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## **PLATFORM**

(As revised in convention, June 26, 2021)

### **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE:**

The Libertarian Party does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

### **PREAMBLE:**

Libertarians seek a society based on personal liberty and responsibility—a society in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives. The most desirable method of realizing such a society is to follow the natural order that arises when the inalienable rights of individuals to life, liberty and property ownership are respected and protected.

People have the right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and pursue happiness in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with those same rights of others. The peace, prosperity, and diversity that such freedom brings is a goal toward which Libertarians aim.

The essential precondition for a free society is that people have the freedom to follow their own dreams in their own ways without government interference. This precondition allows that the only legitimate function of government, where it exists, is the protection of the inalienable rights of its citizens. To that end, government at all levels should be strictly limited to the essential services necessary to uphold individual rights, maintain public order, and adjudicate disputes. Government at the state and federal level should be involved only in issues not best handled by local or regional government.

### **I. STATE GOVERNMENT**

1. We oppose interventions by the federal government in state, local or personal affairs that impair regional efforts to secure more liberty.
2. The state government has no duty to enforce federal laws not authorized by the US Constitution, and which do not protect the life, liberty, or property of Michiganders. Federal agents enforcing such acts and powers in Michigan must face state level criminal prosecution.
3. We support proportional representation in the Michigan State Senate, until such time as the Senate can be eliminated.
4. In the absence of a declaration of war by the United States Congress, we oppose any use of Michigan troops by the federal government for any purpose other than natural disaster relief.
5. Individuals have the right to defend themselves and others. Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution states: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state." We oppose any law that dilutes the right of a law-abiding person to own a firearm or other means of self-defense.

6. We oppose any form of discrimination by government based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other group or individual identification. Each person has the same inalienable rights that the State has a duty to protect.
7. State government should be removed entirely from the licensing process, including, but not limited to, occupational licensing. It has produced no better results than private licensing and amounts to another tax. For example, marriage licenses are contracts between individuals and should be left to the individuals, their attorneys and religious officials, without the need to pay the state for a stamp of approval.
8. We support returning to a part-time legislature, which is sufficient to carry out the legislative duties as prescribed by our state constitution.
9. We advocate a sunset law requiring an automatic end to most government offices, agencies, departments, laws, regulations, taxes, and expenditures within ten years if not reauthorized.
10. We oppose immunities for any public officials or employees for illegal acts or omissions. Like any individual, they should be subject to criminal prosecution and held personally liable for any injuries caused by their actions. Therefore, we seek to abolish the protections of qualified immunity.
11. There should be maximum separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers.
12. We believe the government should not force individuals to alter their schedules through the practice known as daylight savings, as the manipulation of time is not within the government's legal authority.
13. We oppose the federal government's inhumane policies toward undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers. We support laws that would discontinue cooperation by state and local agencies with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for undocumented immigrants.

## **II. ELECTIONS**

1. The only electoral duty of the state government should be providing for fair and efficient conduct of elections. Political parties, like any private voluntary group, should be free from government control and allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures and conventions. All taxpayer-funded subsidies to candidates for public office and political parties, including primaries and conventions, should be eliminated.
2. We support the addition of the alternative "None of the above is acceptable" to all ballots. We further propose that in the event that "None of the above is acceptable" receives a plurality of votes in any election, a new election shall be held for which none of the losing candidates shall be eligible. Other forms of voting should also be considered, such as ranked choice voting or proportional representation.
3. Campaign finance laws are unwarranted restrictions of free speech or association and should be repealed.
4. The time during which voters may circulate any statewide petition should be extended to two years.
5. Voters should have the power of referendum on all existing or new legislation.

6. We support efforts to make voting less difficult for all voters.

7. While incarcerated, citizens should retain the right to vote.

### **III. COURTS**

1. The current practice of forced jury duty should be replaced by volunteer juries.

2. The common law authority of a trial by jury preceded our constitution and is the foundation of our legal system. If a jury of peers deems a law unjust, oppressive or inappropriately applied, it has the right and duty to acquit the defendant.

3. We support the right of defendants to a fully informed jury, which would require judges to instruct jurors of their authority to judge not only the facts, but also the justice of the law according to their own good consciences. We support restitution for victims of crimes at the expense of the perpetrator. The victim should have the right to pardon the perpetrator, provided the victim is not threatened or coerced.

4. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators should be encouraged.

5. We oppose no-fault laws that deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm. In addition, we oppose all mandatory insurance laws.

6. The right of trial by jury should be allowed in all civil or criminal cases.

7. The use of civil asset forfeiture to enforce laws circumvents constitutional protections and should be ended.

8. Random police roadblocks and other searches without probable cause bypass constitutional protections and should be prohibited.

9. We support equal treatment and oppose discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual orientation in any judicial proceeding adjudicating a parental right, privilege or obligation concerning their child.

10. Any individual who violates the rights of another should be held liable.

11. We deny the legitimacy of criminal prosecutions of persons who have victimized no one. To prevent false prosecutions, we affirm the right of alleged victims to end prosecutions by freely asserting their objection to it. This does not preclude prosecution in cases where a victim remains silent, nor shall it preclude prosecution where a victim has been coerced into objecting.

12. No person should be denied due process on the basis of age or citizenship.

### **IV. PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. We believe the largest threat to public safety is the government itself, and thus the right to bear arms exists primarily to ensure the people the ability to effectively resist tyranny.

2. Law enforcement cannot guarantee individual safety. Self-protection is a personal responsibility. All individuals have the right to defend themselves and to possess the means to do so, as guaranteed by the state constitution Article I, Section 6
3. As we believe that government transparency is essential to public accountability. Complaints of police misconduct should be open to public scrutiny. We support the revision of the Freedom of Information Act to remove the exemption of these records.
4. Once free from incarceration, all rights should be restored immediately and the classification of “felon” should not impede one’s constitutional rights.
5. State prison facilities should be used only for the incarceration of individuals who have proven themselves a threat to others.
6. Curfew laws should be repealed as an individual’s behavior is not the responsibility of the state or municipality.
7. Laws requiring the use of seat belts or other personal protection devices are misguided, paternal, and should be repealed. Individuals must assume responsibility for their own safety.

## **V. VICE LAWS**

1. Government should confine itself to protecting individuals from aggression, coercion and deceit. We oppose all laws and regulations that attempt to protect individuals from the consequences of their own behavior. While not necessarily condoning such activities, we advocate the repeal of all laws criminalizing gambling, possession and sale of drugs and alcohol. All those presently incarcerated or ever convicted solely for the commission of these victimless crimes should be pardoned and their records expunged.
2. Voluntary communities may enforce rules that prohibit certain activities to which all members subscribe, such as substance-free dorms.
3. We call for the repeal of all laws criminalizing actions between consenting adults. Libertarians support the repeal of all laws criminalizing the offer of sexual services for compensation by consenting adults, as well as the repeal of all laws criminalizing voluntarily seeking out sexual services for hire.
4. The natural, lawful, unalienable, and absolute rights of the citizens of Michigan to cultivate and utilize the natural plant known as cannabis shall not be infringed. All local and state laws regarding cannabis should be repealed, nullified or otherwise abrogated. All prior and current non-violent cannabis related convictions should be null and void and expunged from those individual’s records.

## **VI. TAXES**

1. Whereas taxation is theft, the legislature should find more voluntary means of supporting state services, such as lotteries and user fees.
2. The income tax should be repealed.

3. Taxation of privately owned real property should be eliminated. In effect, it makes the state the owner of all lands by forcing individuals to pay rent to the state or forfeit their title.
4. The remaining personal property tax on Michigan businesses should be repealed.
5. Tax favoritism should be illegal. Abatements, subsidies, credits, or other incentives to businesses based on geographical area, job creation, or any other criteria deny equal protection under the law.
6. We oppose any sales or use tax, including on the Internet.

## **VII. ECONOMY**

1. We believe in the free market, thus the complete separation of the economy and the state.
2. No commercial enterprises should be granted legal monopoly status, including the so-called natural monopolies of electricity, natural gas, water supplies, telephones, and cable television. The Michigan Public Service Commission should be abolished and all rate regulation in these industries ended. The right to offer such services in the marketplace should not be curtailed. We also call on the legislature to end the state monopoly on lotteries.
3. State regulation of industries such as insurance and communications, and professions such as medicine and law, should be ended. They should be regulated by trade or consumer groups.
4. The condemnation of private property for public use should only be allowed when necessary for the protection of the rights of the citizens.
5. We recognize all mutually agreed upon forms of trade, including, but not limited to non-fiat currencies such as precious metals, cryptocurrencies and bartering.
6. We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary peaceful use of outer space, though this does not absolve launch providers or payload owners of damage they may cause to others.

## **VIII. POVERTY**

1. Providing for the needy by forcibly taxing others is contrary to the legitimate function of government, which is to protect the rights of everyone. Disbursing charity from a welfare system costs society more than it gains. It is inefficient, open to fraud and abuse, and creates resentment. Traditional, voluntary sources of emergency support from families, churches, private charities, and mutual aid societies have always been more humane, more effective, and willingly borne by the givers. Therefore, we call for the complete disbandment of the welfare state.
2. We oppose all attempts to criminalize the victims of coercion, such as the homeless. We therefore call for the immediate repeal of all laws against sleeping, camping, eating, feeding, or solicitation.

