

LPPA Board of Directors Special Meeting

March 12th, 2022

Affiliate Attendance:

Adams: Neil Belliveau	Franklin: NOT PRESENT	Schulkill: Mitch Mankewicz
Allegheny: Ross Sylvester	Lackawana: Mike Gibbons	Susquehanna Valley: NOT FILLED
Beaver: Chuck Stadnick	Lancaster: Jon Weir	Tioga: NOT PRESENT
Berks: Pete Schwarze	Lebanon: Sam Goodhand	Washington: Kathleen Smith
Blair: Brain Goodnight	Lehigh: Eric Hagan	Wayne Pike: NOT PRESENT
Bradford: Greg Perry	Luzerne: Michelle Merino	Westmoreland: Jamie Smith
Bucks: Adam Nutter	Lycoming: NOT PRESENT	York: Dave Womack
Butler: Jon Raso	Monroe: Jamie Armstrong	
Capitol Area: Luke Ensor	Northampton: Matt Hackenburg	
Central Area: NOT PRESENT	Philadelphia: Audrey Danowski	
Delaware: Greg Burton	Potter: Kate Crosby	
Erie: Brandon Magoon		

Committee Attendance:

Elections: Dr. Chuck Moulton	Legal Action: NOT PRESENT	Media Relations: Tim McMaster
Finance: Deborah Burton	Legislative Action: Caleb Shreve	Membership: Michael Mastracola
Information Services: John Fetsko		

Executive Committee Attendance:

Central Vice Chair: Erik Brown	Western Vice Chair: Bill Cox	Chair: Rob Cowburn
Eastern Vice Chair: Anthony Portillo	Secretary: Greg Deal	Immediate Past Chair: NOT FILLED
	Treasurer: Laura Hackenburg	

5:50pm: Meeting Called to Order

1. Motion from Berks Co. to adopt the proposed agenda

- a. Amendment offered by Lebanon Co. to add 15 minutes for a Treasurers Report.
 - b. Amendment accepted by Berks Co.
 - c. No objection or discussion.
 - d. Voice vote: Motion and agenda passed.
2. Motion from Lebanon Co. to add additional agenda item for Dr. Moulton from the Elections Committee to speak about the election update.
 - a. No objection or discussion.
 - b. Voice vote: Motion passed.
3. Governor Candidate Elections:
 - a. Nicole Shultz spoke to her nomination and candidacy.
 - b. Matt Hackenburg spoke to his nomination and candidacy.

Public Comment:

- Larry Fine spoke opposed to the BoD voting for candidates due to the NOTA vote at convention.
- Kristine Cousler- Womack asked about pursuing a run if the candidates were kicked off the ballot due to a challenge.
- Reece Smith spoke in favor of the BoD voting for candidates after convention.
- Anita Farver asked about police records and NAP violations.
- Nick Sarwark spoke in opposition to the BoD voting for candidates due to the NOTA vote at convention.
- Ken Krawchuk spoke on running for Governor if the BoD needed a paper candidate.
- Allison Graham asked about candidate residency.
- Berks Co. addressed Mr. Sarwark and the NOTA vote. Also commented about having good candidates and a time for healing. Supports Shultz and Getz.
- Media Relations Point of Personal Privilege: Questions and comments are not about candidates.
- Butler Co. commented about Mr. Getz dropping out of the Lt. Governor race.
- Monroe Co. confirmed Mr. Getz dropped out of the Lt. Governor race.
- Aaron Reinsmith asked primary reason for seeking the office.
- Steven Kruzik asked what the top priorities were for each candidate.
- Gabrielle Monroe asked candidate position on decriminalization or legalization of marijuana, and why.

Board of Directors Discussion for Governor Candidates:

- EVC mentioned Dr. Moulton was back on call.

- Capitol Area asked about Joe Soloski running as an independant and if the candidates were okay running against him.
- Shuckhill Co. asked if either candidate identified as a MAP (Minor Attracted Person).
- Montgomery Co. asked about the most amount of government necessary to run a society.
- Erie Co. asked about the time each candidate had to travel accross the state to campaign.
- Berks Co. asked about going after Soloski using the Sore Loser Law.
- Membership asked about plan to stimulate local and small businesses.
- EVC asked about bridging gap to the greater libertarian movement.
- Montgomery Co. asked about boldest messaging the candidates will be sharing during their campaign.
- Lebanon Co. asked about reaching PA's two largest voter bases.
- Butler Co. asked about nullification in general and specifically jury nullification.
- EVC asked if violence against the state is a violation of the NAP.
- Montgomery Co. called the qesion to vote on Governor.
- No objection or further discussion.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Nicole Shultz: 12 Votes
 - Matt Hackenburg: 19 Votes
 - Abstain: 5 Votes
- Matt Hackenburg wins the nomination for Governor Candidate.

4. Lt. Governor Elections:

- a. Tim McMaster yield his time since he is the only candidate to public comment and questions.

