

## Libertarian Party of Oregon

Minutes from December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Held at the Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton

Approved 2018-01-22

### Call to Order

The December meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00pm at the Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton, Oregon, the Chairperson being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

#### Present

Lars Hedbor  
Kyle Markley  
Jennifer Mendenhall  
Nicole Nowlin  
Gary Dye  
Erik Sippel  
Josh Hunking

#### Remote Participants

Timothy Perkins  
Drew Layda (8:15pm)

#### Observers

Richard Burke  
Michelle Binker  
Jim Karlock

#### Absent

Wes Wagner  
Jeff Weston

### Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved without objection.

### Approval of Minutes

- The October minutes were presented and approved without objection.

### Consent Agenda

- Record e-mail ballots regarding 2018 Initiative Petition #28
  - On Nov. 19, Kyle Markley made three motions relating to 2018 Initiative Petition #28, all seconded by Wes Wagner, and these were voted on by e-mail. They were accepted into the minutes without objection.
  - Motion #1:** I move that the LPO be opposed to 2018 Initiative Petition #28.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	-
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Erik Sippel	-
Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y	Wes Wagner	y

- Motion #2:** I move that the board authorize Kyle Markley to submit public comments in the names of those voting in favor of this motion and in the name of the LPO to the Secretary of State concerning 2018 Initiative Petition #28's satisfaction of procedural constitutional requirements and the legal sufficiency of its draft ballot title.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	-
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Erik Sippel	-
Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y	Wes Wagner	y

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- o **Motion #3:** I move that the board authorize Kyle Markley to send our 2018 Initiative Petition #28 comments, possibly still in draft form, to people who in his estimation may help to defeat the initiative.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	y	Timothy Perkins	-
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Erik Sippel	-
Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y	Wes Wagner	y

### Open Forum

- There was no discussion.

### Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- Chair
  - o The full text of the report is available in Appendix A.
  - o Richard Burke commented on the difficulty communicating with Ian Epstein. He is mostly out of communication reach.
  - o Not included in the report was the chair’s lunch in Portland with a political ally and their discussion regarding possible winnable districts with well funded candidate opportunities.
- Vice Chair
  - o The vice chair was focused on other pursuits and engaged in a few conversations but had nothing further to report.
  - o “Taxation remains theft.”
- Treasurer
  - o The current bank balance is \$3765.57. A \$60 donation was received at the meeting.
- Fundraising Committee
  - o The full text of the report is available in Appendix B.
- Member Development Committee
  - o Erik helped organize a trap shooting event with the Portland Gun Club in November. They’re working on another one in December as well.
- Bylaws Committee
  - o There was no report.
- CRM Committee
  - o Lars mentioned Drew continued with research on NationBuilder. The committee is preparing to recommend it as a potentially temporary solution, especially at its affordable price. Lars moved to approve a year of NationBuilder for \$288. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	y	Drew Layda	-	Timothy Perkins	Y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Erik Sippel	Y
Josh Hunking	y	Jennifer Mendenhall	y	Wes Wagner	-

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- Website Rebuilding Committee
  - All email addresses are set up. There will be a simplified interest survey available on the website. He is in need of content for the website, especially the first page. The chair has requested additional logins for the website and cPanel.
- Affiliate Development Committee
  - There has been no activity with this committee.
- Public Relations Committee
  - Timothy has a PR policy drafted to review with the committee.
- Candidate Development Committee
  - This committee has created a candidate database on our web server which is in a good enough state to begin using for our 2018 primary election. It is not complete, but it is good enough to deliver data to a webpage that will list our 2018 primary candidates and the open offices for which we don't yet have candidates.
  - The committee is currently aware of 5 declared or potential candidates. We intend to reach out to our candidates of previous years to see who may run again even before we send an election announcement to the general membership.

### Special Orders

- There were none.

### Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Campaign finance late filings fine
  - Erik Sippel proposed the board pay half of the \$439.59 fine, rounding up, with the Treasurer. The Chair seconded. The amended vote was approved. The motion passed.