## **IX. EDUCATION**

1. Education is an individual or parental responsibility and best handled at the most local level. We advocate the separation of school and state.

2. Because parents are best situated to decide what is in their own children's best interests, we support all measures that enhance the educational choices available, such as charter schools, tax credits for private school tuition, and home schooling.
3. Compulsory attendance and truancy laws should be repealed. Students cannot be forced to learn, and teachers should not be forced to act as juvenile delinquency officers.
4. All individuals, regardless of age, are entitled to the protections of the constitutions of the United States and Michigan. Random drug tests, locker searches without probable cause, censorship of student publications, corporal punishment, or any similar actions violate those rights.
5. All votes relevant to school operations, including millage proposals, bond issues and school board elections, should be placed only on the regular, biannual ballot.

## **X. ENVIRONMENT**

1. Aside from public safety, there is no greater concern for the people of Michigan than having a safe, healthy environment. We look forward to the day when all property not required for police and court functions is returned to private ownership and control.
2. We call for the restoration of every individual's ancient, common law standing to sue for trespass any individual business, government or other group that pollutes their property.
3. We oppose creation of new government parks or wilderness and recreation areas. Such parks and areas that already exist should be transferred to non-government ownership. Pending such transfer, their operating costs should be borne by their users rather than by taxpayers.
4. We support efforts to hold all individuals, businesses and governments accountable for the pollution they cause. With respect to so-called orphan sites, where those responsible for contamination of ground or water either cannot be found or cannot be made accountable for the damage they caused, we support the use of the Natural Resources Trust Fund currently earmarked for expansion of state parks to be redirected to clean up.

## **X. HEALTH CARE**

1. The most fundamental property right is an individual's right to own and control their own body. All individuals have the right to determine their own health care needs and treatment. Exercise of this right does not remove the moral obligations not to violate the rights of others. We recognize the state, when it exists, has a duty to protect the rights of others, particularly those in society who are the most vulnerable, including the very old, the very young, and the mentally handicapped. The state, where it exists, does have a duty to protect the life of all individuals, and should prosecute those who utilize force or fraud to end life.
2. The right of people to extend or end their lives with dignity should not be infringed. We support the freedom to use living wills and durable medical powers of attorney.

## **XII. SECESSION**

We recognize the right to political secession. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.

## **XIII. INCLUSION**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan ratifies and hereby includes in this document the platform of the national Libertarian Party.

## **XIV. OMISSIONS**

Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, restriction, regulatory agency, or activity should not be construed to imply approval.

## **BYLAWS**

(as amended in convention June 26, 2021)

### **I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the "Libertarian Party of Michigan," hereinafter referred to as the "Party" or "LPM".

### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to further the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by nominating and working to elect candidates for political office and by entering into political information activities and affiliating with the National Libertarian Party.

### **III. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Party shall be a chair, a first vice chair, a second vice chair, a secretary, a treasurer, and the Congressional district representatives described below, hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Committee." These are the same individuals who shall serve as the directors of the "Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee, Inc." None of these offices shall be combined. All of these officers shall be elected to a two-year term at a regular convention of the Party by the attending delegates (as to the Congressional district representatives, those delegates from the respective districts) and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention.
2. At each regular convention, following the selection of those officers of the Executive Committee elected at large, the delegates from each Congressional district shall caucus to select one person residing in that district to serve as the Congressional district representative for that district.
3. The Executive Committee shall comprise the state central committee of the Party within the meaning of state law, notwithstanding any contrary provision of state law calling for a larger state central committee, different officers, or a different procedure for selection of officers or members of the Executive Committee.



4. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all conventions. The chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party. In the absence of directives from the Executive Committee, the chair shall have the authority to speak for, and to generally manage the affairs of, the Party. Said authority includes the appointment of a Newsletter Director to ensure the timely publication of the "Michigan Libertarian." For purposes of Party representation at all National Libertarian Party conventions, the chair shall be a Michigan delegate and shall serve as head of the Michigan delegation.
5. The first vice chair shall act as assistant to the chair and shall perform the duties of the chair in his or her absence. The first vice chair shall also act as "affiliates director" helping affiliates organize, forming new affiliates, helping student groups organize and forming new student groups. The first vice chair shall also be responsible for organizing seminars to make certain that affiliate officers have the information necessary to work effectively with the LPM.
6. The second vice chair shall act as assistant to the chair, and in the absence of the chair and first vice chair, shall perform the duties of the chair. The second vice chair shall also act as "political director", recruiting candidates for public office and helping them organize their campaigns. The second vice chair shall also be responsible for organizing seminars to make certain that candidates have the information necessary to qualify and run effectively for public office.
7. The secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party, and be responsible for ensuring that member-accessible archives are preserved. Excepting the Party newsletter or press releases, the secretary shall be responsible for all regular communications within the Party and between the Party and outside individuals, groups, and organizations.
8. The treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee.
9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine and shall govern all the affairs of the Party. A majority shall rule at meetings of the Executive Committee except for resolutions, which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws.
10. A member of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or fails to perform his or her fiduciary duties may be removed from the Executive Committee and replaced by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee or a majority vote at convention following a motion for a vote of no confidence. All Executive Committee members must be notified of the intent to remove at least 14 days prior to the meeting. A Congressional district representative may be replaced by a majority vote of a congressional district caucus at any state convention. If the chair is so removed, the first vice chair shall assume the chair and a new first vice chair elected. If a Congressional district representative resigns or is so removed, then the Executive Committee must replace him or her with a person residing in the same Congressional district, who shall serve until the next state convention, at which time the caucus for that Congressional district shall select a replacement for the balance of his or her term.
11. All officers of the Party must be current members of the Party. An officer whose membership lapses must renew at the next meeting after written notice or be removed at that meeting.

12. There shall be a standing legislative committee to monitor, report on, and advocate for legislation on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
13. All officers of the Party shall be elected and serve without regard to biological sex, gender, race, ethnicity, creed, age, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical appearance, or economic status.
14. Members of a standing or special committee (except for the Judicial Committee) may be appointed by the Executive Committee, by a committee chair, or by the LPM Chair. [All appointments must be approved by the Executive Committee. Appointments shall be made only at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Only voting members of the LPM shall be eligible for appointment as members of a standing committee. The Executive Committee may fix a maximum size to any committee (except for the Judicial Committee).

#### **IV. LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Party members may form organizations entitled to be known as the “Libertarian Party” of their respective areas, subject to this Article.
2. The Executive Committee shall charter affiliate parties, each of which shall cover one or more counties of the state, hereinafter referred to as an “affiliate region”, from those organizations requesting such status. A copy of the petitioning organization’s proposed operating rules shall be submitted with the petition. No organization shall be so chartered which does not ratify the Statement of Principles of the Party or whose operating rules do not comply with these bylaws. The Executive Committee can arbitrate disputes between affiliates.
3. During years in which the Libertarian Party of Michigan is primary qualified, each affiliate party shall oversee the county and district conventions for those counties and districts within its affiliate region in accordance with state law (MCL 168.592, 168.594, 168.595, 168.599, 168.600, 168.601, and 168.602); except that:
  1. If an affiliate region covers more than one county or district:
    1. the affiliate may hold a combined convention for all counties and districts within the affiliate region at the same place(s) and/or via a synchronous electronic meeting;
    2. State convention delegates and alternates selected by the affiliate need not be apportioned to the individual counties or districts or their political subdivisions, but may be selected at large from all the counties and districts comprising the affiliate region, or at the affiliate’s option, from LPM members residing anywhere in Michigan; and
    3. the affiliate may hold a combined convention for the election of a single affiliate executive committee, in lieu of separate executive committees for each county or district.
  2. An affiliate may elect in its discretion to adopt affiliate bylaws that organize the affiliate and the county(ies) and district(s) comprising its affiliate region in a manner different from the provisions of MCL 168.599 and 168.600. If the affiliate does so, then the officers and committees of the affiliate and the county(ies) and district(s) comprising its affiliate region shall be organized and selected in accordance with the affiliate’s bylaws.

3. For so long as the Party qualifies to elect precinct delegates at primary elections to county party conventions under state law, the affiliate shall be required to accept precinct delegates so selected as delegates to its county and district conventions, but if the Party ever no longer qualifies to elect precinct delegates at primary elections, then the affiliate may set its own rules for qualifying delegates to its county and district conventions.
4. For purposes of this Article IV, Section 3, and Article VI, Section 4, below, any counties and districts in the State not organized as part of an affiliate region will together be deemed designated as one or more affiliate regions and overseen by the Executive Committee.
4. The autonomy of the affiliate Parties shall not be abridged by the Executive Committee, or any other committee of the Party, except as provided herein.
5. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend affiliate party status from any organization by a two-thirds vote. Such suspension is subject to written appeal within thirty days of notification. Failure to appeal shall be construed as an act of secession by the affiliate party. The Executive Committee shall not suspend any affiliate party within a period of three months prior to a state Party convention.
6. The appeal of the affiliate party is to be directed to the Judicial Committee of the Party. Written arguments shall be sent to the Judicial Committee by representatives of the Executive Committee urging revocation and by representatives of the affiliate party opposing revocation. The Judicial Committee shall rule to either revoke the charter of the affiliate party or to reinstate the charter within thirty days of receiving the arguments and no later than thirty days prior to a State Party convention. Should the Judicial Committee fail to rule timely, the affiliate party shall be automatically reinstated with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto. The affiliate party may appeal the ruling of the Judiciary Committee to the Judicial Committee of the National Libertarian Party following the above procedure.

