

**Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Annual Convention  
Minutes  
April 13th, 2024**

**Call to Order**

LPWI Chair Stephen Ecker calls the convention to order at 9:16 am.

**Credentials & Procedures**

Nate Gall 26 voting members, majority is 14

**Adopt Agenda**

Tyler Danke moves to approve agenda.

Michael Chianese seconds.

Approved without objections.

**Approve 2023 Convention Minutes**

Robert Burke motions to not approve minutes from last year. Robert speaks against approving 2023 convention minutes.

Tyler Danke speaks in favor of approving the minutes.

Chris Nass speaks in favor of not approving the minutes.

Tyler Dankemotions to call the previous question

Michael Chianese points out that the motion should be to amend the minutes.

Nate Gall explains that the constitution does not prohibit what was done last year.

Stephen Ecker agrees with Nate's explanation.

Rise to vote in favor of approving minutes. 26 in favor. 3 opposed.

Minutes are approved 26-3.

**LNC Delegates**

Jacob VandenPlas nominates Michael Chianese

Kevin Litten nominates Tim Krenz

Jason Jackwith nominates Tyler Danke

Michael Schisel nominates Jacob VandenPlas

Tyler Danke nominates Robert Burke

Chris Nass nominates Jeff Rock

Tim Krenz nominates Kevin Litten

Bryce Thon nominates Robert Holzberger

Jacob VandenPlas nominates Michael Schisel

Robert Holzberger nominates Bryce Thon

Nate Gall nominates himself  
Robert Burke nominates Jason Jackwith  
Jacob VandenPlas nominates Neil Harmon  
Tyler Danke nominates Jim Fulner  
Jim Fuller nominates Jamie VanHelsing  
Kristin Walker nominates Bryan Voss  
Tyler Danke nominates Aaron Miranov  
Jacob VandePlus nominates Roy Martin  
Joe Kexel nominates Jim Sewell  
Jacob VandenPlas nominates Phil Anderson - does not accept  
Chris Nass nominates himself - may or may not accept  
Tyler Danke nominates Jason and Teresa Boris as alternates

Phil motions to table discussion until later in the day.  
Jacob VandenPlas seconds.

Chris Nass asks if you have to pay national dues. Floor answers that you do not.  
Tyler Danke clarifies that you have to be a LPWI member and have paid your dues. You do not have to live in WI to be a WI delegate.

Approved without objections to table discussion until later in the day.

## **Platform Amendments**

Jeff Kortsch explains amendments and thanks members of the committee.

### **Plank #1**

- Kevin Litten speaks against.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor.
- Chris Nass speaks against.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks in favor.
- Tim Krenz likes that the plank is short but opposes it on the basis of reducing the platform.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor of the plank and in favor of an expanded platform.
- Jordan Hanson speaks against.

Vote is 17-12-5 - Plank FAILS.

### **Plank #2**

- Tim Krenz speaks against.
- Chris Nass speaks against.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor.
- Jordan Hanson speaks against due to second half.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor and gives example of the religious test mentioned in the second half.

- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against due to second half.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor and that it would be easier to change than to revisit.
- Chris Nass speaks against.
- Phil Anderson speaks in favor and that the platform is helpful on the campaign trail.
- Reece Wood speaks in favor.

Vote is 12-19-2. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #3

- Tyler explains the reasoning.
- Chris Nass speaks against.
- Joseph Hauer speaks in favor.
- Tim Krenz speaks against.
- Michael Chianese rises to agree with Chris Nass and Tim Krenz in opposition to the plank.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.

Vote is 7-25-2. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #4

- Tyler explains the addition.
- Tim Krenz speaks in favor.

Vote is 19-8-8. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #5

- Jordan Hanson speaks against.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against.
- Chris Nass speaks against.

Vote is 2-30-2. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #6

- Bryan Voss speaks in favor.
- Kristin Walker speaks against.
- Jordan Hanson speaks against.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against.
- Bryan Voss speaks against.
- Tim Krenz speaks against.
- Chris Nass speaks against.
- Jason Jaquith speaks against.
- Reece Wood speaks against.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.
- Kristin Walker speaks against.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against.

