

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Executive Committee Regular Meeting

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Minutes

## Preliminaries

### Call to Order

Chair Stephen Ecker called meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

### Roll Call/Quorum determination

Quorum confirmed.

### Chair's Comments

### Previous Meeting Minutes Errata and Approval

Motion to approve by Michael Chianese

Michael Conard seconds

Approved without objections

### Amend and Approve Agenda

Addition of Polk County Affiliate Application to New Business.

Addition of Membership Report.

Addition of report on NationBuilder status and our sign-up for it during Communications report.

Approved without objection.

## Officer Reports

Chair – Report Attached.

- Recommends the LP National masterclasses.

Vice Chair – Report Attached. No comments.

Treasurer – Report Attached. No comments.

Secretary – Minutes Attached.

## Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws (David Grover, Chair) – *Discussed following Affiliate Support report.*

- Committee is still confused about mission in terms of combining constitution and bylaws.
  - o Would like to just declare them combined.
  - o Michael Conard states the combining is not particularly the issue but the documents need to be cleaned up.
  - o Nate Gall recommends that this issue should be terminated.
    - Michael Conard speaks against this recommendation.

- Phil Anderson points out that at the moment there is nothing being recommended from the committee so at this point the discussion is moot. For something to be taken up at convention, it has to come from the committee so this year it's too late. Recommends we end discussion.

Candidate Support (Jeff Kortsch, Chair) – Report Attached.

- Proposed Candidate Contribution Requirements Attached.
  - Question from Michael Conard on 5<sup>th</sup> bullet around non-partisan races.
    - In non-partisan races there is no requirement for party affiliation.
    - Tim Krenz points out most non-partisan races are in the spring before LPWI convention. Cannot endorse candidates outside of the convention but giving money is similar to an endorsement.
      - Nate Gall points out that bylaws state only state-wide candidates require convention endorsement. Other candidates can be endorsed by this committee.
    - Brian Bell mentions that candidates do not need to declare parties in non-partisan races such as the Wisconsin Supreme Court election.
      - If LPWI gives money, will need to submit additional campaign finance reports.
    - Chair asks if there are objections to passing requirements.
      - Brian Bell objects in order to know where the maximum amounts come from and questions if they should be set at the state level?
      - Jeff Kortsch explains these amounts were set two years ago and were recently increased in small amounts.
  - Roll Call 8 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed, 4 abstain.
    - Motion passes.
- Brian Roeh running for Neenah City Council – District 1
  - Request from his campaign to assist in purchase of signs and literature for campaign.
  - Fox Valley Libertarian Party has voted to use \$300 of its funds to support Brian's primary election.
  - Brian explains he is running against two other clients. He is running on a platform that the current city council is not keeping the best interests of Neenah in mind. Brian joined the Fox Valley libertarians in 2021.
  - Recently approved contribution requirements are \$300.
  - **Motions to approve \$300 contribution to Brian Roeh's campaign.**
    - Seconded.
    - More information available at BrianRoeh.com.
    - Will be getting facebook up and running as well.
    - **Approved without Objections.**
- Discussion questions from committee:
  - What information can be expected to be given to candidates? Candidate requesting LPWI information. Will LPWI provide this information? What disclaimer or expectation of privacy there will be for the information?
    - If so, is there an opt in or opt out?
      - There is a field during sign up on if members want to be contacted.

- Brian Bell points out that anyone that signs up would have their information available on publicly accessible campaign finance website.
  - Does not include detail that way hope to capture in NationBuilder.
- If we provide data, can we get data back?
- Tim Krenz states that with NationBuilder, will be able to clarify opt in/opt out for various contact requests.
- Phil Anderson points out that campaigns can use information provided to then append which is legal but may not be welcomed by party members. Recommends data sharing is saved for endorsed candidates.
- Chair states this conversation can return to committee for further discussion.

Convention (Teresa Boris, Chair)

- **Motion from Committee – 2025 LPWI Convention to be held at TreeHaven in Tomahawk, WI. Weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **Approved without objection.**

Communications (Tim Krenz, Chair) – Report Attached.