## **V. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

1. The judicial power of the Party shall be vested in a Judicial Committee composed of three Party members. All of these committee members shall be elected to a two-year term at a regular convention of the Party by the attending delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee.
2. The Judicial Committee shall decide cases involving alleged violations of these bylaws or resolutions.

## **VI. CONVENTIONS**

1. During years in which a Libertarian Party primary occurs, the Party shall hold a fall state convention after the date of the primary and not less than 60 days before the general November election in accordance with state law (MCL 168.591). During even-numbered years in which a Libertarian Party primary election is not required by state law, the Party shall hold a candidate nominating convention after the filing deadline for candidates to appear on Michigan's primary ballot and before the date of the primary. During odd-numbered years, the Party shall hold a regular state convention between April 1 and July 31, performing such business as required herein.

2. The Party shall also hold a state convention no later than six weeks prior to the scheduled first day of the Libertarian Party National Convention, hereinafter referred to as a “national delegate selection convention”. The national delegate selection convention shall be for the purpose of selecting national convention delegates. The national delegate selection convention may also endorse any candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney General and Supreme Court to be formally nominated at the fall state convention in the same year. Votes for endorsement of candidates shall be made in the same manner as for nomination of candidates set forth in Article VII of these bylaws.
3. The Party shall hold a special convention within 45 days upon the call of the Executive Committee or when petitions are submitted by 10% of the current membership, specifying the purpose for the special convention.
4. The Executive Committee shall allocate delegates to all state conventions to be selected by each affiliate region in proportion and according to the number of votes cast within the affiliate region for the Party’s most recent candidate for secretary of state (MCL 168.593 and 168.598). Delegates to the national delegate selection convention shall be allocated using the same method. An affiliate region may also select a number of alternates no greater than the number of delegates allocated to it.
  - a. The number of delegates to be seated at state conventions shall be calculated as 25% of the state members whose dues have been paid to the Libertarian Party of Michigan as of December 31st of the year prior to the state convention. There shall be a minimum of 175 seats available, though actual numbers may slightly vary due to numbers rounding up at the 0.5 interval.
  - b. The Executive Committee shall issue a call to each state convention to all affiliates no later than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the state convention, which call shall specify the date and location of the state convention and the number of delegates each affiliate is entitled to select and send to the state convention. Notwithstanding any provision of state law requiring the Executive Committee to set a single date for counties and districts to hold conventions for the selection of delegates, each affiliate may select the date for its respective convention(s), so long as that date is at least 7 days prior to the state convention.
  - c. Each affiliate must submit the names, addresses and email addresses of its selected delegates and alternates to the LPM Credentials Committee no later than 7 days prior to a convention. Failure to submit such a listing by the deadline will cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate. By seven-eighths vote, the convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the convention.
  - d. The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan and Michigan resident National Libertarian Party member, whose dues were current within 3 years, of the convention date, time and location no less than 30 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.
5. A majority shall rule at the convention except for the platform and resolutions of the Party which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws.
6. The Executive Committee shall have supervision and management of all conventions.

7. The officers of each convention shall be the officers of the Party.
8. A person must be a current member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in order to serve as a delegate to a state convention. A person who has never been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan must become a member at least 30 days prior to a State convention, unless that person was a member of the National Libertarian Party at least 30 days prior to a State Convention, and becomes a dues paying member of the state party, before being allowed to vote at that convention.
9. Members in good standing who were duly elected as delegates shall not be denied delegate status at the business sessions of a convention. Additional charges may be charged to cover other materials available at the convention.

## **VII. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

1. Nomination of candidates for public office shall be made in accordance with state law, via primary, district caucus or state convention as necessary. No candidate may be nominated for an office for which he/she is legally ineligible to serve.
2. Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at a national delegate selection convention by nominations from the floor. Delegates may be appointed by the Executive Committee if the allotted quota is not met. Rules governing delegate procedures shall be determined by action of the Convention or, in the absence of directives from the Convention, by the Executive Committee. Those provisions of state law governing the selection of national convention delegates shall not apply to the Party's selection of national convention delegates, and no national convention delegate shall be bound by law to vote for a particular candidate.
3. The Party's nominee for each office shall be chosen by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at the time of voting. If no candidate has a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be struck from the next vote until one candidate receives a majority.
4. All votes for candidates for public or Party office shall always include "None of the Above."
5. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for public office or the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in voting for a public office, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office. If a delegate votes for "None of the Above" in a race in which more than one candidate is elected, they may not vote for an additional candidate.

## **VIII. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be granted to any person who affirms the Statement of Principles and whose LPM dues are current.

## **IX. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES**

1. Asynchronous voting procedure, such as via email ballot, are strictly prohibited for official business of any recognized body of the Party, including the executive committee, unless there is an agreement to

do asynchronous voting in a unanimous motion at a synchronous meeting. This does not prohibit other synchronous forms of communication and voting, such as conference call or videoconferencing, to be used for official business.

2. The Libertarian Party of Michigan may hold electronic meetings for official party business of any recognized body of the State Party, including the Libertarian Executive Committee as well as any committees created by the Libertarian Executive Committee, unless specifically prohibited from doing so during their creation. Any official party business conducted via electronic means shall comply with Electronic Meetings section of the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## **X. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31.

## **XI. LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

1. The Libertarian Party of Michigan, in the exercise of its constitutional rights of free association and speech, as affirmed by the US Supreme Court ruling in *Eu, et al., vs. San Francisco Democratic Committee, State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, et al.*, reserves the right to accept or decline the application of Michigan statutory provisions, which appear to govern its affairs. The incorporation of statutory provisions in these bylaws is voluntary and is subject to the foregoing reservation. Any violations of statutory provisions by these bylaws are deliberate and will take precedence over such statutory provisions.
2. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws or convention rules of the Party.

## **XII. AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a convention occurring in an odd-numbered year only.

## **XIII. USE OF PARTY RESOURCES**

The Party does not support, condone, or give candidates of other political parties access to mailing lists, contact information, or administrative access to online social media accounts of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for use with their campaign.

## **XIV. EFFECT**

These bylaws shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

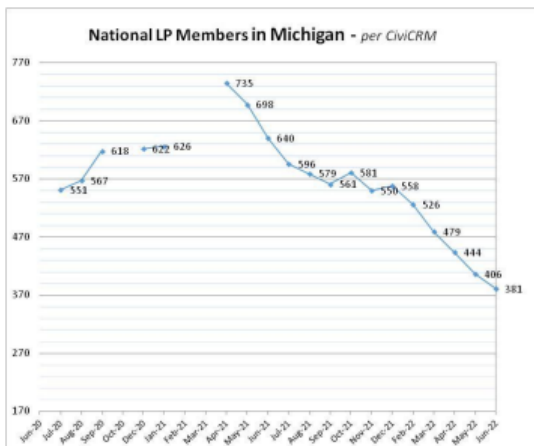
# Libertarian Party of Michigan – Membership Report – State Convention July 9-10, 2022

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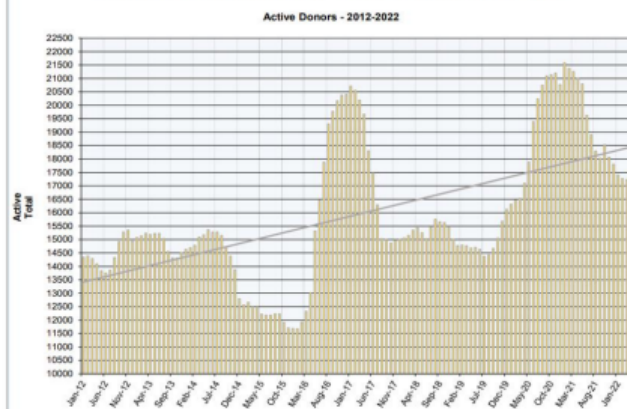
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## Membership Summary:

- Membership was flat and dropping – but recent uptick !
- Need to improve Member Retention to maintain growth
- National Membership experiencing similar Member drop but overall trend upward



## National Libertarian Party - Active Donors 2012-2022



**Membership Committee Growth Initiatives:**

- Improve follow-up with Lapsed Members & Contacts (emails, mailings, phone bank, etc)
- Inclusion of LP cards or other promotional material with Membership Cards
- Assist Affiliate Leaders in actively engaging New and Current Members via CiviCRM
- **I ENCOURAGE MEMBERS WITH IDEAS TO SEND THEM TO THE COMMITTEE – EMAIL ABOVE !**





**Membership Committee Tasks**

- Informing Affiliate Leaders of new contacts and Members in their area
- Sending emails to new or renewing Members and Sign-ups (i.e., Contacts)
- Sending out Membership Cards
- Tabulating monthly Membership statistics for the LEC
- Sending out communication to targeted groups per Affiliate / Candidate request
- Providing contact lists to Candidates / Affiliates / Volunteers per Request
- Tabulating event Participants (e.g., LPM State Convention)
- Removing duplicates and updating CiviCRM records (address, Affiliate Leaders, etc)

**CiviCRM Capabilities**

- Contact filtering and targeted communication
- Event planning & tracking
- Phone bank logging
- Candidate Information
- Media Contacts

**QR CODES FOR KEY LINKS:**

LPM Member Join /Renew	CiviCRM User Request	CiviCRM User Training-Thu	CiviCRM User Training-Sat
			

Special thanks to Membership Committee Members Larry Johnson, Adam Childress, Jerry Bloom, and Joe Hartman. I also appreciate the support of the LEC in providing funding for the Membership Cards and Jay Gillotte and his company, Extend Your Reach, in Lansing, Michigan for publishing the card stock.



**Convention Committee Report**  
**Submitted by Committee Chair: Jessica Fox**  
*July 2022*

### **July Convention**

The Convention Committee experienced a major shift in members after the March convention, losing valuable contributors, Brian Ellison and Ben Boren. Thankfully, the most important plans for July had already been made, such as the date and location. We were happy to welcome new committee members Greg Stempfle in April and Andrew Ranta and Ben DeJong in June.

We recruited some excellent guest speakers and have planned some fun events to go along with the business portion of the convention. As a committee, we have been able to assist the Historical Committee in planning a celebration of 50 (+1) years as a party. We later took on the role of selecting the Defenders of Liberty Award recipients. Our banquet this year includes much to celebrate!

### **March Convention**

The final numbers for the March 2022 Convention are detailed below.

Total Expenditures - \$3700.38  
Total Income (per Treasurer) - \$4400.00  
Total Income after Expenses - \$699.62

### **Member Acknowledgement**

It has been an absolute honor to serve as the chair for the 2022 Convention Committee. I want so say a special thank you to Daniel Muell-Miller, Lawrence Johnson, and Steven Fox for being consistent and hard working members of this committee. Working with the three of you on both 2022 conventions has been a pleasure. Thank you to Andrew and Ben for volunteering at the March convention and then joining us for the July convention to complete plans and helping wherever needed. Thank you Greg for your commitment to honoring the history of our party and for your invaluable contributions to this committee and to the party. And a final thank you to Tim Yow for your encouragement and for your assistance with the March Convention.

## **WMLP Resolution for Member Notification**

Whereas, applying Roberts Rules of Order (Revised 12<sup>th</sup> edition) provides for the natural and automatic succession of Second Vice Chair Andrew Chadderdon to the office of Chair, it is not the correct application in accordance with the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, as amended on June 26, 2021. Section III, Paragraph 6 states “The second vice chair shall act as assistant to the chair, and in the absence of the chair and first vice chair, shall perform the duties of the chair.” Therefore Andrew Chadderdon is now Acting Chair. Section III, Paragraph 10 states “If the chair is so removed, the first vice chair shall assume the chair and a new first vice chair elected.” Significantly, there is no similar language providing that if both the Chair and First Vice Chair are removed, then the Second Vice Chair shall assume the chair. This expressed intention to only have the First Vice Chair succeed to a vacant chairship overrides any contrary provision of Roberts Rules that might otherwise result in the Second Vice Chair becoming Chair.

Whereas, the officers of the LEC are duly elected by the membership of the party and serve at their pleasure, we the officers of the Libertarian Party of West Michigan are against calling a special meeting of the LEC to fill the vacant officer positions. Many of those serving on the LEC have resigned and the current composition of the LEC is not reflective of the membership of the Party. A much fairer result would be for Andrew Chadderdon to serve as Acting Chair until a vote of the membership at the upcoming convention to fill the vacancies in the offices of Chair and First Vice Chair. Just as we have routinely deferred to an upcoming convention the filling of vacancies in LEC district seats, it makes sense to do the same for these important vacancies in Party offices.

Therefore, in the interest of transparency we request that notification be given to the Party membership immediately of an election to fill the currently vacant officer positions at the LPM Nominating Convention on July 9, 2022.

**Libertarian Party of Michigan  
Minutes of the State Convention  
Weber's Hotel  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
March 13, 2022**

- Call to Order
  - The convention was called to order at 9:04am by Chair Tim Yow
- Opening Remarks
  - Chair Tim Yow welcomes attendees, encourages more volunteer work, notes the largely new, younger than usual LEC, encourages Libertarians to consider running for office in their locality or at the state level
- Credentials Report
  - Credentials Chair Jeff Pittel reported a total of 67 delegates present
    - 34=50%, 45=2/3, 59 =7/8
- Approval of Agenda
  - Greg Stempfle motions to amend the agenda, striking item 13 (gubernatorial candidate speech) due to Mr. Space's current registration as a Republican, which is broadly discouraged if not prohibited by our bylaws. Extra 10 min to be added to Open Floor.
    - 2nded
    - Question is called & 2nded
    - Motion approved by voice vote with one objection
  - Chair Tim Yow requests a motion to also strike his 10min Running for Office section and roll into Open Floor due to having presented the same during Opening Remarks
    - Scotty Boman moves the above
      - 2nded
      - Jim Fulner motions to amend to instead add the time to the Platform Report section
        - 2nded
        - Approved by voice vote with a few objections
      - Main motion approved by voice vote with one objection
  - Motion to approve agenda
    - 2nded
    - Approved by voice vote with one objection
- Adoption of Convention Rules
  - Brian Ellison moves to adopt Rules as written
    - 2nded
  - Point of information notes an inconsistency in the Rules vs. Agenda RE: adjournment time
    - Chair Tim Yow notes that the Agenda will control Convention timing
  - Jeff Pittel motions to amend Rule 12.f to instead read that Delegate voting shall include only 33 votes, with a separate Alternate ballot containing 50 votes, **and 12.i to allow for an additional ballot for Alternate in case of a tie**
    - 2nded
    - Jim Fulner speaks against the proposal, stating that it is easiest at the National Convention to rank alternates if conducted as originally proposed in the Rules
    - Andrew Chadderdon speaks against the proposal, stating that the time taken for two ballots will likely exceed the time allotted in the Agenda

- Bill Gelineau notes that the language for Delegate elections provides no requirement for a minimum percentage of the vote, nor a requirement to exceed the total for NOTA
  - Motion fails by voice vote
- Bill Gelineau moves to add Rule 12.i to state that all National Delegates elected must receive a majority vote of all convention delegates
  - 2nded
  - Jim Fulner speaks against the motion, noting that it may result in few delegates' appointment
  - Brian Ellison speaks against the motion, noting that NOTA provides a sufficient failsafe
  - Will White speaks in favor of the motion, citing bylaws stating that a majority rules in conventions except for Platform and Bylaws amendments
  - Scotty Boman speaks against, noting that the majority of the delegates may adopt the Rules proposed. Additionally, he notes that adopting the requirement may prevent delegates expressing their preference effectively
    - Question called by voice vote
  - Motion fails by voice vote
- Joe Brungardt moves to adopt Rules as proposed
  - 2nded
  - Passed by voice vote
- Jim Fulner notes for future reference that Rule #5 is unnecessary, as it repeats LPM Bylaws
- Approval of Previous Convention Minutes (Mt. Pleasant June 26, 2021)
  - Greg Stempfle moves to table approval of previous minutes to next convention due to lack of time to review
    - 2nded
    - Passed by voice vote with one objection
- National Convention Delegate & Alternate Nominations (up to 33 delegates and 50 alternates)
  1. Bruce Jacquays
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  2. Leonard Schwartz
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  3. Bill Hall
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  4. Mike Saliba
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  5. James Peace
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  6. Jay Gillotte
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  7. John Jascob
    - Self-nominates for delegate
  8. Brian Ellison

- Self-nominates for delegate
- 9. Jim Fulner
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 10. Jeff Wood
  - Nominated by Jim Fulner for delegate
- 11. Ben Boren
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 12. Jason Barton
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 13. Elizabeth Franzago
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 14. Steve Fox
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 15. Jessica Fox
  - Nominated by Steve Fox for delegate
- 16. Jeff Pittel
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 17. David Bockelman
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 18. Vicki Hall
  - Nominated by Bill Hall for delegate
- 19. Griffin Hall
  - Nominated by Bill Hall for delegate
- 20. Angela Thornton
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 21. Scotty Boman
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 22. David Canny
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 23. Jonathan Eddinger
  - Nominated by David Canny for delegate
- 24. Andy Koons
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 25. Jami Van Alstine
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 26. Debra Van Alstine
  - Nominated by Jami Van Alstine for delegate
- 27. Ryan Roberts
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 28. Mary Buzuma