Vote is 3-28-3. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #7

- Bryan Voss speaks in favor.
- Jordan Hanson speaks in favor.
- Roy Martin speaks against due to first sentence.
- Tim Krenz speaks in favor.
- Robert Burke speaks in opposition to juries but not necessarily the plank.
- Nate Gall speaks in favor but would also be in favor of rewording the first sentence.

- Tim Krenz speaks in favor of juries.
- Bryan Voss speaks in favor and would support modifying the language in the future.
- Phil Anderson speaks in favor and clarifies that people who vote in even numbered years is how you end up on a jury.

Vote is 28-3-2. Plank PASSES.

#### Plank #8

- Phil Anderson speaks against.
- Nate Gall speaks against.
- Chris Nass speaks in favor.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against.
- Phil Anderson speaks against.
- Reece Wood speaks.
- Tim Krenz speaks in favor and agrees the language will need to be changed later but gets us closer to where we want to be.
- Phil Anderson speaks against.
- Jeff Kortsch speaks against.
- Kristin Walker speaks against.

Vote is 6-26-6. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #9

- Michael Conard speaks in favor. Current plank does not go far enough.
- Nate Gall speaks against. Argues that current plank is not satisfactory but does not support wording of this plank.
- Chris Nass speaks in favor.
- Jim Maas speaks against.
- Jordan Hanson speaks against.

Vote is 6-23-5. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #10

- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.
- Jordan Hanson speaks against. Likes the first sentence as a standalone.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against. And would like something added about corporations and that they should not be included in these rights to speech.

Vote is 17-14-3. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #11

- Kristin Walker speaks against.
- Kevin Litten speaks to clarify current Wisconsin laws.
- Jacob VandenPlas speaks against.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor.
- Michael Chianese speaks against.
- Robert Burke speaks against as government should not be acknowledged in the plank.
- Jim Fuller speaks in favor and clarifies that the plank does not ask the government to do anything.
- Robert Burke points out that the plank does state that the government should acknowledge. Jim Fuller accepts correction.
- Phil Anderson says it's not perfect but speaks in favor.
- Nate Gall speaks against.

Vote is 5-26-3. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #12

- Jordan Hanson speaks against due to length.
- Chris Nass speaks against.

Vote is 4-25-5. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #13

- Tyler Danke speaks in favor of lengthening the platform and saving brevity for the Statement of Principles.
- Jim Fuller speaks against ROADS and against the plank.
- Michael Conard speaks in favor of the plank but is also in favor of brevity in the plank.
- Michael Chianese speaks in favor.
- Phil Anderson speaks in favor.
- Robert Burke will abstain as both old and new language are abhorrent.

Vote is 22-11-1. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #14

- Phil Anderson speaks in favor but is concerned about how specific the plank is and asks why the FDA is not called out.
- Michael Conard speaks against adding justification in platform statements.
- Kevin Litten speaks in favor. Believes there are two things that need correcting.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor and points out the current platform does not address much of this.
- Robert Burke speaks against.

Vote is 17-13-5. Plank FAILS.

#### Plank #15

- Bryan Voss speaks in favor.
- Brian Defferding speaks in favor.
- Kevin Litten speaks against due to language in first line.
- Robert Burke speaks.
- Michael Chianese speaks against.
- Nathan Gall speaks against the plank discussing intent but is uncertain on how he'll vote.
- Phil Anderson speaks in favor as children are addressed elsewhere in the platform.
- Tyler Danke reads Children and Family section of platform.
- Michael Conard points out emancipated minors as an exception to adults.
- Bryan Voss speaks in favor.
- Michael Chianese speaks against and argues this plank will be taken out of the context of the rest of the platform.

Vote is 11-18-5. Plank FAILS.

### **LNC Delgates**

Nate Gall moves to reopen delegate nominations.

Jim Fuller seconds.

Approved without objections.

Jim Fuller nominates Mike Saliba.

Tyler Danke nominates Richard Fast.

Tyler moves to remove Jason and Teresa Boris since they are not present and have not accepted the nomination.

Tyler moves to remove Aaron Miranov.

Jim Fuller renominates Aaron Miranov.

