

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin
Executive Committee Regular Meeting

August 18th, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Minutes

Preliminaries

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Roll Call/Quorum determination – Quorum confirmed of 9 voting members.

Ground rules—Only officers, at-large representatives, and primary representatives may participate in the discussions during main items, unless: 1) Alternate Representatives may participate in absence of Primary; or 2) Someone gets called upon for information. All others in gallery may use chat function, until open forum or “for the good of the Party.”

Agenda Approval

Michael Chianese motions to approve.

Bryce Thon seconds.

Approved without objection.

Previous Meeting Minutes Errata and Approval:

Secretary – Minutes Attached.

Bryce Thon motions to approve minutes.

Brian Bell seconds.

Approved without objection.

Acting Chair – Report Attached.

Treasurer – Report Attached.

I, Brian Bell, move that the ExComm approves the Treasurer to establish the necessary bank account to be used for supporting federal candidates (President, Vice-President, US Senators, US Representatives), with BMO Harris Bank and add the Chair as co-signer to the account.

Jeff Kortsch seconds.

Motion approved without objections.

Committee Reports

Questions on Reports by Groups, Teams and Directors:

Constitution and Bylaws (Michael Conard, Chair)

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

- Email came to info@lpwi from someone interested in being a candidate. Was passed on to Jeff Kortsch.

Convention (Bryan Voss, Chair)

- Meeting soon, reached out to LNC Chair and some others. Looking for someone to help with reaching out to Spike Cohen.
- Contract secured for Treehaven.

Communications (Tim Krenz, Chair) – Report Attached, including minutes from 2 subcommittee meetings and press office report.

- Tim Krenz gives explanation of use of the \$5000 budgeted at last ExCom meeting. See ComCom report for details.

Fundraising (Vacant)

Platform (Aaron Kammer, Chair)

Strategic Planning (Phil Anderson, Chair) – Report Attached.

Tom Patrowsky motions to eliminate issuing new lifetime membership effective immediately.

Michael Chianese seconds.

Tom Patrowsky explains reasoning from strategic planning.

Michael Chianese speaks in favor.

Nate Gall opposes.

Roll Call vote called for.

Motion fails 4-5.

Phil Anderson joins meeting, bringing voting membership to 10.

Brian Bell motions to make annual payment of \$60 or \$60 over the previous 12 months.

Michael Chianese seconds.

- Bryce Thon speaks against.
- Brian Bell speaks in favor.
- Nate Gall speaks against.
- Michael Chianese speaks in favor. States that membership is \$60. We offer a monthly payment plan.
- Bryce Thon speaks against. In favor of lowering membership fee to \$60 but not to eliminating monthly.
- Michael Conard believes the question of membership and voting at convention should be handled separately.
- Michael Chianese points out that membership has not gone up in at a minimum 6-8 years.

- Phil Anderson speaks in favor. Believes members should have some skin in the game. Points out we're small and vulnerable to outside actors.
- Brian Bell withdraws his first motion and motions that **the ExCom sets membership dues at \$60 per year effective 1/1/2025.**
 - o Phil Anderson speaks in favor.
 - o Bryce Thon speaks against.
 - o Nate Gall speaks against.
 - o Brian Bell speaks in favor and clarifies difference from previous motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-3.**
- Nate Gall would like there to be a grace period to the convention.
- Chair asks for a motion related to this.
- Discussion on whether we need a motion to account for this.
- Phil Anderson clarifies his understanding that there is no grace period as things stand now.

- Phil Anderson motions to make two points from SPC our data management policy:
 - 1. That the purpose of the data release would be for required operations of the party- i.e. functions that LPWI is required to perform, not 'may' perform, not optional, and**
 - 2. That considerations of any release of membership data to any person begin with the members' expectation of privacy.**

Nate Gall seconds.

Phil Anderson speaks in favor.

Motion passes 8-1-1

Affiliate Support (Phil Anderson and Jeff Kortsch, Co-Coordinators)

Events (Teresa Boris, Coordinator)

Information Technology Services (Michael Chianese, Director)

- Brian Bell thanks Michael Chianese for his efforts on Zoom and GoDaddy access/payments.
- Michael Chianese states chair and treasurer have ability/discretion to remove him as needed.

Membership Services (Michael Conard, Director)

- Gain of two and loss of one this month.

CD Rep Reports//The One Thing

- Tim Krenz states this is to start developing what CD reps do and are responsible for. To encourage action for district reps.
- Phil Anderson has visited each affiliate in his district but more focused on campaign.

- Bryce Thon has been reaching out to former LPWI members.
- Jeff Kortsch asks about membership data and contact with them, specifically as it relates to the recently passed data policy. Refer to ComCom?
 - o He would like to be able to send district emails.
 - o Brian Bell, this would be doable in nationbuilder.

Unfinished Business

- Hiring a professional fundraiser
 - o Nate Gall explains current status. Recommend looking for a volunteer.

New Business

- **Motion from Brian Bell to grant authority to execute the Voter Gravity Libertarian National Committee State Affiliate Agreement to access voter data, for the purpose of membership recruitment, outreach and education, and candidate support. The agreement is available online here:**
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/votergravity/votergravitylibertariannationalcommitteestateaffiliateagreement> . This is available to affiliated state parties for free, compliments of the LNC. Candidates have to pay to directly access the information, but get a discounted rate.
 - o Michael Chianese seconds.
 - o Jeff Kortsch asks about cost of contacts in nationbuilder.
 - o Brian Bell states we will not have to import all data to nationbuilder and can do so as needed.
 - o Phil Anderson speaks in favor.
 - o Joe Hauer asks about how this is impacted by the data policy?
 - It's not membership data so not impacted.
 - o **Motion passes without objection.**
- Discussion on calling of a special convention to ratify CBL decision to suspend chair.
 - o Michael Conard believes the process is not complete and our bylaws require a special convention to be called.
 - o Bryan Voss believes that at the last ExCom we agreed a special convention is not required.
 - o Phil Anderson remembers the same discussion and does not believe our bylaws specify that the convention "must" be called. The bylaw states "subject to".
 - o Nate Gall agrees with Phil Anderson and states "must" and "subject to" are not synonymous. There is no bylaw triggering a special convention and one must be called and the bylaws state how that is.
 - o Bryce Thon does not disagree with Phil's interpretation but believes the chair is not suspended until the convention is had.

- Michael Conard does not like the suspension being left in the hands of five individuals of the CBL and believes we're avoiding our due diligence.
- Phil Anderson states the ExCom did refer to the CBL in a 9-4 vote.
- Tom Patrowsky disagrees with Bryce Thon's interpretation of the suspension. Points out that quorum is not affected during suspensions but that a special convention's purpose is to ratify and appoint a replacement in which a suspension would never affect quorum, making that bylaw moot.
- Phil Anderson states that every organization needs a way to suspend quickly in order to work properly in case someone is going rogue.
- Brian Bell interprets the bylaws in agreement with Phil Anderson and that a convention is not required.
 - Also states that we need to refocus on what is in front of us.

Open Forum/Good of the Party

Michael Chianese motions that we send

- No commentary
- must have original suspension and censure wording along with votes from ExCom and C&B committee
- agreed on by comcom
- cannot be editable

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Nate Gall moves to adjourn.

Meeting is adjourned via vote 5-3-2.

Next Meetings

Sep 15, 2024, 7:00 PM

Oct 20, 2024, 7:00 PM

Nov 17, 2024, 7:00 PM

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