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
Gary Dye	Y	Wes Wagner	-	Timothy Perkins	Y
Lars Hedbor	A	Kyle Markley	Y	Erik Sippel	Y
Josh Hunking	Y	Jennifer Mendenhall	A	Drew Layda	-

### New Business

- Fundraising Appeal re Oregon Political Tax Credit
  - The chair requested a volunteer to write the appeal to send out via email. Lars volunteered to write it.
- LNC 2018 Delegation
  - With the upcoming convention, the issues of the past need to be avoided. Previously there have been conflicts on the floor. A plan needs to be in place to work cooperatively to have a group go together in a respectful joint delegation. Richard Burke of Misc. PAC 16869 agreed a solution needs to be found.
- 2018 Primary Election Rules
  - The chair moved and Lars seconded to accept the rules for the 2018 primary election identical to the rules adopted for the 2016 primary election except for the following changes, approved without objection:
    - The LPO Filing Deadline shall be April 2
    - The Mailing Date shall be April 16
    - The LPO Election Day shall be May 15
    - Delete the for-reference-only State of Oregon election dates (§III(A)(2))

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- Reconciliation with Misc. PAC 16869
  - The discussion was made open to all attendees.
  - The chair's concern is the attorney's recommendation to avoid attempting official recognition of the PAC so as to not open the party to possible legal action.
  - Observer Jim Karlock spoke strongly in opposition to any activities that might appear to legitimize the PAC.
  - Richard Burke would like to see 3 people from each side be part of the committee to move toward reconciliation.
  - The discussion ended with no motions.

### Open Forum

- Richard Burke provided an update on Misc PAC 16869.
  - January 27<sup>th</sup> Western Liberty Network Conference
  - Lobbying team opportunity with the PAC
  - Burke was elected chair of the Ethics Committee
  - The PAC is going to have an office space soon.
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> Red Lion Inn Annual Convention

### Next Board Meeting

After discussion, Kyle Markley moved to set the next board meeting for Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton, Oregon, at 7pm, with chair having authority to select a new date and venue. Jennifer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:52 pm.

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## APPENDICES

### Appendix A

#### Chairperson's Report

I decided that we should host our own e-mail, rather than hosting with LP national. This is for both privacy reasons and insurance against things going sideways with national again. I sent a proposal about how to manage a "shared inbox" contact@lporegon.org address.

I e-mailed suggestions for each committee about short-term work to do.

As a temporary tool until we get a CRM online, I created an online spreadsheet to aggregate our recent contacts and populated it with information from the chair's e-mail account and contacts from the last election season. Drew was to add his contacts, and Lars was to integrate the MailChimp data.

There has been no response to the e-mail I sent to Ian Epstein regarding reconciliation with Misc. PAC 16869, wherein we offered to coexist by dividing political responsibilities among our groups and sharing resources.

I spent a huge amount of time writing comments for the Secretary of State and Attorney General concerning initiative 28. I cannot predict how things will turn out, but we made good arguments, and some were unique.

### Appendix B

#### Fundraising Report

Chair: Josh Hunking

Members: Timothy Perkins

Funds received since last meeting: \$10

Funds expended for Fundraising: \$0

Net gain: \$10

#### Old Items

(1) Fundraising Newsletter.

- a. Earlier Today I sent the semi-final draft of the newsletter out. I look forward to the feedback of the other Board Members
  - i. I will need someone from the Candidate Development Committee to get me the contact information of a candidate that I can feature before the newsletter will go out.

(2) Large Donor list.

- a. I brought the Printed version of where we are on this. Because the list includes contact information I do not intend for the list to be added in detail to the minutes, nor to the Agenda.

#### Current Items

- (1) I have 14 members of the Lifetime Libertarian list that I have winter cards ready to be sent for. The idea here is to simply begin reengaging our bigger past donors.

#### Future Items

- (1) Follow-up with Kyle Markley on the Donor Meeting in Portland Today
- (2) Work with Jennifer Mendenhall on a system to track donation dollars such that we can determine which fundraising activities are actually effective.