

LPWI Excom Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 10th, 2010, Olympia Resort & Conference Ctr.,
1350 Royale Mile Rd., Oconomowoc, WI

Meeting called to order at 9:12 AM by Chair Ben Olson

Roll Call: Excom members attendees

Ben Olson – Party Chairman

Jim Maas – Party Vice Chairman

John Gatewood – Party Secretary

Tim Krenz – Party Treasurer

Terry Gray – At-Large representative

Brad Sponholz - 1st District Representative (Primary)

Jim Sewell - 1st District Representative (Alternate)

Tim Szczykutowicz - 2nd District Representative (Alternate)

Todd Welch - 3rd District Representative (Primary)

Tim Peterson – 5th District Representative (Primary)

Will Losch - 7th District Representative (Primary)

NonExcom members attendees:

This ExCom meeting is part of the annual LPWI State Convention, so many LPWI members were in attendance of the ExCom meeting.

Excom Positions Absent:

Paul Ehlers– At-Large representative

Ralph Klingsporn/Alan Basche - 8th District Representation

Excom Positions Vacant:

4th District Representation

6th District Representation

A quorum consists of 7 voting members, 10 voting members were present

Committee Reports

The Judicial committee via Tim Peterson reported no activity.

The Platform committee (Paul E., charman) did not give a report since Paul not in attendance. Secretary stated requirements for specific Platform change proposals to be taken before the general membership, in particular that a printed version of the changes must be available to each LPWI member before the vote is taken. Will Losch, a member of the Platform Committee, took the proposals he had and made copies.

Old Business

Treasurer Status

Tim Krenz stated he will stay on as Treasurer, at least through the summer. Kevin Kauzlaric has been very helpful as an assistant.

Welcome Pack for contacts or new members

Secretary stated this is on agenda since a recent contact was made and we did not know how it should be handled. Ben stated that this comes from National LP if contact made there. Tim K. said we need to identify where the packets are and how to access them. Tim P. volunteered to help with distribution of materials. Todd W. stated any website contact goes into the DB. Tim N. said he would direct distribution along with rest of the Business committee. Tim K. said we need separate packs, one for new contacts and another for new members. Secretary inquired about existence of Welcome packs, and Chair stated only through LP, no LPWI version yet. Volunteer and Candidate contacts go to Brad (Campaign committee). New member contact if from LP goes to Ben. Other avenues, we're not sure where they go. They need to get into DB and data dump for LPWI. Tim N. will address all of this at next Business committee meeting which should be within a week.

Membershp Renewals and Database Status

Jim Sewell sent 2nd mailing 3 weeks ago and did receive a few renewals. He enters all renewals into his DB. He would like DB to have remote capability. Tim P. suggested Jim S. work with Todd W. to make proposal to Business committee to allow others access, but Jim S. should retain master (write) access. Dave Reddick stated others should funnel DB info into Jim S., but only he writes to DB. Tim K. said he has been working on some ideas and would make a proposal after meeting with others he has been working with. Ben stated this is a big issue, needs Business committee input.

Fund Raising

I don't have any notes on this, but it was on the agenda. In past discussions we have said that this is a Business committee function. Today we will have a raffle and a T-shirt auction during the afternoon convention program.

New Business

LPWI Position on Tea Party Events

Tim P. asked what is our position on Tea Party events. He has attended many of them and thinks we should align ourselves with them since some of the same goals we have. Main idea is Don't Tread on Me, government has become too intrusive and large, need to scale it back. Two party system has given us more and more socialism, need to have more candidates outside 2 main parties. Ben then offered a rebuttal. He feels that we should be in contact with Tea Party

and go to events, but no full commitment to it since many in this movement are not libertarian. There is no clear direction from the Tea Party movement, and some ideas are not what we embrace. Some Tea Partiers are pro-war, each group may hold different views. GOP runs some of the events.

Tim N. said we should stick close to the movement since many people are looking for choices other than Democrat and Republican. Decide on an individual basis which Tea Party events align with our views. This is a ripe opportunity to expand our party, but don't give up our principles in doing so. Dave Reddick offered to submit a draft of the LPWI standing with Tea Party events.

Miscellaneous

Tim P. spoke about Americans for Prosperity group. It is funded by GOP, has 1 million members, but its mission statement aligns with libertarian principles and ideas.

Next Excom Meeting:

Tim K. suggested the next Excom meeting to be held in Eau Claire, Ben said it will be in July.

Tim P. made a statement he wants on the record: Although many would like our ExCom meetings well outside the Milwaukee metro area, the vast majority of our members reside in the Milwaukee metro area.

Next ExCom meeting will be on Sunday, July 18th at 12:30PM in Eau Claire at a venue yet to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned:

At approximately 10:10 AM, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the Excom Meeting

By: Todd W

Second: Brad S.

Result: Carried

(General Business meeting to follow, see seperate minutes)