



Minutes from April 12th 2023 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, April 12th 2023, at 7:00pm by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely

Timothy Perkins (Chair)
Will Hobson (Vice-Chair)
Kenny Sernach (Treasurer)
Taylor Rickey (Secretary)
Brad Lee
Rachel Saulo
Tim Sippel
Pablo Serrato
Katy Brumbelow

Absent

William Johnson, Jr.

Observers

Marrion Skinner
Mary Collins
Travis West
Peter Vandenberg

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda moved by Taylor Rickey and seconded by Tim Sippel, no objections. The agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes

March 8th minutes approved as amended, and with instructions for further amendments to include the Election policy that was approved: moved by Tim Sippel, seconded by Brad Lee, with no objections.

Consent Agenda

Election policy amendment: “amend the 2023 Board of Directors/Public Policy Board Members (“Party Leadership”) Election Rules to set the “mailing” date” to April 11th and to set the word count limit for candidate statements to 450 words.”

Open Forum

Reports of Officers

Chair (Timothy Perkins)

Busy month: director election, first electronic election. A couple bounced emails; took 2 tries to send the emails with properly formatted credentials. ElectionBuddy, \$99; and a single-page self mailer went to electors who did not opt in to electronic notice of elections: \$497.66, will be submitted to the treasurer. No one opted in to receive a paper ballot. Fully electronic, secure STAR voting is not available yet, so we’re using Single Transferable Vote for this election.

Taxation is theft. Everyone knows that J. Epstein didn’t kill himself.

Vice Chair (Will Hobson)

Is carrying Matt Rowe’s Campaigns Committee report. Is popular among help-seekers for coalition events. Progress made on potential fundraiser events for the party.

Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Just shy of \$1700 in the bank; we’re down to one monthly \$10 contribution among recurring contributions. The PO Box issue has been resolved.

Taxation is a necessary evil. (there’s probably something wrong if we all agree on such things.)

Secretary (Taylor Rickey)

Minutes from February, March, December, January, are complete and sent to the Board for review. Will not seek to continue as secretary if successfully elected to the Board again.

Reports of Boards and Committees

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April 12th, 2023

A. Fundraising (Taylor Rickey)

12 donations totalling \$360 since March. Pool Tournament was a big draw. Kaltembach's video resulted in \$100. Looking to work with other county affiliates, individuals to create more content for fundraising. Has plans to explore donor benefits for recurring donation providers. (perhaps, discount to an LPO Store?) Serrato: who would we need to work with to set up a store & payment processor? Physical address required. A subgroup formed to pursue this task.

B. Campaigns (Will Hobson)

Matt Rowe reports that the committee has not met since March 1st due to family urgency; 1) work on identifying key races, candidates is underway; 2) any LPO member candidates seeking assistance, please report in; 3) planning to meet, any interested members encouraged to attend. Colton Matson is running for City Council of Turner (special election, May.)

C. Public Relations (Will Hobson)

Nothing to report at this time. Timothy recorded a 'how to vote' for our Board elections, which is posted on our YouTube channel.

D. IT (Pablo Serrato)

Busy month. Supporting election; the LPO Convention Committee (agenda online); art & QR code for a Donation Envelope; publishing content for the Public Policy Board on the LPO website (members & minutes.) LPO March voter file used for Board elections, and will permit re-calculation of "quorum" for

E. Bylaws (Timothy Perkins)

Committee met 3 times since March's Board Meeting. Progress. The Board of Directors is empowered to make clerical corrections to the bylaws, as provided by the motion to amend our bylaws that passed both at the Convention and in the Primary Election Referendum:

1. Article 6, Section 1B, "with the those" to be corrected to "with those"
2. Article 6, Section 2A.3 refers to Article 8, "On the Exercise . . . ", is in fact Article 9.

Motion to adopt these changes to the Bylaws in regards to the clerical errors in Article 6 Section 2.A.3 and Article 6 Section 1.B as written in the highlighted section in the video moved by Taylor Rickey, seconded by Brad Lee.

Role call vote: Rachel Sollo: yes. Tim Sippel: aye. Brad Lee: aye. Pablo Serrato: aye. Taylor Rickey: aye. Kenney Sernach: yea. Will Hobson: aye. Timothy Perkins: aye. William Johnson, Jr. not present; motion passes unanimously.

These bylaws amendments are presented to the Board for feedback in a preliminary state.