Public Comment:

- None

Board of Directors Discussion for Lt. Governor Candidate

- Montgomery Co. called the question to vote of Lt. Governor
- No objection or further discussion.
- Voice Vote:
 - Tim McMaster wins the nomination for Lt. Governor
 - Media Relations abstains
 - Beaver abstains

5. Election Committee Chair spoke on updates regarding petitioning.

- Committee Chair is in contact with the PA Board of Elections.

- Opening period for State House/ Senate are still TBD due to ongoing litigation regarding redistricting.
- Encourages county affiliates to nominate candidates for down ballot petitioning (specifically US Congress).
 - Berks Co. asked about getting full copies of petitions from paid petitioners upon completion.
 - EVC talked about March 27th getting county affiliates out for Luzerne Co. special election to knock on doors and talking to locals campaign.
 - Lebanon Co. asked for clarification for US Congress or State House elections.
 - Elections Committee Chair mentioned 5,000 signatures needed for Governor and Lt. Governor positions statewide.
 - Elections Committee Chair talked about substituting candidates and proper procedures.
 - Elections Committee Chair talked about where the petitions come from and how they will get out to county affiliates.
 - Bradford Co. mentioned about talking with the Secretary regarding nomination for Liz Terwilliger for US Congress.

6. Treasurer Report (Past Treasurer and Current Treasurer)

- Current Treasurer and Past Treasurer have not completed the exchange of all records and party information to date.
- John Waldenberger, Tom Woods, Dave Smith and The Cajun Libertarian have not been paid their speaker fees yet.
- The Cajun Libertarian did not show up for convention due to flight issues.
- Needs and okay from the board, or further information in order to make sure all speakers from convention are paid.
 - Berks Co. asked about John Waldenberger and speaking.
 - Chair directed this to be asked during the refund request portion of the meeting.
 - Lebanon Co. offered to pay for John Waldenbergers expenses so they didn't have to listen to him anymore.
 - Delaware Co. asked why the speakers weren't paid yet.
 - Past Treasurer stated money was in the bank for them to be paid. Usually checks are mailed to them.
- Bank Account:
 - 3 Invoices currently for the Genetti Hotel
 1. Garden Terrace and Grand Ballroom 3/4: \$3,880.68
 2. Garden Terrace and Grand Ballroom 3/5: \$7,405.16
 3. Garden Terrace and Grand Ballroom 3/6: \$3,353.06

- Previous invoices were paid already.
- Over \$500 was paid for hotel rooms at the Genetti.
- Outstanding speaker fees total: \$1,840.00
- Total owed with 3 Genetti Invoices and speaker fees: \$16,478.90
- Current Balance in bank account: \$30,835.33
- We still have a balance with the CAC of: \$7,000.00
- Balance after all convention invoices in bank account: \$7,356.43
- 3 or 4 transactions in Stripe for refund requests
- We may still have 1 or 2 more invoices incoming from the Genetti
 - Chair asked for a blanket summary on money and invoices.
 - No outstanding checks or liabilities that have not hit the bank account at this point.
 - Adams Co. suggested to talk to The Cajun Libertarian to work out that payment situation because he didn't make it to convention.
 - Adams Co. suggested to get into Stripe ASAP to look at the refund requests.
 - Elections Committee asked about total revenues for convention. Looking for a balance sheet.
 - Past Treasurer cannot talk to that yet because of outstanding invoices for the Genetti. She did not know off hand about the actual revenues at this time.
 - Delaware Co. asked about why we still owed the CAC \$7,000
 - Past Treasurer stated the total invoice was \$8,000. The LPPA paid the \$1,000 deposit, and was given \$5,000 by a donor. That money was put into the LPPA Bank account and is waiting to be paid.
 - Montgomery Co. asked about the difference from the February meeting of over \$40,000 in the account to it now being \$30,000.
 - Past Treasurer commented on incidental convention items such as ballots, paperwork etc...
 - Past Treasurer does not currently know the PayPal balance at this time.
 - Chair reminded everyone that the Treasurers did not prepare an official report, and this information was just to help deal with the refund requests.
 - Central Vice Chair asked about any deposits in transit.
 - Past Treasurer stated the Current Treasurer has over \$1,000 in cash, plus additional checks to deposit into the bank account.
 - Berks Co. voiced concern about \$7,000 in the bank account and approving \$15,000 for this year's elections.
 - Berks Co. motioned to table refund requests until the board has more information on the financial situation.
 - Chair called motion out of order because of timing of the motion.

- Berks Co. withdrew the motion.
- York Co. voiced concerns about money and transferring Treasurer resources quickly.
- Eastern Vice Chair moved to show refund requests.
- Lebanon Co. clarified previous motion during the 03/06/22 meeting of approving up to \$15,000 instead of just \$15,000
- Chair acknowledged Lebanon Co. clarification.
- Past Treasurer stated the Terrace Room was rented by the Mises Caucus and not the LPPA. This means the invoices might not be accurate. She would contact the Genetti Hotel and get a detailed invoice.