Michael Chianese moves that we have one vote and the 20 top voted delegates will be delegates and the remaining will be alternates without a second vote.

Point of Order from Nate Gall that we cannot make this motion until nominations are closed.

Michael Chianese moves to close nominations. Jordan Hanson seconds. Passes without objections.

Michael Chianese moves that we have one vote and the 20 top voted delegates will be delegates and the remaining will be alternates without a second vote. Michael Conard seconds.

Jeffrey Bunchock asks for clarification on how the process works.

Tyler Danke points out the wording of the bylaws requiring secret votes for both delegates and alternates.

Phil Anderson moves to re-open nominations for delegates. Michael Conard seconds. Passes without objections.

Phil Anderson nominates Jason and Teresa Boris.

Phil Anderson moves that we close nominations. Michael Conard seconds. Jeffrey Bunchock wants to ask about the process. Question is ruled out of order. Motion passes without objections.

Voting will occur after appointment of Bylaws Committee.

### **Appoint Bylaws Committee**

Jacob VandenPlas nominates Michael Conard.

Tyler Danke nominates Jordan Hanson.

Phil Anderson nominates Tyler Danke.

Jacob VandenPlas nominates Kevin Litten.

Tim Krenz nominates Joe Hauer. He does not accept. Tim Krenz nominates Tom Patrowsky.

Tom Patrowsky is ineligible.

Phil Anderson nominates Reece Wood.

Jacob VandenPlas moves to close nominations. Roy Martin seconds. Tim Krenz has a point of information, will NOTA be on the ballot? Yes, it has to be on the ballot. Passed without objections.

Brian Bell moves the acceptance of this slate of candidates. Phil Anderson seconds. Approved without objections.

### **Platform Committee Nominations (to be selected by ExCom):**

Tim Krenz nominates Joseph Hauer.

Jacob VandenPlas nominates Tyler Danke.

Nate Gall nominates Jacob VandenPlas.

Brian Defferding nominates himself.

Tyler Danke nominates Brian Bell.

Jordan Hanson asks for more information about the platform committee. Stephen Ecker clarifies that the committee is appointed by the ExCom. They handle the platform proposals we recently voted on. Michael Conard explains that they take in submissions and decide whether those recommended submissions will be brought to the convention. If someone still wants their proposal considered they tell the Platform Committee. Different from the bylaws committee which endorses amendments or not. Michael Conard explains all meetings are on zoom, and sets their own schedule.

Jordan Hanson nominates Aaron Kammer.

### **LNC Delegate Elections**

Kevin Litten motions that each nominee has one minute to address the body. Seconded. Approved without objections.

Jeffrey Buntrock addresses body that inevitably folks will not be able to make the convention due to financial or other circumstances.

Jim Fulner lets body know that there are groups that will help you afford the trip.

Kevin Litten addresses the body.

Tyler Danke addresses the body.

Michael Chianese addresses body about himself and endorses Neil Harmon.

Jacob VandenPlas addresses the body.

Tim Krenz addresses body.

Bryan Voss addresses body.

Roy Martin addresses body.

Tyler Danke addresses body.

Vote for delegates is completed. Coin flip for tie between Jason Boris and Michael Saliba.

#### Alternate Delegate Selection

Michael Chianese moves to make a slate vote for the remaining ranked nominees to be the alternate delegates in the order they are ranked from the original delegate vote. Michael Conard seconds. Approved without objections.

Vote is 35-0-0 in favor of electing remaining delegate candidates as the alternates in vote total order.

Michael Saliba

Teresa Boris

Aaron Miranov

Richard Fast

Tim Krenz nominates Michael Chianese as Delegate Chair. Jacob VandenPlas seconds.

Jason Jaqueth nominates Jacob VandenPlas. Jim Fulner seconds.

Vote is 10-6-1 in favor of Michael Chianese for Delegate Chair.

Michael Chianese nominates Jacob VandenPlas. No other nominations. No objections.

#### **Endorse Statewide Candidate**

Phil Anderson addresses the body. Needs 4000 signatures (max allowed, need 2000 to be accepted) by June 3rd. Turning in maximum number of signatures is key for press and polls.