- 1) Include non-partisan races, but add the restriction to support only members of LP Oregon in those races.
 - a) other parties also target non-partisan races
 - b) Pennsylvania has had recent success with a strategy similar to this
 - c) not a commitment to focus efforts on non-partisan races, but removing the roadblock keeping the party from supporting candidates for office similar to city councils, either with funds or with data, or with filing logistics.
 - d) supporting the more local races will build experienced candidates for the partisan races
 - e) does party support for non-partisan candidates detract from the intent of those offices being non--partisan?
- 2) Tabulation of election results – remove the specification that we will use the Wright System or the Reweighted Range method.
 - a) this is a logistical problem for the party conducting elections
 - b) support for STAR voting over Instant Runoff, request that it be moved to the top of the list of allowable methods of voting tabulation.
- 3) Adding “none of the below” to multi-position, ranked choice elections.
 - a) an opposition vote option, “prefer to run no candidate than have the below candidates run”.
- 4) Renaming the “Public Policy Board” to the “Public Policy Council”
 - a) clarity of reference, the Board vs. the Council
- 5) Move election of directors & members of public policy to the Convention.
 - a) allows for back-and-forth among candidates
 - b) how would this work with a hybrid convention? ElectionBuddy would be very important.
 - c) Might reduce voter turnout, or increase convention attendance.
- 6) Requiring the board to appoint a Deputy Treasurer.
 - a) option, Treasurer and Treasurer Elect, would support a defined period of apprenticeship.
 - b) Secretary of State needs clarity on who gets to do what: “Alternate Filer” might be a more appropriate title.
 - c) this would not inherently give the person voting rights on the Board of Directors.
- 7) Annual Convention
 - a) attendance might increase with annual meetings.

- b) might allow for a nominating convention, rather than conducting primary by paper or electronic ballot.
- c) fully remote convention? perhaps alternate years? (that might become its own proposal, as the notice regarding the convention requires a “place”.)

F. Affiliates (Katy Brumbelow)

Went to Multnomah Co. meeting and to Lane Co. – Lane Co. is going through a reforming process, having differences of opinion between the affiliate founders (founded around November 2021) and the recent direction changes of LPO. Good job, Sherman Co., whose president was quoted at a school board meeting.

H. Member Development (Brad Lee)

Peter’s fundraiser in Clackamas Co. saw new people show up. Well done! Potential for a recurring, perhaps quarterly, event.

Special Orders.

There are no special orders.

New and Unfinished Business.

A. 2023 LPO Convention (Will Hobson)

Lot of different things are being figured out. Will hold another meeting soon. Agenda is settled. Coordinating a site visit / tech test date. Developing the delegate packet. Sold 1 more table to Mike Termatt (sp?) Soliciting member volunteers to support AV during the Convention, to support remote attendance.

B. 2023 LPO Leadership Election (Timothy and Pablo)

List of electors is done; prepared email list; election on ElectionBuddy; sent notifications via email or paper per the members’ individual options.

9 candidates for the 9 member Board of Directors, write-ins are welcome; 9 candidates for the 11 member Public Policy Board, write-ins are sought.

Open Forum:

Marrion Skinner: advising the board members of the brand-new ability to refer bylaws amendments directly to the membership without requirement to present them for vote at the Convention.

Travis West: update from PPB and from Sherman Co: PPB – confident the draft platform will be ready for the Convention. Sherman Co. 's vice chair running for School Board; working on liberty-loving workshops like a firearms course. Looking forward to success and making it regular. Website can handle endorsement requests now, too.

Peter Vandenberg: regarding bylaws amendments – when would we have to decide whether bylaws will be presented at convention vs. referred directly to the membership? There are no particular constraints. Certainly the preference would be to make use of the Convention (with a quorum of delegates) to have direct debate. Direct reference needs unanimous support by the Board of Directors.

Pablo Serrato: Multnomah Co.: Sonja Feintech, lecturing on sourcing of food, was a moving presentation. Survived a rough Treasurer transition. Looking forward to a membership drive. Monthly meetings are 2:00 pm, the first Saturday of every month at Primal Burger on Woodstock.

Katy Brumbelow hopes to meet with the Clackamas Co. folks with an eye towards filing a PAC and affiliate. How can we connect people to their counties at the Convention? (will be considered by the Convention committee: Pablo Serrato reports that some opportunity is already built into the agenda.)

Next Board Meeting May 10th 2023 at 7:00pm, which will be the last Regular Board Meeting of this term.



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Call to Order at 7:00 pm, April 12th, 2023
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8458935125>
Meeting ID: 845 893 5125

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. March 8, 2023 minutes
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Timothy P moved and Pablo seconded to “amend the 2023 Board of Directors/Public Policy Board Members (“Party Leadership”) Election Rules to set the "mailing date" to April 11th and to set the word count limit for candidate statements to 450 words.”
Ayes: Pablo, Taylor, Rachel, Timothy P, Brad, Tim S, Will H, Kenny, William J
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. Fundraising – Taylor Rickey
 - B. Campaigns – Matt Rowe
 - C. Public Relations – Will Hobson
 - D. IT – Pablo Serrato
 - E. Bylaws – Timothy Perkins
 1. Clerical corrections - Marrion Skinner
 - F. Affiliate – Katy Brumbelow
 - G. Member Development – Brad Lee
7. Special Orders
8. Unfinished and New Business
 - A. 2023 LPO Convention Committee – Will Hobson
 - B. 2023 LPO Leadership Elections – Timothy/Pablo
9. Open Forum – observers may speak on any item they wish
10. Next Board Meeting is set by policy for May 10th, 2023 at 7pm