LPOs bylaws regarding single transferable vote. The cost of Election Buddy is 300 dollars per election.

Kyle would like to know more about the differences of the single transferable vote. Timothy explains that our bylaws adopted are defined by the Australian proportional representation society. Which he looked up and determined that their website did not contain a reference to the right systems of single transferable votes. Which he would have liked to compare the two.

Timothy explains that Election Buddy also has other tools that we can use that do adhere to our bylaws like secret ballots. After further demonstration of the features and testing of Election Buddy including access keys for ballots and that Election Buddy can provide mailing services. However Kyle and Timothy think that it is probably more expensive than our current mailing house. Election Buddy also has different voting groups so we could vote on specific elections in regards to each individual district. Kyle suspects there would need to be about 60 different voting groups.

Kenny Sernach has joined the meeting.

Timothy sent out another test of the Election Buddy software and fills Kenny in on the meeting thus far. Timothy wants the minutes to reflect that he is responsible for not working out a time with Peter VandenBerg to test Opavote. After the demonstration Timothy thinks Election Buddy is a viable to use in the future but not for the 22 primary elections.

Timothy asked for any thoughts on the Election Buddy software. Hearing none, we move to Peter who brought up the board statement regarding proposal number 4 (Public Policy Board) Peter has drafted a statement in favor and wants to share it with the board when all members are present. Peter wants to check with Kyle when the deadline to submit the statement. Kyle informs Peter the deadline is April 22nd. Peter will post the statement online to receive feedback from the board and bring it back up at the April 13th board meeting.

Kyle asks if the board is confident that we conduct two separate elections or if we are going to combine them as a regular mailing. Timothy said those are the two leading options and we have not made a decision but we are leaning towards combining the elections and sending them out in one mailing.

Peter moves to adjourn. There is no objection.

Meeting adjourned.