

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Hybrid virtual/in person meeting, with on-location portion held at Bald Birds Brewing Company, Jersey Shore, PA

Executive Committee members in attendance-

Chair: Jennifer Moore

EVC: Adam Reinhardt

CVC: Bill Sloane

WVC: Sam Robb

Treasurer: Nicole Schultz

Secretary: Bonnie Flaherty

Immediate Past Chair: Steve Scheetz

Voting members in attendance -

Adams/Franklin - Neil Belliveau

Allegheny Co. - Rob Cowburn

Berks Co. - Pete Schwarze

Bradford Co. - Greg Perry

Bucks Co. - Adam Nutter

Butler Co. - Lawrence Fine

Capitol Area - Luke Ensor

Central Area - Joseph Soloski

Chester Co. - Stephen Warhaftig
Delaware Co. - Gregory Burton
Lancaster Co. - Dominic Pirocchi
Lebanon Co. - Samuel Goodhand
Lehigh Valley - Steven Werley
Luzerne Co. - Michelle Merino-Taroli
Lycoming Co. - Ed Ploy
Montgomery Co. - Marc Bozzacco
Northampton Co. - Matt Hackenberg
Philadelphia Co. - Marc Jurchak
Schuylkill Co. - Mitchell Mankiewicz
Susquehanna Valley - Ryan Bourinski
Westmoreland Co. - Bill Cox
York Co. - Timothy McMaster
Elections Committee - Chuck Moulton
Finance Committee - Dan Wassmer/John Waldenberger
Legal Action Committee - Preston Smith
Membership Committee - Sally Combs/Joy Weir
Information Services Committee - John Fetsko

Start Time: Called by Chairwoman, Jennifer Moore, 12:11 PM EST

The meeting opened up with the approval of minutes. No corrections were made. The minutes were approved.

Chairwoman Moore directed the meeting to the approval of the agenda next. During which, Marc Bozzacco motioned to limit reports to five minutes each. Chairwoman Moore offered a friendly amendment to Mr. Bozzacco's motion to limit questions about reports to five minutes due to the reports being turned in ahead of time; and also limiting old business to be completed by 1:30 PM. Mr. Bozzacco accepted the amendment, and the motion was seconded by Adam Reinhardt. No objections were raised. The agenda was adopted without objection.

During public comment, Richard Schwarz made mention of "sub-agendas" being placed into reports as well as made comment on the impending audit item on the agenda. Joseph Soloski posed questions regarding the audit item on the agenda. Matt Schutter and Joy Weir questioned the impending policy manual update surrounding lobbying.

The meeting next moved to the Executive Director's report in which Kevin Gaughen discussed event insurance for the 2022 LPPA Convention. This item was discussed at length. Nicole Schultz motioned to move this item to next month's agenda. Adam Reinhardt seconded. No objections were raised. The motion passed. This item will be added to October meeting agenda.

Treasurer, Nicole Schultz, gave report in which she verbally confirmed that the total amount in the LPPA checking account was \$10362.00 and endowment fund was \$2500.02, totaling \$12862.02 at the time of her report.

Western Vice Chair, Sam Robb, gave report in which he let the board know about there being a meeting in Mercer County made up of college students, Indiana County was organizing social events, and both Beaver and Butler Counties were doing very well.

Eastern Vice Chair, Adam Reinhardt, gave report that the eastern region is doing well with only two unorganized counties.

Central Vice Chair, William Sloane, reported that Blair County has organized.

Chuck Moulton gave report for Elections Committee next in which discussed a mailing to be sent to potential write-in candidates for the 2021 election. Dr. Moulton requested that he be permitted to spend \$900 on this mailing. No objections were raised. The expenditure was approved.

During the Old Business portion of the agenda, Adam Reinhardt motioned to reimburse Steve Scheetz \$350 (half of his expense) toward the money he spent on notary fees and mailings surrounding Moulton Maneuver candidates. Ryan Bourinski seconded. Marc

Bozzacco offered a friendly amendment to reimburse the full amount of \$700 to Mr.Scheetz. This amendment was accepted. No objections were raised. The expenditure was approved.

The meeting next moved onto a proposed policy manual update brought forth by Steve Scheetz, which is cited in the agenda. This policy manual change surrounded a conflict of interest regarding to lobbyists, and can be seen below.

“3A. Conflict of Interest

At no point shall any member, (partner, officer, or employee), of a for-profit lobbying entity, or parent company, (or entity, etc) of a for-profit lobbying entity, be associated with any committee within the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania (LPPA) due to the inherent conflict between that member’s firm’s financial interests and the obligations/political interest of the party. This includes anyone in partnership with or employed by an entity which derives compensation by influencing legislation within Pennsylvania and/or the federal government, on behalf of any party other than the LPPA.”

Marc Bozzacco objected to this change. Rob Cowburn objected to this change citing wording concerns. Dan Wassmer added concerns. Discussion was held at length during which it was suggested that the matter should be discussed by the Legal Action committee first. Joseph Soloski motioned to table this item, which was seconded by Adam Reinhardt. No objections were raised. The matter was passed to the Legal Action committee for further review.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to proceed with an audit of LPPA financial records for the most recent 3 years by creating a working Audit Committee. Bonnie Flaherty seconded the motion. Discussion was held at length. Sam Robb offered a friendly amendment to add the working committee, but to also hire an external auditing firm to perform their own audit as well. Nicole Schultz seconded this motion. After this, Ms. Schultz requested that the board move to Executive Session.

The meeting was moved to Executive Session.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr.Robb motioned to create a working Audit Committee to audit party finances internally, which was seconded by Mr. Bozzacco. The motion passed without objection. Discussion was held in which Chairwoman Moore directed the committee to decide how to work together, and confirmed that she would make appointments and be the ruling authority of the committee.

Next on the agenda, Joy Weir and Sally Combs addressed the board with a presentation on a Unified Membership Program between the LPPA and LNC. Discussion was held at length in regards to the benefits of this program. Ms. Combs then motioned to create this program, which was seconded by Stephen Wahrhaftig. Discussion continued in which only two objections were raised. The motion ultimately passed.

The next item on the agenda was a request to reserve the Community Arts Center in Williamsport to expand the seating capacity for the 2022 LPPA Convention. Executive Director, Kevin Gaughen, reported to the board that the total cost of this expense would be approximately \$8000.00 for all three days of convention. Mr. Gaughen also reported that an anonymous donor had already written a check for \$5000.00 to be applied toward this cost. Steve Scheetz motioned that the board allocate \$3000.00 toward this expense. Discussion was held at length. Ryan Bourinski seconded. No objections were raised. The expenditure was approved.

Western Vice Chair, William Sloane, motioned to recognize Blair County as an organized affiliate of the LPPA. Bonnie Flaherty seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Steve Scheetz motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ryan Bourinski.

The meeting was called to a close at 3:14 PM EST.

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bonnie Flaherty.