



Minutes from 7/10/2024 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, 7/10/2024, at 7:05 PM by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present Remotely

Travis West
Joe Christman
Will Hobson
Katy Brumbelow
Matt Rowe
Gunnar Power
Taylor Rickey (late)
Michelle Binker (nv)

Absent

Erik Bourque

Observers

Marrion Kaufman (notary)
Timothy Perkins
Richard Burke
Alexander Olivarez

Approval of Agenda

Approval of current meeting agenda. Request to add a bylaws review committee? **Will made a motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Travis. Motion approved without objection.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the [June 12, 2024 meeting](#) were presented. **X moves to approve, X seconds. Minutes are approved.** *Unfortunately no recording exists to clarify who made and seconded this motion.

Consent Agenda - No consent agenda.

Open Forum (please limit time to three minutes)

- Richard announces free WLN candidate training. Seeks time to make an announcement at the convention. Noon, Saturday, July 20.
- Alexander Olivarez: Has block and gavel to use at convention.
- Joe Christman: Not today, RFK.
- Katy: has a podium from the “old” LPO. Can bring it to Moro.

Officers’ Reports:

- Chairman’s Report: Matt Rowe:
 - Wants to see the convention be really successful. Putting things together has been educational. Props to all who contributed to the effort.
 - Wants to update committee descriptions after the convention to maximize volunteer results.
- Vice Chair’s Report: Will Hobson:
 - Purchased auction items to raise \$\$ at convention, including artwork.
 - Volunteer meeting not well attended, but glad to hear there are others willing to volunteer.
 - Excited about Sonja’s candidacy.
- Secretary’s Report: Michelle Binker
 - Would like to get the agendas out sooner.
 - Send an email address to secretary@lporegon.org to get on the distribution list.
 - Will not be available to be in Moro. Will be available virtually.
- Treasurer’s Report: Travis West
 - Just over \$2,700 in the account.
 - SOS updated and reports filed.

Reports of Directors and Standing Committees

- Affiliate (Katy): nothing to report
- Bylaws (Perkins): nothing to report
- Campaigns (Rowe)
 - Completely focused on convention. Some good candidates stepping up.
 - Not many contested primary races.
- IT (Travis West)
 - [Joe] internet speed test at venue? [Travis] should not be an issue.
 - Working on the new LPO website. Ready to migrate, but will wait until things have “quieted” after the convention.
 - Will get secretary access to upload approved minutes to website.
- Fundraising:
 - need a chair.
 - nothing to report
- Member Development
 - will be retooled to become the life blood (life-line?) of this organization
 - recommends Alexander for this committee
- Public Relations (Will Hobson)

- posting on social media and trying to get the word out about the convention.

Executive Session - potential litigation.

New Business

- Reimbursement for Convention Notices (West)
 - Matt Rowe: \$249.36; receipts received and reviewed. Rickey makes a motion to approve reimbursement, Christman seconds. **Motion passes without objection.**
- Reimbursement for LPO Voter List (West)
 - Christopher Peters: \$29.95; receipts received and reviewed. Brumbelow makes a motion to approve reimbursement, Rickey seconds. **Motion passes without objection.**
- Resignation of Peter Vandenberg and Board Vacancies
 - There are three vacancies. Any names for consideration? email Matt or Michelle if interested to serve.
 - Marrion Kaufman, Alexander Olivarez, and Richard Burke step up.
 - Nominations will be on next month's agenda.
- Adoption of [Draft Candidate Rules for Convention/Nominations](#) (perkins)
 - Adopt, then all a candidate needs to do is notify an officer prior to the convention.
 - Policy board could decertify a NOTA or other candidacy that is not a good fit for the party to ensure an L candidate.
 - Rowe will do more research on how a NOTA nomination will work, and the Policy board.
 - Christman: on fusion candidates - there is a line in National bylaws that seems to heavily imply there ought not to be fusion. How National would view this is an entirely separate question.
 - Rowe: maximize ability for members to run for office.
 - Rickey makes a motion to adopt rules for 2024 convention, Brumbelow seconds.
 - Vote:
 - Joe Christman - abstain
 - Will Hobson - y
 - Katy Brumbelow - y
 - Matt Rowe - y
 - Gunnar Power - y
 - Taylor Rickey - y
 - **MOTION PASSES.**
- Adoption of [Draft Convention Rules](#) (Perkins)
 - Loosely similar to rules adopted in previous years.
 - Burke: "If these rules are passed, God bless you." the rules I proposed for you would be a "fig leaf". Because they are convention rules they can be amended or stricken down. Would provide no cover for you if challenged.
 - Perkins: if the board were to accept Burke's rules would probably need to talk to a lawyer first, as it implies Burke's contention that the bylaws are illegitimate.
 - Motion to adopt?
 - Katy: We're talking about an olive branch, not a fig leaf.