- Self-nominates for delegate
- 29. Bruce Smith
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 30. Brandon Warzybok
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 31. Connor Nepomuceno
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 32. Gordon Huston
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 33. Leah Dailey
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 34. Greg Black
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 35. Adam Nolen
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 36. Rhett Hamel
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 37. Ryan Brennan
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 38. Lawrence Johnson
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 39. Andrew Hall
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 40. Max Riekse
  - Nominated by Bill Hall for delegate
- 41. James Hudler
  - Nominated by Will White for delegate
- 42. Will Tyler White
  - Nominated by James Hudler for delegate
- 43. Josh Smith (the other one)
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 44. Laine Minor
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 45. Kevin Ellis
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 46. Joe Hartman
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 47. Theodore Petzold
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 48. James Weeks

- Nominated by Jim Fulner for delegate
- Robert Paulson (but not really; his name was Robert Paulson!)
  - Nominated by Jim Fulner for delegate
- 49. Andrew Ranta
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 50. Daniel Woike
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 51. Jessica Leigh Sentman
  - Nominated by Daniel Woike for delegate
- 52. Daniel Muehl-Miller
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 53. Jacob Kelts
  - Nominated by David Bockelman for delegate
- 54. Ryan Henry
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 55. Luke Sciberras
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 56. Andrew Chadderdon
  - Self-nominates for delegate
- 57. Gunther Ruck
  - Nominated for delegate by Andrew Chadderdon
- 58. Jeff Lentz
  - Nominated by Connor Nepomuceno for delegate
- 59. Daniel Ziemba
  - Nominated by Joe Brungardt for Delegate
- 60. Nathan Hewer (nominations continued after break)
  - Nominated by Andrew Chadderdon for delegate
- 61. Fred Horndt
  - Nominated by Jim Fulner for delegate
- 62. Loel Gnadt
  - Nominated by Clar Gelineau for delegate
- Motion to close nominations
  - 2nded
  - Luke Sciberras moves to table closure of nominations to await missing delegates
    - 2nded
    - Will White motions to amend the motion to call for a 30min pause, including a 5min break, additional Credentials Report, and possibly Platform Report consideration
      - 2nded
      - Chair Tim Yow notes that 58 delegates are absent
    - Jim Fulner motions to amend the motion to take up the Platform Committee Report immediately

- 2nded
    - Brian Ellison speaks against due to the absence of the Platform Committee Chair
    - Amendment fails
  - Brian Ellison motions to amend the amendment to allot the 30min to Open Floor
    - 2nded
  - Question called by voice vote
    - Brian Ellison amendment to the amendment passes by voice vote
  - Will White amendment passed as amended by voice vote
  - Main motion passed by voice vote
  - Open Floor (30 min beginning at 10:12)
    - Ben Boren presents his Vice Chair, Affiliates Director report
    - Address from Decriminalize Nature MI
    - Mary Buzuma introduces her gubernatorial race
    - Scotty Boman moves to adopt the Resolution Calling on the LNC to Respect the Delegates' Choice of Secretary
      - 2nded
      - Brian Ellison speaks against, noting that the Resolution failed a vote of the LEC
      - Will White speaks in favor of the motion, speaking to the character of Caryn Ann Harlos
      - Brandon Warzybok speaks against the motion due to the 2020 National Convention delegation approving the bylaws by which Ms. Harlos was removed
      - Jim Fulner speaks against the motion
      - Daniel Ziemba speaks in favor of the motion
      - Ben Boren speaks against the motion
      - Question called by voice vote
      - Resolution failed by voice vote
    - Joe Brungardt motions to close open floor and break for the remainder of the 30min (until 10:42)
      - 2nded
      - Motion passed by voice vote
  - Motion to close nominations after reconvening @10:42 and three (3) more nominations made (see nominations section #60-62)
    - 2nded
    - Passed by voice vote
  - Jeff Pittel notes Credentials update: 74 delegates
    - 50%=38, 2/3=50, 7/8=65
  - National Convention Delegate & Alternate Voting
    - Vote counting underway upon breaking for lunch
- Break for Lunch @11:54; convention to reconvene at 14:00
- Call to Order @ 14:03
  - Credentials Report
    - Credentials Committee member Lawrence Johnson reported a total of 76 delegates as of 14:04
    - 50%=39, 2/3=51, 7/8=67
  - LP National updates by Dustin Nanna
    - Scotty Boman asks for the location of the meeting minutes wherein the vote to remove Caryn Ann Harlos is recorded



- Dustin notes that it is in the September 2021 LNC meeting minutes, available from the national Secretary
  - Greg Stempfle asks about the 2022 budget of \$2.5 million
    - Dustin notes that an office footprint buildout is a main item
  - James Peace asks if the resolutions condemning the LNC are being tracked
    - Dustin notes they are not being tracked to his knowledge, and that he continues to endeavor to avoid the contention that has so frequently impacted the LNC this term
  - Jim Fulner asks about the drive for 50 state ballot access, and what can MI Libertarians do to help Ohio
    - Dustin notes that 43 states are thus far secured; \$200k is allotted to pursue full access (IN underway, VT in consideration with LNC)
    - MI residents may assist in petitioning efforts in OH; contact the LNC board for information
  - Scotty Boman asks how Libertarians can contact the Bylaws Committee for information
    - Dustin does not know who the committee chair is at the moment, but Ken Moellman is on the committee and may be contacted for more info
  - CRM inquiry
    - National CRM may be leveraged to aid with local web pages
  - Bill Hall notes that it would be of great service if a national officer would share the secret to securing the ability to take out Facebook ads
    - Dustin notes that one must have an EIN # with the IRS, a member's driver's license photo on file, and then will receive a confirmation password for authorization, and must have a bank account set up
    - Nathan Hewer notes that the Jorgensen campaign team lost access for a number of candidates in the last couple weeks of the campaign in apparently arbitrary enforcement actions
- Speaker: Justin Nazaroff of Fenix Ammo
- ~~Speaker: Evan Space, Gubernatorial Candidate~~ Removed by delegate vote
- ~~Presentation by Chair Tim Yow: Running for Office~~ Removed by delegate vote
- Platform Committee Report – Committee Chair Nathan Hewer
  - Note: Report attached; new language is underlined and in red and language to be removed is struck through. Amendments (both removals and additions) are highlighted in color, with each successive amendment assigned a new color.
  - Proposal P1
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Main motion passed by show of hands
  - Proposal P2
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Main motion passed by show of hands
  - Proposal P3
    - Scotty Boman motions to amend to change the word “civil” to “individual”
      - 2nded
      - Question called by show of hands
        - Amendment passed by show of hands

- Kerry Morgan motions to amend to retain the words “bypass Constitutional protections” and add “and” to combine the proposed language
  - 2nded
  - Jim Fulner speaks against the amendment due to past confusion over Libertarian Party support of the Constitution, and that it potentially violates the 1977 Dallas Accord
  - Andrew Chadderdon motions to suspend the rules to allow amendments to proposals from the floor verbally in light of a point of order by Andrew Hall in reference to Convention Rule 3
    - 2nded
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Suspension of the rules passed by show of hands
  - Andrew Chadderdon speaks against the amendment on similar grounds to Mr. Fulner and calls all questions
    - 2nded
    - Question called by show of hands
  - Amendment fails by show of hands
  - Question called on the main proposal by show of hands
  - Main motion passed by show of hands
- Proposal P4
  - Andrew Hall motions to amend to replace the proposed slash (/) with “or”
    - 2nded
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Amendment passed by show of hands
  - Scotty Boman speaks against the proposal due to the possibility of substances which pose a risk to others (U235, viruses, etc.)
  - Art (Huron-Raisin) motions to amend the proposal to keep the word “necessarily”
    - 2nded
    - Jim Fulner speaks in favor of the amendment
    - Brian Ellison speaks against the amendment because the party does not or should not condone the outlined activities
    - Scotty Boman speaks in favor of the amendment due to the likelihood that observers may read into the language a condemnation, even if it does not explicitly say such
    - More against
    - More in favor
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Motion to amend passed by show of hands
  - Jason Barton speaks in favor of the main motion, as the LP does not imply that it is appropriate for the government to regulate any given substance
  - Scotty Boman motions to amend the motion to state “where it exists,” after “Government”
    - Question called by show of hands
    - Amendment passes 31-27
  - Orders of the day called
  - Andrew Chadderdon motions to suspend the rules to extend the Platform Committee session to 3:35 to conclude the vote on Proposal P4
    - 2nded
    - Suspension of the rules passed
  - Question called by show of hands