7. Refund Requests:

- Elections Committee stated in regards to convention refund requests, it should be sent to the Convention Committee and they should be empowered to make those decisions. The lifetime membership should not be refunded.
- Capitol Area motioned to divide all 3 refund requests in order to vote on each of them individually.
 - Montgomery Co. seconded.
 - No objection or discussion.
 - Voice vote: Motion passed to divide all 3 refund requests.
- Chair recused himself temporarily in order to speak to the merits of the request.
- Chair passed the gavel to the Western Vice Chair.
 1. Refund request for lifetime membership refund due to the Mises Caucus now taking over the LPPA.
 - Eastern Vice Chair motioned to dismiss the refund request for the lifetime membership.
 - Montgomery Co. seconded
 - No discussion or objection.
 - Roll Call Vote: 30 yes. 4 abstain.
 - Motion to reject refund request for lifetime membership is approved.
- Chair spoke to the importance of taking this vote due to the possibility of upcoming refund requests. Stated this is a good way to show a united front on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- Berks Co. motioned to table the next 2 refund requests until the next meeting due to not having a full financial situation available.
 - Washington Co. seconds
 - Multiple objections.
 - Discussion:

- Berks Co. spoke to the refund being a valid request, but the Board of Directors doesn't have a full and accurate view of the financial situation.
 - Montgomery Co. would like to vote on this now due to the nature of the second request. Stated the person in that request volunteered to do something, then asked for a refund after the fact.
 - Elections Committee stated they still do not understand why this is in front of the Board. It should be sent to the Convention Committee.
 - Past Treasurer Point of Personal Privilege: Treasurer cannot spend money without approval of the Board of Directors. If the request goes to the Convention Committee, it will have to come back to the Board of Directors for approval.
 - Elections Committee Point of Information: Would like to empower and delegate the Convention Committee to make the decision and approval of refund if necessary.
 - Berks Co. rescinded the motion to table.
 - Eastern Vice Chair motioned to amend the motion to move convention vendor package claim to committee and dismiss the microphone refund request.
 - Further discussion on dividing.
- Vote to move convention vendor package to committee was called.
- Eastern Vice Chair and Butler Co. objected.
 - Butler Co. agrees with the Eastern Vice Chair that the motion about the microphones should be dropped, and the convention vendor package refund request should be moved to the Convention Committee.
 - Allegheny Co. asked about the time restrictions through Stripe.
 - Washington Co. spoke to the convention vendor package refund request seems to be a legitimate refund
 - Chair ruled the discussion out of order due to timing.
 - Lehigh Co. supports urging the Board of Directors to dismiss the claim of the microphones.
 - Bradford Co. stated contracts under \$500 do not need to be written.
 - Bucks Co. called the question
 - Eastern Vice Chair seconds
 - Chair clarified the motion
 - Past Treasurer Point of Personal Privilege: The Treasurer has an email invoice for the microphone and equipment, and received during convention.
 - Vote to move request for refund for microphones and equipment being sent to the Convention Committee:

- Voice Vote: Motion passes to refer the refund request for microphones and equipment to the Convention Committee.
- Elections Committee motioned to move last request of convention vendor package refund request to the Convention Committee.
- Montgomery Co. seconds
- Multiple objections:
 - Media Relations Committee would like to hear from a member of the Convention Committee.
 - Bree Reinsmith from the Convention Committee spoke briefly about the merits of the requests, and stated she was available for further questions.
- Montgomery Co. Called the Question
- No objections.
- Discussion:
 - Westmoreland Co. asked if these requests were just going to the Convention Committee or if they were actually able to make a decision and refund the money if necessary.
 - Western Vice Chair made a motion to ammend the original motion to obtain a detailed report after it was referred to the Convention Committee.
 - Multiple Seconds.
 - Vote on ammendment:
 - Voice Vote: Motion ammendment passes to receive detailed report from the Convention Committee after a decision on the refund was made.
- Washington Co. spoke to the importance of getting these refund requests resolved quickly due to the nature of small businesses and the need for money.
- Elections Committee Point of Information: The motion was to send the request to the Convention Committee to approve and refund the money if necessary. The motion was with authority to act on the request.
- Lebanon Co. Point of Information: Question about what committee it goes to due to the Convention Committee being resolved after convention.
- Chair spoke to the nature of the Convention Committee not being dissolved until after all convention business was finished. Since business was not finished, the committee is not dissolved.
- Lehigh Co. asked about levels of vendor packages.
- Vote to call the question:
 - Voice Vote: Calling the question passed.
- Vote to refer the convention vendor package refund request to the Convention Committee with the authority to refund if necessary.
 - Voice Vote: Motion passed to refer the convention package refund request to the Convention Committee with the authority to refund if necessary.

- Berks Co. motioned to adjourn
 - Eastern Vice Chair Seconds

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gregory Deal
Secretary
Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania