

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Regular Executive Committee Meeting  
Jan 22nd, 2022, 7pm  
**Minutes**

Speaker – Final Five – Lena Eng, Kyle Brockman

Call to Order

Roll Call – Secretary (Confirm Quorum)

Minutes, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting

Agenda, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting

- Michael Chianese – Amends – Phil Anderson asks a question, and formatting makes it look as though he answered his own question, instead of getting an answer
- David Grover motions to approve as amended
- Phil Anderson – Seconds
- No objection – Approved

Officer Reports -

Chair – Jake VandenPlas

- No Written Report
- Made call to Final 5 Org to make that rolling
- Texting campaign for state convention

Vice Chair – N/A

- No Written Report

Treasurer – Anna Bughman

- Report Attached
- WEC report submitted for Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Secretary - Michael Chianese

- No Written Report
- No three consecutive absences

Past Chair (P&P manual) – Phil Anderson

- No Written Report
- Needs P&P Manual
  - o Kevin Litten will hand that over

Committee Reports -

Affiliate support Coordinator - Joseph Ecklund

- No Written Report

Communications Committee – Michel Schisel (Chair)

- No Written Report

Event Coordinator - NA

- No Written Report

By-Laws Committee – Stephen Ecker (Chair)

- Written Report Included
- Chose not to merge constitution and bylaws, due to discrepancies of each (approval threshold, schedule of updates) but have bylaws/constitution to update
- Working with deadlines

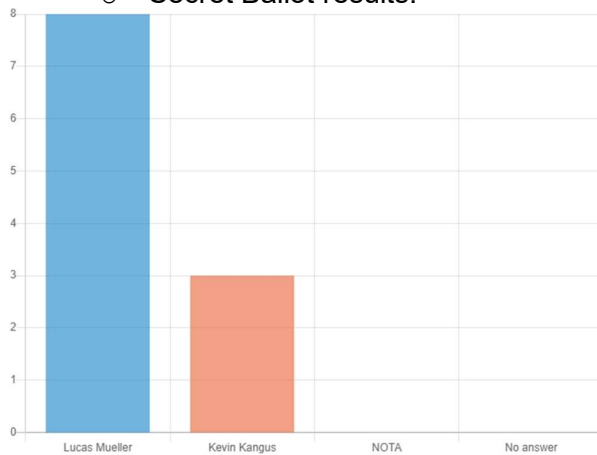
Candidate Support Coordinator - Jeff Kortsch

- No Written Report
- Platform Committee – Jeff Kortsch (Chair)
- No Written Report

**Regular Discussion Items**

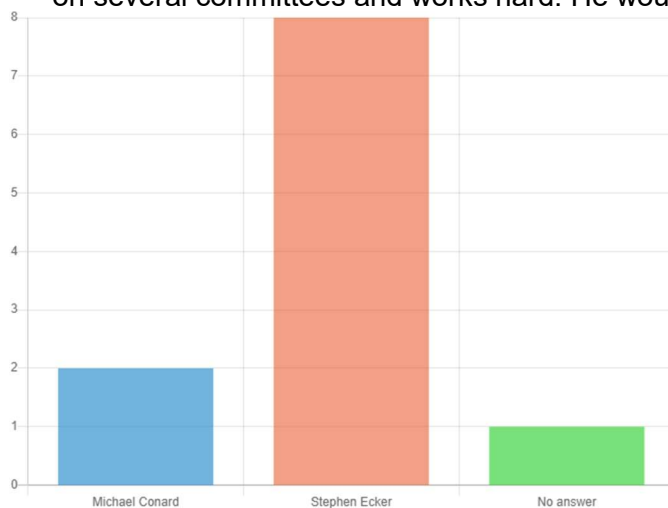
LPWI Vacancies – CD2, VC

- Phil Anderson nominates Lucas Muller for CD2
  - o Lucas Muller accepts
- Anna Bughman Nominates Kevin Kangus for CD2
  - o Kevin Kangus Accepts
- Phil Anderson – Speaks on behalf of Lucas Muller
  - o Met a few years ago, involved in LP Dane
  - o Demonstrated he attends and chips in when needed
- David Grover – Kevin, if Lucas was elected as Rep, would you be interested in Alt rep?
  - o Kevin Kangus – yes
- Phil Anderson – Requests secret ballot
  - o Secret Ballot results:



- CD2 Winner: Lucas Muller

- Previous nominations for Vice Chair: Stephen Ecker and Mike Conard
- David Grover – Both make a great choice, but Stephen Ecker is my first choice, he works on several committees and works hard. He would make an excellent Vice Chair



**Unfinished Business**

## Communication committee - Slack Alternatives

- Michael Schisel – (A note in case he is absent) - A handful of committee members have been using Ring Central together to get the feel of it. Not prepared as a committee to formally suggest a change to it. We meet as a committee the 24<sup>th</sup>
  - o Kevin Litten – Not as easy as slack
  - o Jacob VandenPlas – when is the meeting?
    - 7pm
  - o Jacob VandenPlas - what about google?
    - Phil Anderson - Concerned about security

## New Business

### Projected expenditure for advertising for state convention

Jacob VandenPlas – Hasn't worked on it due to work issues

- o 7mil contacts
- o Texting can be huge

Anna Bughman – Chris Nass is doing membership card, adding a third page flyer for convention

Phil Anderson – Focus on Milwaukee area

Stephen Ecker – Agree with focusing on Milwaukee, but shouldn't neglect to advertise entire state

Jason Boris – Possibly focus on Jacob VandenPlas's CD area that voted for him

Jacob VandenPlas – Anyone like to assist?

Phil Anderson

Steven Ecker

Kevin Litten – We are only going to draw a small amount of members due to expenses, so we should limit promotion to members only.

Neil Harmon – I disagree with Kevin, we should focus on Racine and Waukesha, neighboring county that have active members

Joseph Haur – volunteers to put up fliers at UWM

Neil Harmon – Connections at MSOE for fliers

Phil Anderson – Joseph Ecklund has his membership lapsed, currently at-large and chair of committees

- Anna Bughman - Confirms membership- messaged him for new affiliates, but never hears from him

Phil Anderson nominates Kevin Kangus for CD2 Alt

- Kevin Kangus accepts
- Phil Anderson speaks for Kevin Kangus – Works hard in Rock County hope to work with him in the future
- Reese Wood – Some unresolved issues in rock county, and would appreciate Kevin to reach out to Rick Laugh to resolve
  - o Kevin Kangus – Have been in contact, and will contact again
- Roll call vote, results included in attendance
  - o Yes: 9
  - o No: 0
  - o Abstain: 2
- Kevin Kangus - New CD 2 Alt

Kevin Litten – Convention is too expensive to attract new members, and money can be spent in a better way for the party

- Jacob VandenPlas – We don't have a plan yet, but need to spend money to attract new members. Shows hope and should be promoted

Phil Anderson – Elections to positions should always be secret ballot

Michael Chianese – There are free options, the only requirement is to be present, and that is not unreasonable

### **Good of the Party**

Jason Boris – event kit for gun show?

Contact the communication committee to get funds

Stephen Ecker – Can't serve on bylaw committee due to now being an officer, most work is already done, will advise committee, remaining members can take it from here.

**Next Meeting** – Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

### **Adjourn**

Phil Anderson moves to adjourn

Michael Chianese Seconds

No objections

Adjourn

# December Financial Report

2022

## Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

### KEY METRICS

Deposits and Credits	Withdrawals & Debits	Previous Balance	Ending Balance
\$1,424.87	\$385.70	\$32,732.10	\$33,771.27

### ALL METRICS

Transaction Date	Type of Transaction	Amount of Transaction		Balance	
December 1, 2022	Previous Balance		↑	\$32,732.10	*****
December 1, 2022	PayPal Deposit	\$32.80	↑	\$32,764.90	*****
December 1, 2022	PayPal Deposit	\$623.65	↑	\$33,388.55	*****
December 8, 2022	SparkPost	-\$20.00	↑	\$33,368.55	*****
December 8, 2022	MailChimp	-\$35.70	↑	\$33,332.85	*****
December 9, 2022	Marathon County Libertarians	-\$330.00	↑	\$33,002.85	*****
December 13, 2022	PayPal Deposit	\$32.80	↑	\$33,035.65	*****
December 13, 2022	PayPal Deposit	\$490.01	↑	\$33,525.66	*****
December 28, 2022	PayPal Deposit	\$245.61	↑	\$33,771.27	*****
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# 2023 Constitution and By-Laws Proposals

Final List

## Original Proposals

Designation: Constitution Article V §2.3 Proposed by: Nathan Gall		
Current	Proposed Change	Result If Approved
<i>Does not exist</i>	Add §2.3 to read as follows: <b>All voting concerning LPWI Party business must be recorded in a manner making each Executive Committee member's vote available to the membership. No secret votes.</b>	3. All voting concerning LPWI Party business must be recorded in a manner making each Executive Committee member's vote available to the membership. No secret votes.

Designation: Constitution Article V §3.2 Proposed by: CBL Committee		
Current	Proposed Change	Result If Approved
<i>Does not exist</i>	Add §3.2 to read as follows: <b>If a duly appointed member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee should be unwilling, unable, or ineligible to participate in Committee activities, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion following a request from the Constitution and By-Laws Chair, appoint a replacement individual to maintain a full complement of members to the Committee.</b>	2. If a duly appointed member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee should be unwilling, unable, or ineligible to participate in Committee activities, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion following a request from the Constitution and By-Laws Chair, appoint a replacement member to maintain a full complement of members to the Committee.

Designation: Constitution Article X §1.1 Proposed by: CBL Committee		
Current	Proposed Change	Result If Approved
1. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention held in an odd-numbered year. The process to amend the By-Laws is defined in the By-Laws Article VII.	1. The By-Laws may be amended by a <del>majority</del> <b>2/3</b> vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention <del>held in an odd-numbered year.</del> The process to amend the By-Laws is defined in the By-Laws Article VII.	1. The By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention. The process to amend the By-Laws is defined in the By-Laws Article VII.