- Main motion passes 40-11
  - Connor Nepomuceno motions to table the remainder of this Platform Report to the summer 2021 convention
    - 2nded
    - Dave Canny speaks against, and in favor of tabling to the next convention including a Platform Committee (i.e. 2023)
      - Steve Fox 2nds this sentiment
    - Andrew Chadderdon speaks in favor of the motion due to the work put in by the delegates
    - Andrew Hall speaks against due to a lack of unanimity on other Platform Committee proposals
  - Orders of the day called
- Open Floor/Resolutions
  - Jim Fulner moves to adopt a resolution condemning economic sanctions against Russia
    - Brandon Warzybok speaks against the resolution, as ending wars as quickly as possible (i.e. via sanctions) protects the lives of innocents
    - Andrew Chadderdon speaks in favor of the resolution due to the ends not justifying the means
    - Scotty Boman speaks against the resolution due to some of the sanctions targeting malevolent government actors, which does not impede the freedom of innocent individuals
    - Jordan Martin speaks in favor of the resolution due to harm to innocents not exceeding harm to the guilty is unjustifiable
    - Resolution fails by voice vote
  - Bruce Jacquays announces his gubernatorial run for the LP nomination
  - Greg Creswell requests that:
    - LPM hosts a national convention in Metro Detroit in the near future
    - LPM live stream all future state conventions
    - LPM create a live podcast show thru social media or our website
  - Greg Stempfle announces his run for Secretary of State in light of Mary Buzuma's gubernatorial run
  - Greg Stempfle thanks Daniel Ziembra for his service as LPM Secretary
  - Greg Black announces his run for MI House District 92
  - Mike Saliba announces his run for Congress in the MI 9<sup>th</sup> District
  - Mike Saliba recommends axeheadwatch.shop, promo code LPM
  - Brandon Warzybok thanks Connor N for sharing Ukraine refugee fundraisers on LPM Facebook, and requests MI Libertarians donate to that cause
  - James Peace recommends his Etsy store and DecorumBot Twitter account
  - Jim Fulner announces the Macomb County LP laser tag event
  - Kyle McCauley offers assistance with campaign marketing to those who request it
  - Larry Johnson announces Huron-Raisin Affiliate booth at Ann Arbor Art Fair July 21-23
    - Also notes that Saturday, April 1 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hash Bash
  - Greg Creswell invites all LPM members to the Dally in the Alley on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after Labor Day

- Chair Tim Yow announces next convention in Holland, MI at Haworth, July 8, 9, & 10
  - Chair Tim Yow thanks Joe Brungardt and Daniel Muehl-Miller for joining him as MI's National Platform Committee representative and alternate, respectively
- Greg Stempfle moves to extend time to 16:10 to allow for reading of convention delegate selctions
  - 2nded
  - Approved by voice vote
- National Convention Delegates – Jeff Pittel
  1. Luke Sciberras, 60
  2. Daniel Ziemba, 60
  3. Liz Franzango, 56
  4. Nathan Hewer, 56
  5. Joe Hartman, 55
  6. Connor Nepomuceno, 54
  7. Angela Thornton, 54
  8. Andrew Chadderdon, 53
  9. John Jascob, 52
  10. Ryan Roberts, 52
  11. Josh Smith, 50
  12. David Bockelman, 49
  13. Mary Buzuma, 49
  14. Greg Black, 48
  15. Leah Dailey, 48
  16. Bruce Jacquays, 48
  17. Rhett Hamel, 47
  18. Ryan Brennan, 46
  19. Jeff Lentz, 46
  20. Jessica Sentman, 46
  21. Daniel Woike, 46
  22. Jason Barton, 45
  23. Ben Boren, 45
  24. Kevin Ellis, 45
  25. Gordon Huston, 45
  26. Daniel Muehl-Milller, 45
  27. Adam Nolen, 45
  28. Andrew Ranta, 45
  29. Andy Koons, 44
  30. Laine Minor, 44
  31. Gunther Ruck, 43
  32. Bill Hall, 43
  33. Jessica Fox, 41
  34. Ryan Henry, 41
  35. Jacob Kelts, 41
  36. Theodore Petzel, 41
  37. Steve Fox, 40
  38. Mike Saliba, 40
  39. James Hudler, 40
  40. Larry Johnson, 39
  41. Jeff Pittel, 39
  42. Vicki Hall, 38
  43. Jami Van Alstine, 38
  44. Scotty Boman, 37
  45. Brian Ellison, 36
  46. Griffin Hall, 36
  47. Andrew Hall, 35
  48. Leonard Schwartz, 35
  49. Brandon Warzybok, 34

- 50. Jay Gillotte, 32
- 51. Debra Van Alstine, 31
- 52. Jim Fulner, 30
- 53. Dave Canny, 28
- 54. Will White, 28
- 55. Loel Gnadt, 27
- 56. Fred Horndt, 25
- 57. James Peace, 25
- 58. James Weeks, 23
- 59. Bruce Smith, 22
- 60. Jeff Wood, 17
- 61. John Eddinger 15
- 62. Max Riekse, 6
- 63. NOTA, 0
- Greg Stempfle motions that the LEC determines the tiebreaking procedure during the post-convention meeting
  1. 2nded
  2. Will White notes that this is typically occurs at convention due to final tally of delegates present being available at the time
  3. Scotty Boman motions to amend to include random elements
- Motion to adjourn convention at 16:13
  - 2nded
  - Convention adjourned
- LEC Meeting
- Call to order @ 16:30
- Roll Call:
  - Tim Yow, Chair
  - Ben Boren, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
  - Andrew Chadderdon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
  - Daniel Ziemba, Secretary
  - Norman Peterson, Treasurer
  - Ryan Roberts, District 1
  - Steve Fox, District 2
  - Jordan Martin, District 3
  - Rick Thelen, District 4
  - Dave Canny, District 5
  - Brandon Warzybok, District 6
  - Brian Ellison, District 7
  - Joe Hartman, District 8
  - Mike Saliba, District 9
  - Joe Brungardt, District 10
  - Bruce Jaquays, District 11
  - Daniel Muehl-Miller, District 12
  - Breanna Arold, District 13
  - Paul Vainer, District 14
- New Business
  - Selection of tiebreaker method for tied alternates at national convention
    - Bruce J motions to roll dice and select the alternate(s) with the highest roll
      - 2nded
      - Approved 7-6
- LEC meeting adjourned

Daniel Ziemba  
Secretary, LPM

**Libertarian Party of Michigan  
Minutes of the State Convention  
Soaring Eagle Casino  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
June 26, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The convention was called to order at 9:05am by Chair Greg Stempfle who welcomed the delegates. The Chair called for a 5 minute recess to resolve some technical issues. The convention reconvened at 9:10am.

**Credentials Report**

Credentials Chair Jeff Pittel reported a total of 74 delegates and 2 alternates.

**Agenda**

Convention Agenda was approved without objection.

**Convention Rules**

Convention Rules were approved without objection.

**Previous Convention Minutes**

Minutes of the July 18, 2020 State Nominating Convention were approved without objection.

**Officer Reports**

Chair Greg Stempfle reported the LPM ran 56 candidates and 4 candidates won their election. He thanked Bill Hall who along with the election law specialists at his law firm, we were able to convince the Bureau of Elections to change the LPM ballot order from 5<sup>th</sup> back to 3<sup>rd</sup> without litigation.

He introduced and thanked Ryan ReynoldsRoberts, Chair of the Upper Peninsula which is the most recent affiliate of the LPM.

The Chair then recognized and thanked all the members of the Convention Committee, in particular Andrew Chadderdon, Dan Ziemba, and Connor Nepomuceno for their work in organizing the first multi-day in-person convention that the LPM has had in years.

Jeff Pittel and the Membership Committee were thanked for their efforts in getting state party membership up and more organized, and for creating the LPM membership cards.

The Chair thanked Connor and the Social Media Committee for their efforts in increasing our social media outreach on Facebook and Twitter. He thanked Scotty Boman, Catherine Filus and Jeff Pittel for publishing and distributing the LPM monthly newsletter the "Michigan Libertarian."

**Things we can do better this year and going into 2022:**

- Media outreach and press releases.

- Re engage in public outreach efforts.

- Better understand the security and ownership of our membership data and other assets.

- Develop a social media policy with safeguards so nobody can abuse the platform.

**1st Vice Chair and Affiliate Director**

Ben Boren reported that in spite of challenges due to COVID restrictions a new affiliate (UP) was created along with regional organizations (unaffiliated) whose members are in attendance today. He is excited for the future and will continue to actively serve in the LPM whether or not he is reelected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Ben thanked Greg Stempfle for his leadership and for being his mentor for the past 2 years.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Political Director

In addition to his written report Jamie Lewis emphasized the purpose of this organization is to further the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by nominating and working to elect candidates for political office. Four Libertarian candidates were elected in Antrim, Muskegon and Wayne counties. The Muskegon election was an important win because it was a multi-position partisan race. He suggested members consider running for city and township boards/commissions because many have more elected positions than candidates. A Libertarian victory would be practically assured by just placing your name on the ballot.

Presidential Candidate Jo Jorgensen received 60,381 for the second most by a Libertarian Presidential candidate in Michigan ever in spite of the lack of media coverage. However the vote total was below the threshold for the LPM to return to being a Primary Party in the state, so for the next four years we will continue to be a party that nominates by convention.

Jamie announced 2 special elections for Michigan State Senate in 2021 and the Libertarian Party of West Michigan nominated affiliate Vice-Chair Alex Avery for the 28th district Vacancy. There were also be an election for the 8th district which is entirely within Macomb County and if anyone in that county is interested in running for that seat, contact the Macomb affiliate. The deadline for nomination is Monday, August 2.