Jacob VandenPlas states that signatures should be mailed well in advance so they can be received in time. Phil Anderson has captains in each area of the state in order to help with this process as well.

Tim Krenz moves to approve endorsement of Phil Anderson. Jim Fulner seconds. Endorsement approved by general acclaim.

## Resolutions from the Floor

- Resolution #1 from Tyler Danke
  - Jim Fulner seconds
  - Tyler Danke speaks in favor of resolution.
  - Kevin Litten motions to strip 3rd bullet from resolution
    - Tyler Danke seconds.
    - Kristen asks for more context on resolution.
      - Jim Fulner speaks on conflict between LNC and Michigan party.
      - Kevin Litten speaks to disputes with Mises Caucus.
      - Tyler Danke explains that this language is from the Louisiana party.
      - Jacob VandenPlas speaks in favor of amendment.
    - Jim Fulner objections.
    - Voice Vote - Ayes have it, Amendment PASSES.
  - Voice Vote on Resolution - Ayes have it, Resolution PASSES.
  
- Resolution #2 from Kevin Litten
  - Died due to lack of a second.
  
- Resolution #3 from Phil Anderson
  - Seconded by Brian Bell.
  - Phil Anderson speaks in favor and states that this resolution will go out to all Wisconsin congressional members.
  - Jordan Hanson asks if we can mail something out to people on this. Phil Anderson, says yes I'm sure we can but that's not part of this resolution.
  - Tim Krenz asks for information on Assange.
  - Phil Anderson states that Assange is in British custody based on U.S. extradition request.

- Michael Conard calls the question informally.
- Passed without objections.
  
- Resolution #4 from Jason Jaqueth
  - Resolution is considered in order. Recommendation to by-laws committee.
  - Michael Chianese seconds.
  - Nate Gall objects.
  - Jim Fulner speaks in favor.
  - Kristin Walker speaks against.
  - Joseph Kexel speaks against due to time constraints.
  - Joe Hauer speaks against.
  - Michael Chianese speaks in favor.
  - Nick Gall speaks against.
  - Tyler Danke speaks in favor.
  - Jim Fulner speaks in favor.
  - Jim Maas speaks against.
  - Jordan Hanson speaks against.
  - Voice Vote the Nays have it.
  
- Resolution #5 from Tim Krenz
  - Brian Bell seconds.
  - Tim Krenz speaks in favor.
  - Nate Gall moves that we strike “as a norm” from the resolution.
    - Tim Krenz seconds.
    - Passed without objections
  - Kevin Litten calls for a paper ballot vote.
  - Vote is 28-3-1. Resolution passes.
  
- Resolution #6 from Jeff Kortsch
  - Seconded by Kristin Walker
  - Resolution passes without objections.
  
- Resolution #7 from Michael Conard
  - Phil Anderson seconds
  - Point of information - the LPWI cannot form a caucus
  - Kevin Litten asks if Michael Conard if the intent was to form an affiliate.
  - Brian Bell moves to table this motion. Michael Chianese seconds.
  - Passed without objections. Resolution is tabled indefinitely.
  
- Resolution #8 from Jim Fulner

- Phil Anderson seconds
- Jim Fulner speaks in favor.
- Tyler Danke speaks in favor.
- Phil Anderson claims YOU'Re ALL a bunch of LoSeRs
- Approved without objections
  
- Proposal #9 from Jacob VandenPlas
  - Phil Anderson seconds
  - Kevin Litten wonders how this may affect the Space Force
    - Clarified that they are included.
  - Jim Fulner motions to amend the last sentence to include “while it exists”
    - Dies for lack of a second.
  - Nate Gall motions to adding “cause harm, kill people, or”
    - Jacob VandenPlas seconds
    - Jacob VandenPlas speaks in favor.
    - Passes without objections.
  - Resolution passes without objections.

## **Adjourn**

Phil Anderson motions to adjourn. Michael Conard seconds. Approved without objections.

- Resolution #1 from Tyler Danke
  - WHEREAS the Libertarian Party bylaws support the autonomy of state affiliates;
  - WHEREAS Libertarians object to Intellectual Property lawsuits and legal abuses;
  - ~~WHEREAS we're not a bunch of friggin' statist;~~
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin calls upon the LNC to immediately drop its lawsuits against Libertarian activists and members of the Michigan affiliate.