## Orphaned Proposals from 2022

Designation: By-Laws Article IV §4 Proposed by: CBL Committee (2022)		
Current	Proposed Change	Result if Approved
<i>Does not exist</i>	Add §4 to read as follows: <b>It shall require a 90% approval of all the voting members of the Executive Committee to incur debt on behalf of the party.</b>	4. It shall require a 90% approval of all the voting members of the Executive Committee to incur debt on behalf of the party.

Designation: By-Laws Article IV §4 Proposed by: CBL Committee (2022)		
Current	Proposed Change	Result if Approved
<i>Does not exist</i>	Add §4 to read as follows: <b>It shall require a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee to spend any amount greater than \$6000 on any one line item.</b>	4. It shall require a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee to spend any amount greater than \$6000 on any one line item.

Designation: By-Laws Article VII §6 Proposed by: Nathan Gall (2022)		
Current	Proposed Change	Result If Approved
6. Amendments recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may be amended from the floor of the convention, but must not be substantive in nature, must relate to the topic of the amendments, and not change the fundamental goal of the proposed amendment.	6. Amendments recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may be amended from the floor of the convention, <del>but must not be substantive in nature, must relate to the topic of the amendments, and not change the fundamental goal of the proposed amendment.</del>	6. Amendments recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may be amended from the floor of the convention.

Designation: By-Laws Article VI §3 Proposed by: Nathan Gall (2022)		
Current	Proposed Change	Result if Approved
3. In the case where the violation in item 2 requires a timely response and therefore cannot wait until the next annual convention, the censure may occur at the next quarterly Executive committee meeting and requires a 3/4 majority of the Executive Committee voting members present.	<del>3. In the case where the violation in item 2 requires a timely response and therefore cannot wait until the next annual convention, the censure may occur at the next quarterly Executive committee meeting and requires a 3/4 majority of the Executive Committee voting members present.</del>	<i>Does not exist</i>

Designation: By-Laws Article X §4 Proposed by: Nathan Gall (2022)		
Current	Proposed Change	Result If Approved
<i>Does not exist</i>	Add §4 to read as follows: <b><i>The delegates and alternates selected at convention are the only persons eligible to be seated within the LPWI delegation. Any person who is not elected before the close of the LPWI state convention will not be granted a seat with the LPWI delegation.</i></b>	<i>4. The delegates and alternates selected at convention are the only persons eligible to be seated within the LPWI delegation. Any person who is not elected before the close of the LPWI state convention will not be granted a seat with the LPWI delegation.</i>

### *Narrative*

The 2023 Constitution and By-Laws Committee received proposals from three individuals outside of the committee. Despite encouraging all authors to work with the committee to refine and revise the proposals presented by the January 15 deadline for submissions, only one original proposal external to the committee made the list. The remainder will be informed of the rejection of their proposals and, thus, will have the opportunity to bring them to the floor of the convention without committee support. The committee already knows of one such proposal.

As for the “orphaned” proposals, these are the items that received an upvote at the 2022 convention but were out of order. After much consideration of trusted advisors and our own concerns about the possibility of sparking a redux of debate on the items the committee’s current plan is to present the orphaned items as a slate for approval. The desire, of course, is to get them approved quickly and painlessly and move on.

What about the merger? The decision was made that the merger cannot be done at this time. To complete the merger, preparation is required – most notably Constitution Article X §1.1 (see above.) Since changing the designated text to create the same conditions for amendment as the Constitution requires two changes, and the amended section would not take effect until after the convention, it is virtually impossible to also pass a merger since the conditions under which it could be passed would not exist. Therefore, the unsatisfied resolution from the 2021 convention will remain unsatisfied for at least one more year.

Not counting proposals that may be brought to the floor by authors whose proposals were not picked up by the committee, the total number of proposals is 8. However, since the committee plans to present the orphaned proposals as a slate, there will be four items taken under consideration – presuming the convention delegates refrain from dividing the proposal for Constitution Article X §1.1 or the slate of 5 orphaned proposals.

### ***In Liberty,***

Stephen A. Ecker  
2023 Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair



Members	Attendance	Vote 1
Chair - Jacob VandenPlas	yes	abstain
Vice Chair - NA		
Treasurer - Anna Bughman	yes	yes
Secretary - Michael Chianese	yes	abstain
At-Large #1 - Joseph Ecklund	No	
At-Large #2 - Jason Kuks	No	
Past Chair -Phil Anderson	yes	yes
CD Reps		
District 1: Thomas Leary	No	
Alt 1: Reese Wood	yes	yes
District 2: NA		
Alt2 : Lucas Mueller	yes	yes
District 3: Robert Holzberger	yes	yes
Alt 3: Craig Steger	yes	
District 4: Kristin Walker	No	
Alt 4: Joe Hauer	yes	yes
District 5: Jeff kortsch	yes	yes
Alt 5: Meghan Wisner	No	
District 6: David Grover	yes	yes
Alt 6: Michael Schisel	No	
District 7: Michael Conard	No	
Alt 7: Nate Gall	No	
District 8: Jason Boris	yes	yes
Alt 8: Stephen Ecker	yes	

Votes	Attendance	Vote 1
Yes's	11	9
No's	7	0
Abstain		2