Jamie concluded by stating that in 2022 the LPM will be nominating candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Statewide Education Boards, State Supreme Court, State Senate, State House and County Commissioners. For non-statewide offices, redistricting will make some big changes in the landscape and for members to start thinking now about running for office.

## Secretary

Mary Buzuma reported that it was an honor to serve on the LEC. Although she enjoyed her time on the LEC she will not accept a nomination for Secretary or any other position on LEC or the LPM. She will remain active in a limited capacity but due to personal reasons she now must focus on taking care of her family.

The Chair announced a 5 minute break to allow the additional officers and credentials to prepare their reports. The convention reconvened at 9:42am.

## Treasurer

In addition to his written report Norm Peterson stated that it was a very good year financially for the Party. The LPM added many new members and lifetime memberships increased. Account balances for the federal and state campaign accounts have been built back up.

## Social Media

In addition to his written report Connor Nepomuceno stated that the Party had a very successful year with social medial outreach. The Facebook page had steady growth. Post reach has averaged over 21.7K, frequently exceeding 400K/month. A notable post reached in excess of 2 million people and several broke into the hundreds of thousands. Many posts reached in excess of 50K people. Post reach dropped dramatically in 2021 due to Facebook changing their policy on political posts. Many posts were flagged and appeals were denied. Connor thanked Nathan Hewer for making some of our most successful posts and keeping the Facebook page active after he (Connor) had been on numerous bans.

Connor concluded with identifying some areas of improvement he would like to see:

- More total volunteers to:
- -Branch into different platforms
- -Develop more original content
- -Diversify tone and views presented
- - Ban-proof each of the platforms

Get advertising approved and establish policies and budget.

## Membership Committee

In addition to his written report Jeff Pittel provided the following points:

- Since Jan 2020 when he assumed role of the Membership Committee Chairman and began tabulating the Membership statistics, LPM Membership increased 91% and attracted 294 new members. National Membership is currently at 737 which is a 44% increase from January 2020.
- CiviCRM application provided access contact information for 15,806 individuals and the Michigan email mailing list now contains 5413 contacts.
- LPM Membership Committee is encouraging members to join the committee and become active and adept CiviCRM users to assist in the many additional duties that the committee are now responsible for.

Jeff concluded by encouraging affiliate leaders to become active CiviCRM users to communicate with and develop their local membership, and if anyone would like to join the Membership Committee please send an email to him at [membership@michiganlp.org](mailto:membership@michiganlp.org).

## Credentials Report

Credentials Chair Jeff Pittel reported as of 9:58am 88 delegates and 2 alternates registered. Credentials report approved by voice vote.

## Bylaws Committee Report – Committee Chair Greg Stempfle

Note: New language is underlined and language to be removed is struck through.

### 1. Proposal GS03: Clarify section applies when a Libertarian primary occurs.

Amend Section IV paragraph 33. During years in which a Libertarian primary does occur, ~~E~~ each affiliate party shall oversee the county and district conventions for those counties and districts within its affiliate region in accordance with state law (MCL 168.592, 168.594, 168.595, 168.599, 168.600, 168.601, and 168.602); except that:

- A) \*\*\*
- B) \*\*\*
- C) \*\*\*
- D) \*\*\*

Scotty Boman moved to amend the beginning line to read: “During years in which the Libertarian Party of Michigan is primary qualified” The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Paragraph 3 now reads: During years in which the Libertarian Party of Michigan is primary qualified, each affiliate party shall oversee the county and district conventions for those counties and districts within its affiliate region in accordance with state law (MCL 168.592, 168.594, 168.595, 168.599, 168.600, 168.601, and 168.602); except that:

- A) \*\*\*
- B) \*\*\*
- C) \*\*\*
- D) \*\*\*

A motion to call the question was seconded and passed with voice vote. Proposal passed with voice vote.

### 2. Proposal GS04: Eliminate state convention delegate selection by affiliates, unless there is a Libertarian primary.

Amend Section VI Conventions:

4. During years in which a Libertarian primary does not occur, all members of the Party who attend, are Michigan residents, and register for a convention shall be delegates.

~~4~~ 5. During years in which a Libertarian primary does occur, ~~F~~ the Executive Committee shall allocate delegates to all state conventions to be selected by each affiliate region in proportion and according to the number of votes cast within the affiliate region for the Party's most recent candidate for secretary of state (MCL 168.593 and 168.598). Delegates to the national delegate selection convention shall be allocated using the same method. An affiliate region may also select a number of alternates no greater than the number of delegates allocated to it.



A)\*\*\*

B)\*\*\*

C)\*\*\*

{Move section up one level and renumber accordingly}

6. ~~D~~ The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan member, whose dues were current within one year, of the convention date, time and location no less than 30 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.

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11. ~~9~~ Members in good standing and, if required, who were duly elected as delegates shall not be denied delegate status at the business sessions of a convention. Additional charges may be charged to cover other materials available at the convention.

Discussion. Those for the proposal stated it would be less cumbersome and more inclusive to members residing outside an established affiliate particularly those who reside in rural areas. Those against the proposal stated that it places responsibility on the affiliates to appoint delegates, that it would allow infiltration from those outside the Party but more important there would be no way this proposal could become retroactive which would be a violation of the current bylaws.

A motion to call the question was seconded and passed by voice vote. Proposal failed with voice vote.

3. Proposal GS02: Amend Section VII Nomination of Candidates paragraph 5 to clarify “None of the Above” rules when voting in multi winner elections.

5. Votes cast for “None of the Above” in voting on the Party’s nominees for public office or the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for “None of the Above” in voting for a public office, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should “None of the Above” be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office. If a delegate votes for “None of the Above” in a race in which more than one candidate is elected, they may not vote for an additional candidate.

A motion to call the question was seconded and passed by voice vote.

4. Proposal CJN04: Amend Section VII Nomination of Candidates paragraph 5 to allow the convention body move to reopen nominations should “None of the Above” be selected. Note: CJN04 would go after GS02 if passed.

5. Votes cast for “None of the Above” in voting on the Party’s nominees for public office or the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for “None of the Above” in voting for a public office, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should “None of the Above” be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office. The convention body may move to reopen nominations for any public office should “None of the Above” be selected. However, should ‘None of the Above’ be selected for any public office nomination, none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the nomination.

A motion from the floor to add after the period and before however “If NOTA wins a reopened process no additional reopening will be authorized. “Motion was seconded. Call to question from the floor. The motion failed with voice vote. Discussion on main motion. Motion from the floor to add “once” after the word nominations. The motion was seconded. The proposal now reads: “The convention body may move to reopen nominations once for any public office should “None of the Above” be selected. However, should “None of the Above” be selected for any public office nomination, none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the nomination. A motion to call

the question was seconded and passed by voice vote. The motion passed by voice vote. Call to question on the proposal. Proposal failed by voice vote. Call for division from the floor failed for lack of 10 vote support as required by convention rules.

5. Proposal CJN03: Amend Section VI Conventions to send call to convention to more expired members and do so 60 days prior

4. D. The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan and Michigan resident National Libertarian Party member, whose dues were current within ~~one year~~ 5 years, of the convention date, time and location no less than ~~30~~ 60 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.

Andrew Hall moved to divide proposal into 2 parts because it contains 2 questions. Therefore separate “Michigan resident National LP member whose dues are current within 5 years” from “60 days prior to the convention” notification requirement. Motion was seconded and passed with voice vote. Discussion opened on the first part. Will White moved to amend 5 years to 3 years. A personal request was made to Will by the Chair to rescind his motion at this time. Will withdrew his motion. A request from the floor to hear from Jeff Pittel, Chair of the Membership Committee on the feasibility of this proposal. The Chair asked Jeff if he would support this proposal. Jeff stated that he would speak against it. Motion on the floor to change 5 years to 3 years. Motion passed by voice vote. Discussion opened on main motion as amended. Hearing no discussion the Chair called for a vote on the first part of the proposal as amended. Motion failed by voice vote. Division called. The result was 60 votes for and 25 votes against. The first part of the proposal passed. Discussion opened on second part of the proposal changing 30 days to 60 days. Andrew Hall spoke against the proposal as the current convention would not have happened with a 60 day notification. Chair called the question as no one spoke for the amendment. Call to question passed with voice vote. Proposal failed by voice vote.

6. 6. Proposal GS01: Amend Section IX by adding a second paragraph explicitly to allow for electronic meetings.

2. The Libertarian Party of Michigan may hold electronic meetings and conventions for official party business of any recognized body of the State Party, including the Libertarian Executive Committee as well as any committees created by the Libertarian Executive Committee, unless specifically prohibited from doing so during their creation. Any official party business conducted via electronic means shall comply with the Electronic Meetings section of the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Discussion. A motion was made and seconded to strike “and conventions” from the proposal. After discussion a call to question was passed by voice vote. Amendment passed by voice vote. Call to question on proposal as amended. Proposal passed by voice vote.

