

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Executive Committee Regular Meeting

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Minutes

## Preliminaries

Call to Order at 7:03pm.

Roll Call/Quorum determination  
Quorum confirmed.

Chair's Comments

Previous Meeting Minutes Errata and Approval

- Approving minutes of both regular and special meetings from May.
- No objections

Agenda Approval

- Addition of Judicial Committee Region 1 Discussion
- No objections

## Officer Reports

Chair – Report Attached.

- Phil Anderson planning on being at Energy Affair.

Vice Chair

Treasurer – Report Attached.

- Proposed motions from Treasurer, Brian Bell's report
  - **I move that the Executive Committee grants authority to the Treasurer to extend membership expiration dates for those memberships that expire during calendar year 2024 for up to 90 days beyond the full implementation of the new NationBuilder site.**
    - Nate Gall seconds.
    - Michael Conard speaks in favor.
    - **Approved without objections.**
  - **I move that the Executive Committee set the minimum membership dues to be either at least \$5/month (~~\$60/year~~) for monthly membership, at least \$75/year for annual membership, or \$1,000 for a lifetime membership, and that these changes become effective on January 1, 2025, in order to encourage more monthly memberships that will help us project cash flow and available resources.**
    - Phil Anderson seconds.

- Michael Chianese asks what the change is. Brian Bell clarifies that it's increasing the annual membership due.
- Kristin Walker asks what the thought process is.
  - Brian Bell states that a monthly payment allows for better planning.
- Michael Conard has a motion on the agenda related to this but speaks in favor of this motion.
- Jordan Hansen asks if it would affect how much LPWI receives from the donation?
  - Brian Bell states that the new site does not have the option to pay for the CC fee but that the % of the dues would be equivalent either way.
- Brian Bell also points out that the \$60 per year would be retrospective since we saw two Out of State people join with monthly donations and then they canceled them shortly after.
- Phil Anderson speaks in favor.
- Nate Gall speaks in favor.
- Michael Chianese asks, the membership would be \$60 over the previous 12 months? So at the time of convention it would be \$60 prior to the convention over the last 12 months?
- Joe Kexel believes it may turn some people off since it means we maintain their CC info.
- Michael Conard asks if this would be difficult to track?
  - Brian Bell says no.
- Phil Anderson wants to avoid creating barriers to new members.
- Michael Chianese points to bylaw which states:
  - Applicants for membership in the Party shall make application by payment of at least the minimum fee set by the Executive Committee. Upon payment of such fees, they will become members in good standing.
- Michael Conard speaks in favor.
- Jordan Hansen states that the Fox Valley affiliate has 6 months of good standing to run for a position.
- Brian Bell states that we should clarify that all we are capturing here are the fees for membership. Eligibility for voting would be separate.
- Michael Chianese that per our bylaws, by changing fees, we are discussing members rights.
- Phil Anderson points out that \$60 lump sum will not make someone a member.
- **Michael Chianese moves that we strike the parenthesis (\$60/year)**
  - Phil Anderson seconds.
  - **Approved without objections.**
- **Approved without objections.**
- Brian Bell moves that cumulative donations to the LPWI as tracked in our official records shall count towards the \$1,000 donation requirement, effective July 1, 2024.

- Michael Chianese seconds.
  - Michael Chianese asks if there would be a way to rescind lifetime membership?
  - Michael Conard speaks against as he has a motion in his membership report that should be considered.
  - Phil Anderson speaks against as he does not think lifetime membership is something we should pursue.
  - Brian Bell appreciates the discussion and thinks it's worth considering Michael Conard's proposal.
  - Tom Patrowsky points out that in the last motion we approved a lifetime membership?
    - Michael Chianese and Stephen Ecker clarify that this was a one-time donation lifetime membership. This has existed for some time, the motion on the floor is to consider aggregate donations.
  - Tim Krenz asks if this discussion could be sent to a committee to have discussed further rather than discussing here.
  - Brian Bell wishes to withdraw motion.
    - Withdrawn without objections.
- Michael Conard motions that lifetime membership be discussed in a special committee to have a motion brought to this larger group.
    - Kristin Walker seconds.
    - Michael Chianese believes it should be added to strategic planning committee.
    - Phil Anderson speaks in favor of moving to strategic planning committee.
    - **Brian Bell moves to table the current discussion and refer further discussions regarding membership to include the structure of lifetime memberships to the strategic planning committee.**
      - Michael Chianese seconds.
      - Tim Krenz believes all membership questions be brought to strategic planning.
      - **Approved without objections**

Secretary – Both 5/19/24 Regular and 5/20/24 Special meeting minutes Attached.

## Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws (Michael Conard, Chair)

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

Convention (Bryan Voss, Chair)

Communications (Tim Krenz, Chair) – Report Attached.

- Motion from Committee: Pay Abdul's contract, when he submits the invoice, for \$1000.
  - Seconded by Michael Chianese.

- Tom Patrowsky asks if this motion is needed since it was already budgeted?
  - Tim Krenz thinks its needed and just wants to be sure this is known by the larger group that it is being paid.
  - Michael Conard does not think this needs to be approved again since it was budgeted last month.
- Motion deemed redundant. Discussion given as an FYI to this group.
- If any literature is needed. Please let Tim know.

Fundraising (VACANT)

Platform (Aaron Kammer, Chair)

Strategic Planning (Phil Anderson, Chair)

- One point of emphasis: #4 criteria for what we do. Is it growing membership or raising money? This is important to keep in mind.

