

## Libertarian Party of Oregon

Minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Held at the Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton

Approved 2018-05-02

### Call to Order

The April meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton, Oregon, the Chair-person being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

#### Present

Lars Hedbor  
Kyle Markley  
Jennifer Mendenhall  
Nicole Nowlin  
Gary Dye  
Drew Layda

#### Absent

Jeff Weston  
Wes Wagner  
Josh Hunking

#### Remote

Timothy Perkins

#### Observers

Gregory Burnett  
Richard Burke  
Tim Sippel  
Michelle Binker

### Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved without objection.

### Approval of Minutes

- The February minutes were presented and approved without objection. There was no March meeting.

### Consent Agenda

- Election Date Modification
  - o Via email ballot, the modification of the election dates was approved. Full text is available in Appendix A.

### Open Forum

- Guest Richard Burke
  - o Western Liberty Network Conference 1/27 - 100 attendees, CNN speaker, over 20 break-outs on grass roots activism. Next conference 1/26/19.
  - o Reconciliation status - new draft passed round. It will be shared via email. 3 organizations proposed- Elections PAC; Organization PAC; Coordinating Committee. Richard reviewed the functions of each branch of the proposed organization. He requests that we get it arranged by National Convention, as a potential model to other states currently having the same issues sprouting up. Primary elections for the LPO take priority.
  - o There is a story and link on the org's website to LPO elections information.
  - o Annual convention was held 3/10. A resolution in support of the reconciliation was passed and read at the LPO meeting.
  - o The treasurer of the organization was also in attendance at this meeting.
  - o Office space for election usage was offered.

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

- Chair
  - o The full text of the report is available in Appendix B.
- Vice Chair

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- The vice chair has been in contact with Charles Froman from Our America initiative. They will have a call in May. Otherwise, he has been out of the country on vacation. He is expected back mid-May.
  - "Taxation remains theft."
- Treasurer
  - The current bank balance is \$5877.45. \$2354 in donations was received through cards (\$975) and mail (\$1379).
- Fundraising Committee
  - Drew is expecting to start making donor calls/letters.
  - Kyle would like to see a directed appeal to previous years' donors and a fundraising appeal in the newsletter.
- Member Development Committee
  - Member list and CRM data is being compiled.
- Bylaws Committee
  - There has been no work.
- CRM Committee
  - Import capability was reviewed but no further action has been taken.
  - The committee was unanimously renamed the CRM Implementation Committee and will appear as such on future agendas and in future minutes.
- Website Rebuilding Committee
  - The site is up and working; a phone number has been added.
  - The committee was unanimously renamed the Website Committee and will appear as such on future agendas and in future minutes.
- Affiliate Development Committee
  - The committee held two electronic meetings to discuss the draft affiliate policy. Progress has been slow, but significant. Ideas/suggestions are appreciated.
- Public Relations Committee
  - The committee edited our 2016 general election political party statement for the Voters' Pamphlet for submission to the 2018 primary election.
  - The committee has started work on a new edition of the newsletter, and has draft text regarding the IP28 ballot title challenge.
- Candidate Development Committee
  - The committee has not met as a group, but Kyle mailed letters to 8 people who were candidates we didn't have e-mail addresses for, or candidates we couldn't reach by e-mail but needed clarification about what office they sought, or members who were suggested to become candidates. Kyle also reached out to a few former candidates about running again.
- Primary Election Operations Committee
  - We have received approximately 230 returns from the election announcement letter, yielding the bulk of our candidates, and 21 people interested in being national convention delegates. There were fewer than 10 candidate suggestions, including one of Kate Brown for Dog Catcher.
  - Kyle created a Google Group for primary election candidates and sent invitations for everyone we had an e-mail address for. Many have joined. The list has been generally quiet, with just a couple messages encouraging people to submit candidate statements.
  - We will, but have not yet, document the process of creating the ballot mailing.

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- o Lars motioned for approval of up to \$150 for election supplies. Drew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

### Special Orders

- There were none.

### Unfinished Business and General Orders

- There were none.

### New Business

- National convention delegation report and assignments – Drew Layda
  - o Full text of the report is available in Appendix C.
  - o A spreadsheet was also available for review.
  - o Drew moved to add the following to the convention delegate list and was seconded by Lars for unanimous approval:
    - LPO: Timothy Perkins, Michelle Binker
    - Misc PAC: Richard Burke, Timothy Reeves, Gregory Burnett, Carolyn Wade
- Joining a national region – Kyle Markley
  - o Caryn Ann Harlos contacted me to ask whether Oregon has looked into joining a region, and invited us to join Region 1. She has done an excellent job representing her region and intends to train her successor (she is running for LNC Secretary).
  - o Lars moved to appoint Kyle to contact Caryn Ann Harlos regarding joining region 1 of the LNC. Jennifer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Authorizing expenditure for fundraising – Kyle Markley
  - o Kyle moved to authorize spending up to \$100 to mail letters to people who have donated to us in previous years (with addresses checked against our most recent membership list) to ask for donations to fund our ballot mailing. Drew volunteered to do the letters by Monday 4/23.

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Gary Dye	Y	Drew Layda	A	Timothy Perkins	y
Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	-
Josh Hunking	-	Jennifer Mendenhall	y		

- Appointing a director to fill the vacancy – Lars Hedbor
  - o Timothy motioned to appoint Michelle Binker to the empty directorship position. Drew seconded.