Platform Committee Report – Committee Chair James Weeks

Proposal A. Replace Article I plank 1 to read: We oppose interventions by the federal government in state, local or personal affairs that impair regional efforts to secure more liberty in their regions.

Will White made the motion to strike “in their regions” as it’s unnecessary. Motion was seconded. Discussion. Connor Nepomuceno made a motion to add the proposal to the current text and strike “we endorse.” Motion failed for lack of a second.

Chair called for vote on plank 1 as amended. Plank 1 passed by voice vote.

Proposal B. New Article I plank 13. We oppose the federal government’s inhumane policies toward undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers. We support laws that would discontinue cooperation by state and local agencies with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for non-violent undocumented immigrants.

A motion was made and seconded to strike “non-violent.” Chair asked if there was any discussion on the amendment. Discussion. Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Scotty Boman to add “non-aggressive” to the plank. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Chair called for vote on plank 13 as amended. Plank 13 passed by voice vote.

Proposal C. Change Article III plank 4 to read: Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators, including religious courts and adjudicative bodies, should be encouraged. Discussion. A motion was made and seconded to strike "including religious courts and". Chair asked if anyone would like to discuss the amendment. Hearing none the Chair called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment to plank 4 passed by voice vote. Chair called for vote on plank 4 as amended. Plank 4 passed by voice vote. Call for division did not pass due to lack of 10 vote support required by convention rules.

Proposal D. Change Article III plank 5 to read: We oppose no fault laws that deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm. Discussion. A motion was made and seconded by Jim Fulner to add: "In addition, we oppose all mandatory insurance laws" to the end of the plank. After discussion, Chair called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment passed by voice vote. A motion was made and seconded to strike "no fault" from the plank. Chair called for discussion on the amendment. Jamie Lewis spoke against the amendment because the amended plank would be inconsistent with the other planks contained in Article III. Following discussion the Chair called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment failed by voice vote. Chair called for a vote on plank 5 as amended. Plank 5 passed by voice vote.

Proposal E. New Article VII plank 6. We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary peaceful use of outer space, though this does not absolve launch providers or payload owners of damage they may cause to others. We condemn all international attempts to prevent or limit private exploration, industrialization, and colonization of the moon, planets, asteroids, satellite orbits, Lagrange liberation points, or any other extra-terrestrial resources. We repudiate the principles contained in the U.N. Moon Treaty. We support the privatization of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Discussion. A motion was made by Bill Hall to strike everything after the first line as a better location for this plank would be in the National LP platform. Motion was seconded. Chair called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment passed by voice vote. Following discussion the Chair called for a vote on plank 6 as amended. Plank 6 passed by voice vote.

Chair Greg Stempfle proposed continuation of Bylaw Committee Report in the time remaining before lunch.

7. Proposal JE02: Remove the residency mandate in Section III Officers for district representatives to LEC. Note: Language to be removed is struck through

2. At each regular convention, following the selection of those officers of the Executive Committee elected at large, the delegates from each Congressional district shall caucus to select one person ~~residing in that district~~ to serve as the Congressional district representative for that district. A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposal to read "residing in that district or one adjoining to that district." Discussion. Call to question on the amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment failed by voice vote. Call to question on the proposal was passed by voice vote. Proposal failed by voice vote.

8. Proposal JE04: All district Reps to LEC may be replaced at any convention by people residing in the District.

Note: New language underlined

### III. OFFICERS

10. A member of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or fails to perform his or her fiduciary duties may be removed from the Executive Committee and replaced by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee or a majority vote at convention following a motion for a vote of no confidence. All Executive Committee members must be notified of the intent to remove at least 14 days prior to the meeting. A Congressional district representative may be replaced by a majority vote of a congressional district caucus at any state convention. If the chair is so removed, the first vice chair shall assume the chair and a new first vice chair elected. If a Congressional district representative resigns or is so removed, then the Executive Committee must replace him or her with a person residing in the same Congressional district, who shall serve until the next state convention, at which time the caucus for that Congressional district shall select a replacement for the balance of his or her term. Call to question. Proposal passed by voice vote.

9. Proposal GS05: Specify requirement for the LEC to pass resolutions.

Note: New language underlined

### III. OFFICERS

9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine and shall govern all the affairs of the Party. A majority shall rule at meetings of the Executive Committee except for resolutions which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws.

Call to question passed by voice vote. Proposal passed by voice vote.

### 10. Proposal JE03: Notice of LEC meetings

Note: New language underlined

### III. OFFICERS

9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine, giving party members fourteen (14) days notice, except in cases of emergencies, and shall govern all the affairs of the Party.

Discussion. A motion to strike "except in cases of emergencies" was made by Jim Fulner. Motion was seconded. Call to question on amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment failed by voice vote. A motion was made and seconded to add "in which 48 hours notice is provided," after emergencies. Call to question on amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment failed by voice vote. Call to question on proposal passed by voice vote. Proposal failed by voice vote.

Convention in recess for lunch until 1:30pm.

Convention reconvened at 1:40pm.

Chair Greg Stempfle recognition of "Precious Libertarians"

Bill Hall

Jeff Pittel

Andrew Chadderdon

Connor Nepomuceno

### Credentials

Credentials Chair Jeff Pittel reported a total of 100 delegates. Credentials report approved by voice vote.

### Officer Elections

Chair nominations:

Tim Yow

Connor Nepomuceno

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed. Jim Fulner spoke for NOTA. Connor Nepomuceno withdrew from race

### Results:

Tim Yow 73 – elected

NOTA 19

Write in 2

- Connor Nepomuceno 1

- Ron Paul 1

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Affiliates) nominations:

Ben Boren

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

Motion to elect Ben Boren by acclamation was seconded and passed.

Results:

Ben Boren – reelected by acclamation

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair (Political Director) nominations:

Andrew Chadderdon

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

Results:

Andrew Chadderdon 88 - elected

NOTA 6

Secretary nominations:

Daniel Ziemba

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

Results:

Daniel Ziemba 81 - elected

NOTA 6

Write in 5

- Greg Stempfle 1

- Blood and Soil 1

- Rhett E Boogle 1

- Starting my own party with Blackjack and hookers 1

- Fuck Pinko Commies 1

Treasurer nominations:

Norm Peterson

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

Jamie Lewis moved to elect Treasurer by voice vote. The motion was seconded and passed.

Results:

Norm Peterson – reelected by voice vote

Results of Congressional District Caucus to Select District Representatives to LEC:

James Weeks honored

District 1 Ryan Roberts

District 2 Steven Fox

District 3 Jordan Martin

District 4 Rick Theron

District 5 Dave Canny

District 6 Brandon Warzybok

District 7 Brian Ellison

District 8 Joe Haartmen

District 9 Mike Saliba

District 10 Joe Bungardt

District 11 Bruce Jacquays

District 12 Daniel John Muehl-Miller

District 13 Breanna Arold

District 14 Paul Vainer

Judicial Committee nominations

Jon Elgas

Jamie Lewis

James Hudler

James Weeks

A motion to close nominations was seconded and did not pass.

Further nominations:

Connor Nepomuceno

Rob Roddis

Joshua Smith

Eric Larson

NOTA

Motion to close nominations was seconded and passed.

Motion to suspend the rules to 1 minute nomination speeches seconded and passed.

Results:

Jon Elgas 30

Jamie Lewis 31

James Hudler 23

James Weeks 19

Connor Nepomuceno 57 - elected

Rob Roddis 54 - elected

Joshua Smith 50 - elected

Eric Larson 1

NOTA 1

Resolutions

Jim Fulner

The phrase "intellectual property" is a misnomer. What the state calls intellectual property is more accurately referred to as "Intellectual Monopoly" as the state grants a monopoly on the use of an idea or goods and services derived from an idea to a certain limited group. We call for the elimination of the protection of such monopoly thereby freeing the market, encouraging content providers and product developers to improve on existing products thereby bringing more and better choices to the market.

In particular we call for the end of the prohibition of online file sharing, just as we oppose all victimless crimes. When content is shared it is not stolen as no one loses any property, only a potential loss of some future revenue, which is natural in any open market.

Resolution failed by voice vote.

Mike Saliba

The Michigan Libertarian Party declares: The Government is a greedy piglet that suckles on the tax payer tete until they have sore, chapped nipples.

Resolution failed by voice vote.

Daniel Ziemba

"Resolution Against Vaccine Passports

Whereas bodily integrity ranks among the most essential human rights, and

Whereas security and privacy in one's person and information is likewise an essential human right, and  
Whereas coerced implementation of a system of "vaccine passports", whether by direct state action or the action of large corporations which benefit from the state's regulations, is anathema to human liberty and befitting a totalitarian regime,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Michigan condemns any attempt to implement a system of "vaccine passports" or mandated vaccination against disease, and supports the abolition of any such measures currently enforced by the state or its corporate beneficiaries."

After discussion a call to question was approved by voice vote.

Resolution passed by voice vote

James Weeks

Be it resolved: Fuck the police.

Resolution failed by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Convention adjourned 4:36pm

Mary Buzuma

Secretary, LPM