## Coordinators and Directors

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

Events (Teresa Boris, Coordinator)

Information Technology Services (Michael Chianese, Director)

- Michel Chianese got website moved to new NationBuilder website.
- Moved name servers from GoDaddy to Cloudflare.
- Did some research on email.
  - For \$1 per month per user we can move to zoho mail. 17 emails so \$17 per month. Several miscellaneous.
  - Phil Anderson asks if this is something we want to offer members at some point.
  - Email for membership director.
  - Michael Chianese says that makes sense. Will get that set up under old account.
  - Brian Bell and Phil Anderson recommend the communications committee take this under consideration.

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

Proposals:

~~— Lifetime Membership~~

- Convention Credentialing

- **Brian Bell moves that the membership director be responsible for credentialing at state conventions.**
  - **Nate Gall seconds.**
- **Approved without objections.**

Data Management (VACANT)

## Unfinished Business

## Open Positions

- CD5 Alt Rep Appointment
  - o Kristin knows someone who is potentially interested but their interest will depend on what happens with region 1.
- Press Secretary

## New Business

### President certification and elector certification

- **Brian Bell moves that the LPWI designate the 2 at-large members and the 8 district representatives as presidential electors with the state of Wisconsin. Further, that the district alternative representatives, chair and vice-chair shall serve as the backups in case the district representatives and/or at large members are unable to fulfill their duties.**
  - o Michael Chianese seconds.
  - o Michael Chianese points out that there is one vacant alt rep and one rep that is no longer in his district.
    - Nate Gall says he and Bryan Voss could simply switch and we would be in compliance.
    - Phil Anderson asks if this would work.
    - Brian Bell confirms this would work.
  - o Brian Bell moves that any vacancies filled by the above will be filled by the chair.
  - o Michael Chianese seconds.
  - o Michael Conard confirms our bylaws do not address this.
    - Approved without objections.
  - o **Approved without objections.**
- **Motion of Censure of LPWI Chair – Details Attached.**
  - o Phil Anderson seconds.
    - Brian Bell asks question about censure and LPWI bylaws.
      - Michael Conard states that the LPWI body cannot censure outside of what is stated in the bylaws but the LPWI ExCom may. So long as there are no consequences.
    - Phil Anderson speaks in favor of the motion. Perhaps not with all of the background as given but based on the special meeting and the motions approved at that meeting, this censure is necessary.
    - Bryce Thon speaks against.
    - Michael Chianese speaks in favor.
    - Kristin Walker speaks in favor.
    - Nate Gall would normally be opposed to a censure such as this but because this sets the precedent and will be heard by the JC of LP National, believes it is necessary.
    - Bryce Thon believes that a vote of no confidence would be to remove the chair. Still believes the JC will not care about this censure as they will be looking at our by-laws.
    - Phil Anderson speaks in favor of the motion.
  - o **Motion passes 11-1 with 1 abstention.**
- **Michael Chianese moves that for the reasons outlined in the censure I move the ExCom direct the Constitution and Bylaws committee to vote to suspend Stephen Ecker for the duration of his term.**

- Phil Anderson seconds.
  - Phil Anderson speaks in favor.
  - Kristin Walker speaks in favor.
  - Brian Bell asks what is the effect of this vote?
    - Michael Conard answers that if the CCL votes to suspend the chair, then a special convention would have to be convened.
  - Michael Conard and Phil Anderson do not think a virtual convention would be a problem.
  - **Motion passes 9-4.**
- Region 1 Judicial Committee discussion – everyone on the call was emailed.
- 10% of delegates were needed.
  - Michael Chianese believes he has the needed delegate signatures.
  - Phil Anderson asks if there is anything preventing us from leaving the agreement?
    - Michael Chianese says that the deadline has passed but since we submitted this before the deadline that should cover us but that's what the judicial committee is reviewing.
  - Michael Chianese states if Wisconsin leaves the super region, we would be represented by the vice-chair. The Super Region would be unaffected.
  - Michael Chianese states LNC ratified it before the convention which is why they're saying it is a done deal. But that has never happened before.
  - Phil Anderson asks the chair why this happened?
    - Stephen Ecker states that he did not believe he violated the bylaws and so he could not write a letter stating that he did.
  - Joe Kexel asks why this happened.
    - Michael Chianese gives an answer.

#### Open Positions

- Fundraising Committee Chair
- Data Management Coordinator

#### Good of the Party

- Michael Chianese motions to adjourn.
  - Dies for lack of second.
- Kristin Walker asks about Region 1 and what steps Stephen took during process.
  - Stephen Ecker clarifies that he and other state chairs were unsatisfied with region representation. He wanted to avoid being left in Region zero. Also thought it was too late after the agreement had been signed. Stephen apologizes for mishandling.
  - Strategic Planning Committee is discussing how to update By-Laws for region selection.

- Brian Bell moves that the ComCom communicate motions approved in this meeting and process regarding next steps regarding CBL judicial process.
  - o Phil Anderson seconds.
  - o Michael Conard requests this be split.
  - o Brian Bell accepts friendly amendment that the communications be sent separately.
    - Approved without objections
  - o **Brian Bell moves that the communications committee proceed with communicating the motions passed in tonight's LPWI ExCom (6/16/24) in two separate communications. One Regarding the actions taken against the chair and one regarding the motions affecting membership.**
  - o **Approved without objections.**

Phil Anderson thanks everyone for their efforts to help gather signatures. Fyi, they only count the batches to get over the needed requirement. Should look at getting minutes out to the rest of the party on a regular basis.

Brian Bell wants to recognize Tim and the team, Michael Chianese and Michael Conard as well, to get website moved to nationbuilder.

Michael Conard moves to adjourn.

Brian Bell seconds.

Approved without objections.

Next Meetings

Jul 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

Aug 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

Sep 15, 2024, 7:00 PM

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