- Update on NationBuilder from Tim Krenz.
  - Began subscription on Wednesday. Will have a meeting to discuss next steps soon.
  - Target date to have everything converted over is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fundraising (Jason Boris, Chair) – No report. Not present.

Historical Preservation (**VACANT**)

Platform (Jeff Kortsch, Chair) – Report Attached.

- Reminder to convention committee that a copy of platform planks was placed in the slack channel.

Strategic Planning (Tim Krenz, Chair) – Report Attached.

- Tentative goal of having 100 candidates in Wisconsin in 2026.

## Coordinators and Directors

Affiliate Support (Phil Anderson and Jeff Kortsch, Co-Coordinators) – Report Attached.

- Michael Conard would like a new request form for the Black River affiliate started.

Events (Teresa Boris, Coordinator) – No report. Not present.

Information Technology Services (Michael Chianese, Director) – No report.

Membership Services (Michael Conard, Director) – Report Attached.

- Motion to fund short-term proposal from Tim Krenz by February 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Seconded by Michael Chianese
    - Nathan speaks against and thinks we should move to the long term proposal.
    - Brian Bell also opposes short term proposal
    - Tom Patrowsky asks timeline for getting cards out if we approve long-term proposal – how long would it take to get cards out to people?

- Would get card printer in February – would be done by April.
  - Might be good to change motion to be up to amount rather than the exact amount. Also look at including bling.
  - Can everything be ready by convention if the printer arrives by early February? Can be implemented in time.
  - Brian Bell calls the question.
  - Roll Call vote on short term proposal fails. 2 votes in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstains.
- **Motions to adopt long term proposal with a budget not to exceed \$2500 by Brian Bell.**
  - Michael Chianese seconds.
  - **Brian Bell makes a friendly amendment to bring design back to ExCom for approval.**
    - Michael Chianese seconds.
  - **Motion passes without objection.**

Data Management (Jeff Barrett, Coordinator) – No report. Not present.

- Will be introduced officially at next ExCom visit.

## Unfinished Business

### Open Positions

- Historical Preservation Committee Chair
- CD5 Alt Rep Appointment
  - Notice out. No candidates at this time.

## New Business

### Open Positions

- CD2 Alt Rep Appointment
  - Notice out. No candidates at this time.
- Press Secretary
  - Added to the newsletter.

### Annual Awards

- Dave Harmon Freedom Award – LPWI member award
  - **Nathan Gall nominated by Phil Anderson. Tim Krenz seconds.**
    - Nathan Gall attempts to object. Objection overruled.
    - **Approved without objection.**
- Ed Thompson Liberty Award – LPWI award to non-members
  - Phil Anderson asks if this award can be decided at the next ExCom.
    - Yes.
  - Tabled for next ExCom. No objections.
- Polk County Affiliate Application

- **Motion to approve Polk County Affiliate Application as an affiliate of the LPWI from Phil Anderson.**
  - Nathan Gall seconds.
  - Grand Pubha states they are happy to be a part of the party if they'll have us.
  - Michael Conard's objections to NOTA as Chair are noted.
    - Is there a problem with this from a legal standpoint? Brian confirms there is not.
  - **Passed without objections.**
- Phil Anderson thinks we should clean up the LPWI affiliate list on the website.
  - Can we just take the map down?
  - Michael Chianese knows how it works.
  - Michael Chianese recommends we have a formal process of documenting disaffiliation.
    - From the ByLaws: "The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or revoke affiliate party status from any organization by a 4/5 vote of the Committee."

## Good of the Party

- Michael Conard – would be good to cleanup slack – can we archive 2003 material?
- We have guns to raffle!
- Still haven't heard from the state on our raffle licenses.
- Phil Anderson – has been campaigning for 10 months. Always surprised by how many people are supportive of what we're trying to do.
- **Phil Anderson motions to adjourn.**
  - Michael Chianese seconds.
  - Passes without objections.
  - **Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.**

### Next Meetings

Feb 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

Mar 17, 2024, 7:00 PM

Apr 14, 2024

### Zoom Link:

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