- Resolution #2 from Kevin Litten - addition to Policy and Procedures Manual
  - "At the end of the business meeting of each state convention, those elected or appointed to serve the state party shall be required to take an oath stating that they shall read our party's bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual. They shall also state that they will endeavor to complete their responsibilities to the party to the best of their abilities. Those members present will also take an oath to support those elected or appointed."

A sample of what this pledge might be is below.

Our Party's Pledge to be taken by all at each State Convention

All those serving the party, recently elected, or appointed by the Party shall rise. A guest of honor or eminent member shall officiate.

"Having been chosen by your peers to serve the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin and its members, will you read and endeavor to understand the Bylaws of the Party and its Policies and Procedures?"

Their answer shall be "I will."

"Will you support our Party's candidates?"

Their answer shall be "I will."

"Will you execute the duties of your position to the best of your abilities?"

Their answer shall be "I will."

At this point all members will be asked to rise.

"Will you support the candidates, officials, and primary beliefs of this Party as best as you are able?"

The answer shall be "I will."

- Resolution #3 from Phil Anderson
  - WHEREAS, the Biden administration continues to hold Julian Assange at the high security Belmarsh Prison in the U.K., solely on remand for extradition to the U.S., and
  - WHEREAS, Assange is being held for the crime of journalism by the government whose war crimes he exposed, and
  - WHEREAS, Joe Biden on World Press Freedom Day, 2023 stated, “No journalist – American or not – should have to risk their lives and livelihoods in pursuit of that truth.”
  - THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin endorses House Resolution 934 which calls for all charges against Mr. Assange to be dropped and the extradition request to be rescinded, and requests that members of the House of Representatives from Wisconsin co-sponsor and/or support the same.

- Resolution #4 from Jason Jaqueth
  - The convention here gathered encourages and recommends to the next bylaws committee that the platform planks be able to be amended on the floor of the convention.

- Proposal #5 from Tim Krenz
  - Recognizing that the entire future and continued existence depends on individual cooperation and peace in all communities we demand the following:
    - 1) That the United States of America unilaterally denounces the militarization, and its associated violent aggression and coercion as a matter of policy.
    - 2) That the United States immediately withdraws from all defense alliances; disposes of all overseas military bases, property, deployments of American citizens; including all private contractors, citizens or not.
    - 3) That the US lead all nations in the end of using war and war-funding to create profits for the minority who benefit; to include dismantling and decommissioning all government armed weapons of war, including (and especially) nuclear weapons.
    - 4) That all nations dismantle all government security and intelligence secret police, agencies, etc.
    - 5) That the initiation of violence to solve political and economic and other differences, cease immediately ~~as a norm~~ on this earth.

- Proposal #6 from Jeff Kortsch
  - The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin recognizes the effort made by Neil Harmon who, by receiving more than 1% of the vote in the race for Secretary of State in 2022, achieved ballot access for the Libertarian Party Presidential candidate. This saved the LPWI and its volunteers hours of work gathering signatures this summer. Thank you Neil.

- Proposal #7 from Michael Conard
  - I move the formation of the LPWI Veteran's Caucus to support and advance the concerns of Veterans who are members of the LPWI.

- Proposal #8 from Jim Fulner
  - Whereas, for some reason a number of individuals have claimed Donald Trump is the most libertarian president the US has ever had;
  - Whereas, there is no way that the President who has overseen the largest budget deficit of any president in history is remotely libertarian;
  - Whereas, we can not here list all the additional reasons Donald Trump is not a libertarian;
  - Be it Resolved that the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin affirms that Donald Trump is antithetical to the libertarian movement.

- Proposal #9 from Jacob VandenPlas
  - Resolved: The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin demands an immediate end to all government money, direct or indirect, supporting and funding, by any means, foreign military conflict, either between or within countries. That the US stops its policy of using money or other support to individuals or institutions or organizations that cause harm, kill people, or perpetuate murder. This includes the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe, etc. and anywhere on this good Earth. The U.S. must advocate for peace, always.