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- Authorizing expenditure for ballot mailing – Kyle Markley
  - We have not yet sought an estimate for our ballot mailing. The 2016 mailing cost about \$11,500, so simple scaling for membership growth would put the 2018 mailing at about \$12,500. Because we don't have this much cash on hand, Kyle proposes to pay for the mailing and to hope really hard that stepped-up fundraising activity enables him to be reimbursed later.
  - Kyle moves to authorize spending up to \$2,500 to fund our 2018 primary ballot mailing, sending ballots to members who have not opted out of receiving a ballot, and also either returned a ballot in the previous primary election, contacted the LPO to request a ballot, or joined the LPO since the last primary election. Lars seconded. The LPO will reach out to the Misc PAC for ballot requests to make sure they are included.

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Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	-
Josh Hunking	-	Jennifer Mendenhall	y	Michelle Binker	Y

### Open Forum

- There were no comments.

### Next Board Meeting

The chair moved to schedule the next meeting for May 2<sup>nd</sup> via teleconference at 7pm with the chair having authority to select a new date and venue. Lars seconded. Drew will provide the teleconference information to the board. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:03 pm.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A

#### Consent Agenda

On March 27, Kyle Markley made a motion by e-mail to modify the dates for our 2018 primary election. This was seconded by Timothy Perkins, and voted on by e-mail.

Motion:

I move to amend the 2018 Primary Election Rules §III(A)(1) as follows:

- Change text: LPO Election Day changes from May 15 to June 12
- Change text: Mailing Date changes from April 16 to May 8
- Change text: LPO Filing Deadline changes from April 2 to May 1
- Add new text: Individuals who are LPO members as of April 24 are eligible to participate

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in our primary

Director	Vote	Director	Vote	Director	Vote
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Lars Hedbor	y	Kyle Markley	y	Wes Wagner	y
Josh Hunking	a	Jennifer Mendenhall	y		

### Appendix B

#### Chairperson's Report

Kyle Markley

I've processed the candidate portions of the election announcement returns, and e-mail and social media requests, and have kept the candidate database up to date. We currently have 24 Libertarians and 5 Republicans. I currently expect at least three more Libertarians to be added to the candidate list.

This has turned out to be a very good year for candidate recruitment. In 2016 we nominated 28 Libertarians for the general election. This year it looks like we will nominate at least 27, *plus* write-ins, which we usually have lots of.

Last year I asked the Elections Division about how political parties can get a free voter list (under ORS 247.940) rather than spending the usual \$500 for a statewide voter list. They said it had to be requested from the county clerks, and a strict reading of the statute supports this. The next business day after I submitted requests to each county clerk, I got several e-mails back saying they had called the Elections Division about it, and I can get it from them after all. I also got an e-mail from the Director of Elections, Steve Trout, saying they had received permission from the counties to provide lists on their behalf. So, we should be receiving our complete voter list on April 25, and we will use this to verify our candidates' political party affiliations and to send primary election ballots. I was then also invited to a "pre-election meeting of political parties" to discuss timelines and processes for the State's primary, including "information on how to receive your free voter lists". I've accepted the invitation.

The challenge to the ballot title of IP28 has been more successful than expected, with the Oregon Supreme Court ordering very substantial changes. We filed objections to the proposed modified ballot title, and the Attorney General did not respond to them. We should receive the Court's final ruling in a couple weeks. Even if the chief petitioners give up on IP28 - and we believe they already have, as they've efiled a modified initiative for 2020 - this ballot title will very strongly influence future ones.

I have received a second and third draft of PAC 16869's reconciliation proposal. I have not personally had time to work on that, and have held back on sending it to the full board because I believe we need our complete focus to be on our primary election.

### Appendix C

#### LPO Delegacy Pool Report

Drew Layda

I have compiled a worksheet with all the interested applicants whom have expressed interest in serving as Libertarian Party of Oregon delegates to the LNC National Convention. As of Monday April 16, 2018,

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the 2018 LPO Delegacy pool contained 26 people who had expressed interest in serving at the LNC National Convention this year in New Orleans from June 30-July 3. I called each person who gave us their telephone number to touch base, gauge commitment, answer any questions, and direct them to resources needed to fulfill a delegate's duties.

I was able to speak with 13 who remain interested and leave five voicemails. Of the thirteen reached, four (not counting me) have already booked airfare, purchased convention packages/booked lodging. I also polled those I spoke with for interest of going-in together on an AirBnB to offset the significant lodging cost at the Convention Hotel – six of remaining nine interested people who had not already purchased airfare/packages/lodging expressed interest. There was one person contacted at this point that decided to opt-out due to financial constraints.

Every-one of our members I spoke with was very excited we were sending a reunified delegation to National Convention and proceeding diligently on reconciliation efforts. The polling on our cooperative progress was unanimously positive. Each conversation (some lengthier than anticipated) was extremely empowering, both to the people reached-back to, but to me as well. I cannot understate how incredibly enjoyable, rewarding and recharging it ended up being.

I will be sending a group email to every person on the delegacy pool as a follow up, and to duly contact those unreachable by telephone, this week. This email will contain links to resources like the convention/hotel websites and inform them again of delegate responsibilities and AirBnB idea. I will include my personal number, so they may contact me directly. I will bcc the directorship as well.

At this point I recommend, following their verification as registered Libertarians in Oregon, that the four delegate candidates who have verified their interest, and made the necessary financial commitments to attend, be named as the LPO's first four delegates to NOLA2018 – with the rest of the delegation to be filled as more candidates become able to commit concretely. The four are Richard Burke, Gregory Burnett, Tim Reeves, and Carolyn Wade. With myself and these four, there would be 10 remaining LPO/LNC delegate positions to fill, with up to 50 alternates allowed.