



Libertarian Party of Oregon 2026 Business Convention

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Credentials Committee Report
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Recognition of Veterans and Candidates
5. Officer Reports
6. Audit Committee Report
7. Judicial Committee Elections
8. Platform Committee / Platform Debate
9. Platform Amendments
10. Resolutions
11. Endorsements and Ballot Measures
12. Adjournment

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Marion Kaufman gave the credentials report. She announced there were 17 delegates with 3 observers.

The delegates were split between:

Clackamas - 7

Multnomah - 4

Washington - 2

Linn - 2

Hood River - 1

Benton - 1

Only Clackamas had enough attendees to get county representatives.

Sonja Feintech moves to accept the report. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Adoption of Agenda

Sonja Feintech moves to accept the agenda. Motion carries without objection.

Candidate Recognition

The following Candidates were given a chance to speak:

- Morey Strauss
- Monique DeSpain
- Joseph Lehman
- Patty Adair

Chair Report

The Chair began her report by focusing on organizational restructuring, then asked for all the former chairs in the room (Joe Christman, Richard Burke, Will Hobson) to stand up.

She proceeded to express her desire for the party to become more involved in legislation. She then spoke on her involvement in the party filing a Supreme Court amicus brief in the Timothy Barton Civil Asset Forfeiture case.

She thanked the LPO members who helped out with defeating the Oregon Gas Tax referendum including Will Hobson.

Vice Chair Report

The Vice Chair thanked members of the Executive Committee and other volunteers for their work during the party's recent organizational transition and implementation of member-approved governing documents. He specifically recognized Sonja, Will Hobson, Thomas Busse, Annie, and others for their contributions to communications, fundraising, finances, and party operations. He reported assisting with the establishment of the Libertarian Party of Linn County and raising approximately \$5,700 for the LPO since the fall. He also noted his continued support for the Chair and referenced his service on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Secretary Report

The Secretary reported that the party's primary upcoming responsibility would be supporting ballot access and candidate filings for the election cycle. He noted that members held differing strategic views regarding how the Libertarian Party should position itself relative to Republicans during the anticipated midterm environment, with some favoring cooperation and others favoring a more adversarial approach. He stated that these internal strategic differences would likely shape the party's direction during the cycle.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Thomas Busse reported that when he assumed the role, the party lacked organized financial records, accounting software, and up-to-date ORESTAR reporting, requiring him to rebuild much of the system from scratch. Drawing on his background in accounting and administration of large state programs, he implemented new bookkeeping processes and developed a CRM system to manage dues, events, and donor information, though he noted additional technical integration work was still needed. Busse stated that the party's financial position had improved following implementation of a dues system, reporting approximately 32 dues-paying members, 17 life members, and several new signups immediately prior to the convention, generating roughly \$1,800 in dues revenue. He noted that a single statewide voter pamphlet statement costs approximately \$1,500 and that the party also faces recurring expenses related to web hosting, email systems, CRM services, and payment processing. He emphasized the importance of maintaining fundraising flexibility to respond to ballot measure campaigns and other political opportunities, while encouraging county affiliates and candidates to prioritize direct personal outreach when seeking volunteers and donations. Busse also criticized Oregon campaign finance reporting requirements as unnecessarily burdensome for smaller parties and argued that stronger county-level organizing and fundraising efforts could improve the party's visibility and public credibility throughout Oregon.

Interrupting Motion to Credential Late Member

Richard Burke moves to suspend the rules to credential Josh Hummving who arrived late. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee reviewed recent financial activity and reported that records appeared in order. **Sonja Feintech** made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded. Motion carries.

Interrupting Motion to Credential Late Member

Richard Burke moves to suspend the rules to credential David Long. Motion is seconded and carries without objection.

Judicial Committee Nominations:

The chair opens nominations.

Morey Strauss nominated by **Thom Ruks**.