- Christman: has this set of rules been passed out?
- Richard: suggestion - open the convention with the bylaws I provided then have a vote to replace with Timothy's rules
- Quorum is roughlyly 50 credentialled Ls.
- Christman: What does the credentialing process look like? Perkins, that's up to the credentialing committee.
- Rowe: Does the board want to appoint a credentialing chair now?
- Christman: What is the parliamentary authority? Roberts? Perkins
- Rickey makes a motion to adopt convention rules; Hobson seconds.
 - Katy: See no problem.
 - Rickey:
 - Alexander: Will there be any parliamentarians present? Rowe: I'm acquainted with RRoO and how to run meetings. Trusts the board to hold the Chair accountable for a smooth convention.
 - Perkins: We have found it convenient to not get bogged down by Robert's, but Robert's is coming.
 - Vote:
 - Joe Christman - abstain
 - Will Hobson - y
 - Katy Brumbelow - y
 - Matt Rowe - y
 - Gunnar Power - y
 - Taylor Rickey - y
 - MOTION PASSES
- [LPO Board Resolution 2024-01](#) – Creating an Independent Judicial Committee
 - Rowe: no appellate body to hear the concerns of members who challenge procedural
 - three members, no candidates or board members
 - potential membership will be solicited from among members
 - Olivarez: suggests adopting a code of conduct.
 - Kaufman:
 - AMENDMENT: “Therefore be it resolved, the Libertarian Party of Oregon's Board of Directors establishes a Judicial Committee, which shall be comprised of three LPO members whose term shall end concurrently with that of the LPO Board. ***The initial membership of this Judicial Committee shall be appointed by the LPO Board of Directors.***”
 - Katy: feels that this is ... unnecessary, especially in light of board vacancies.. Rowe thinks there is so much bad blood, history and passion. this may not solve all issues. An internal dispute resolution mechanism is generally respected.
 - Christman: this is something we have needed for some time. The executive committee is functionally dictatorship. This is a patch, not a perfect fix.
 - Christman: sunset clause?

- Christman: POI, what percentage of the board would be required to dissolve?
perkins: a two-thirds vote can abolish, as an established committee with delegated powers.
- Christman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 as amended, Hobson seconds.
- Discussion: none
- Vote:
 - Joe Christman - Y
 - Will Hobson - Y
 - Katy Brumbelow - N
 - Matt Rowe - Y
 - Gunnar Power - Y
 - Taylor Rickey - Y
- **MOTION PASSES.**

Old Business

- Convention last minute odds & ends; roles remaining:
 - Not too much in the way of early responses from candidates
 - Hobson will send the sign-up sheet to Google Group

Public Comment:

- Kaufman: the point of the judicial committee is to inspire transparency and confidence, as a service to the membership. Board has been reconstituted by appointment since duly elected. Calling a body formed by this board “independent” or legitimate doesn’t hold water. Rowe: Yes, some shortcomings. The goal is to show that this body can work, does respect its party members, and should be enshrined as a bylaws amendment.
- Burke: Disappointed in Matt, and this proposal is part of it. Consider the conflict of interest of a body appointed by this board tasked with policing this board? It’s an opinion board. The legitimate bylaws had a judicial committee. Rowe: thinks the process needs to be seen to work or not.
- Christman (vote explanation): massively flawed resolution. I agree with any of the criticisms but there isn’t a good option without amending our bylaws. True there aren’t any current mechanisms in the bylaws to hold the board accountable.
- Brumbelow: concerns are valid, but currently our #1 objective is to empower candidates to run as Libertarians, so until we focus our attention outward we will continue to have this bylaws controversy.

Next Meeting

The board will meet again as set by policy on Aug. 14th, 2024 at 7pm

Adjourned 9 p.m. Update [Motion Tracker](#)

Meeting agenda and appendices follow.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
7/10/2024



Agenda for LP Oregon Board Meeting

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: 7pm

Location: Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81809479988?pwd=Et4LkOk0MfxUC9s8AvdFoWUpWuikzd.1>

1. Call to Order; quorum is 5 directors
2. Roll Call
3. Approve agenda
4. Approval of [June 2024 Minutes](#)
5. Consent Agenda
6. Open Forum (*Please limit comments to three minutes*)
7. Officers' Reports
 - Chairman's Report: Matt Rowe:
 - Vice Chair's Report: Will Hobson
 - Secretary's Report: Michelle Binker
 - Treasurer's Report: Travis West
8. Director and Committee Reports
 - Affiliate Committee
 - Bylaws Committee
 - Campaigns Committee
 - IT Committee
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Member Development Committee
 - Public Relations Committee
9. Executive Session
10. New business
 - Reimbursement for Convention Notices
 - Reimbursement of Christopher Peters for LPO Voter List

- Resignation of Peter Vandenberg and Board Vacancies
- Adoption of Draft Candidate Rules for Convention/Nominations
- Adoption of Draft Convention Rules
- LPO Board Resolution 2024-01 – Creating an Independent Judicial Committee

11. Old Business

- Convention last minute odds & ends

12. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Determine the date, time, and location of the next board meeting.
- Officially adjourn the meeting.

LPO Secretary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LPO Board Meeting July 10, 2024

Time: Jul 10, 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Documents:

- [Candidate Rules for Convention/Nominations](#) - approved
- [Convention Rules](#) - approved
- [LPO Board Resolution 2024-01](#) - approved