Timothy Perkins, Will Hobson, Peter Vandenberg, Marion Kaufman, and Christopher Peters nominated by **Joe Christman**.

The Chair closes nominations.

Interrupting Motion to Credential Late Member

Richard Burke moves to credential Ian Epstein who arrived late. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Judicial Committee Election Results:

The following candidates were elected:

Marion Kaufman

Morey Strauss

Will Hobson

Timothy Perkins

Peter Vandenberg.

Clackamas County Caucus Results

Helios Kelly and **Brad Lee** were elected.

Endorsements

Thomas Busse moves for the party to endorse No on the 26221 Oregon Historical Society 5 Year Levy Tax. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Richard Burke moves for the party to endorse No on Ballot Measure 120 Transportation Package. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Thomas Busse moves for the party to endorse No on IP28 and any resulting ballot measure. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Thomas Busse moves for the party to endorse ip37 end vote by mail. He clarifies that he does not personally support this, but thinks it should be up for discussion.

Motion is seconded. Motion failed 7-8.

Lars Jefferson moves to support IP51 ending the death tax. Motion is seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Lars Jefferson moves to endorse Lemon Pound Cake as official dessert of the Libertarian Party of Oregon. Seconded. Motion carries.

Platform Actions

Sonja Feintech moves to form a platform committee to review the 2005 platform. Motion is seconded.

Thomas Busse moves to call the question. Motion fails by standing vote.

Thomas Busse moves to void the 2005 state platform. Motion is seconded.

Richard Burke makes a point of order that the rules say that platform planks must be taken one by one. The point is determined to be well-taken.

Thomas Busse moves to suspend the rules to void the 2005 state platform. Motion is seconded.

Thomas Busse calls the question. Motion is seconded. Motion carries.

The delegates vote 17-1 to suspend the rules.

The delegates vote 15-3 to void the 2005 state platform. Motion carries..

Thomas Busse moves to add plank to state platform to support the permanent repeal of the Corporate Activity Tax

Richard Burke move this to resolutions. Seconded. Motion carries 16-1-1.

Thomas Busse moves to add a plank to uphold the rights of individuals and groups to boycott, divest from, and sanction institutions. Motion is seconded.

Will Hobson calls the question. Seconded. Motion Carries.

The delegates vote 15-1-2 on the main motion. Motion Carries.

Resolutions

Will Hobson moves the following resolution (and it is seconded):

"Whereas powerful foreign interest groups now have unacceptable levels of control and political leverage over our U.S. politicians and agencies;

Whereas the state of U.S. foreign policy does not represent the popular will of the American people;

Whereas the conditions that lead our political leaders closer to suggesting a draft or forced conscription should be fervently opposed;

Whereas further escalation of conflict will lead to many more U.S. troop casualties and loss of life;

Whereas prolonged loss of innocent life in other countries by our military leads to blowback, which is a form of revenge terrorism against our military forces abroad and civilians here at home;

Whereas our swelling national debt will greatly increase with this costly war for future generations, engendered for a conflict that took place before their time;

Be it resolved that the delegates of the Libertarian Party of Oregon call for all U.S. military aggression in the Middle East to be halted unless an official declaration of war is declared;

All reasonable actions to protect our troops from harm be taken, including withdrawal from active combat zones;

That all foreign political influence agents or organizations register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, without exception, and including agents of organizations in support of the State of Israel."

Annie Kallen calls the question. Motion is seconded. Motion carries.

The delegates vote on the main motion.. Motion carries..

Thomas Busse moves the following (and it seconded):

"Whereas, the corporate activity tax is a business killing sales tax on steroids,

and Whereas,

Educational outcomes have not improved in spite of the imposition of this tax,

It is Hereby Resolved that the Libertarian Party of Oregon calls for the permanent repeal of the Corporate Activity Tax."

Motion carries.

Adjournment

Richard Burke moves to adjourn. Motion is seconded. Motion carries.