

LPPA Board of Directors Meeting

June 18th, 2022

Affiliate Attendance:

Adams: Neil Belliveau	Delaware: Jamie Martin	Philadelphia: Audrey Danowski
Allegheny: Ross Sylvester	Erie: Kyle Johnson	Potter: Kate Crosby
Armstrong: Rick Ravotti	Franklin: Lori McCullough	Schuylkill: Mitch Mankiewicz
Beaver: Chuck Stadnik	Lackawanna: Mike Gibbons	Susquehanna Valley: NOT FILLED
Berks: Jeff Douglas	Lancaster: Adam Gallek	Tioga: Jeff Berry
Blair: Alicia Goodnight	Lebanon: Lindsay Goodhand	Washington: NOT PRESENT
Bradford: Larry Frey	Lehigh: Eric Hagan	Wayne Pike: NOT PRESENT
Bucks: Joe Bissol	Luzerne: NOT PRESENT	Westmoreland: Jamie Smith
Butler: Jon Raso	Lycoming: NOT PRESENT	York: Justin Wray
Capital Area: Luke Ensor	Monroe: Joel Getz	
Carbon: NOT PRESENT	Montgomery: Joseph Van Wagner	
Central Area: NOT PRESENT	Northampton: Phillip Peligrino	
Chester: Peggy Schmidt		

Committee Attendance:

Elections: Chuck Moulton	Legal Action: Jess Glover	Media Relations: John Thomas
Finance: Deborah Burton	Legislative Action: Chris Lucas	Membership: Michael Mastracola
Information Services: Matt Hackenburg		

Executive Committee Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to order at 4:14pm

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Montgomery: Motion to suspend Board votes for the following counties due to not submitting minutes within the 6 month timeframe: Carbon, Central, Susquehanna, and Wayne/ Pike.
- b. Chair: Suggested that this issue be committed to the Membership Committee
 - i. Montgomery: This will have an effect of this meeting, due to the nature of a specific agenda item.
 - ii. Secretary: Point of Information: the Bylaws state at 6 months, affiliate votes are suspended until minutes or reports are submitted to the Secretary.
 - iii. Western Vice Chair: Point of Information: Would this need to be a motion, or is it automatic?
 - iv. Chair: Would like to do it as a motion.
 - v. Bradford: Suspending beyond this meeting would seem drastic due to the affiliates not being reached out to in any official capacity.
 - vi. Membership: Submitted a list of counties as far as not having 12 active members as well.
 - vii. Media Relations: Does not need a motion, just a ruling from the chair.
 - viii. Montgomery: Pulled and read Bylaws regarding minutes policy.
 - ix. Bradford: Suggested contacting more than one person due to potential for personal issues.
 - x. Chair: Ruled that at this meeting, for quorum and voting purposes, the Board of Directors will not count the 4 counties listed above in the total number.
- c. No additions or corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Chair: The Board will be striking motions from Delaware and Philadelphia regarding discipline of Mr. Gaughen, and Mr. Waldenberger.
- b. Western Vice Chair: Requested to add motion for tabling kits to the bottom of new business.
- c. Chair: Would entertain a motion to add public comment to Executive Director Presentations, asked for a motion.
 - i. Secretary: Motion to add a public comment section to the Executive Director presentations.
 - ii. Media Relations Second
 - iii. No objection. Motion Passed.

- d. No objection to other agenda items. Agenda Passed.
3. Public Comment
- a. Secretary: Motion to limit the public comment section to two minutes per speaker.
 - i. Allegheny: Second
 - ii. No objection. Motion passed.
 - b. Richard Schwarz: Spoke regarding the signatures and petition drive. Asked the Board to have collectors get their signatures turned in ASAP.
4. Executive Committee Reports:
- a. Western Vice Chair: Is scheduling a formation meeting for the Allegheny Highlands Libertarian Party. The regional affiliate will consist of Cambria, Somerset and Johnstown. Brandon Magoon resigned as chair of Erie County, and was replaced by Peter Hataway. Working with Mercer, Venango and Clarion counties to get recognized. July 4th, Westmoreland County will be at the Latrobe parade, and all are welcome.
 - b. Central Vice Chair: Nothing to report.
 - c. Treasurer: Balance of the PNC Checking: \$9,089.17. Balance of Money Market account: \$2,517.13. Revenue for the month: \$3,105.13. Expenses for the month: \$120.29
 - i. Montgomery: Question as to what the revenue was from.
 - ii. Treasurer: Donations and membership renewals.
 - d. Secretary: Busy doing a lot of administrative work, and recovering, reorganizing from the LNC Convention in Reno, NV.
 - e. Chair: Pete Schwarze was named Chair of the Convention Committee. Steven Kruzik was added to the Issues Coalitions Committee. Josh Marcinik was added to the Newsletter and Platform Committees.
5. Committee Reports:
- a. Legislative Action: Working on a working action report. Focus on decreasing the size of the state, stopping gun control measures.
 - i. Motion to allow board votes via email due to speed in which the committee needs to act.
 - 1. Chair: Bylaws already allow for email voting, but it is 15 days. Is Legislative Action requesting a faster turnaround?
 - 2. Legislative Action: Yes, 7 days is much better. Added 7 days to original motion.
 - 3. Delaware: Second
 - 4. Montgomery: Amend to 5 days.
 - 5. Legislative Action: Accepted amendment.

6. Elections: Point of Information: If the Bylaws allow for 15 days, the Board is unable to change it, and only the convention could. Suggested empowering Legislative Action and asking the Bylaws Committee to prepare an amendment to the Bylaws for the upcoming convention.
 7. Additional discussion regarding empowering committees.
 8. Membership: Suggested a replacement motion to empower Legislative Action to act on Legislative items, but have a 5 day window where the Board can object.
 9. Bradford: Point of Discussion: Should have a caveat to say whatever is being supported is consistent with the LPPA goals and platform.
 10. Lehigh: Question on how that would look for the amount of objections and action.
 11. Chair: Is okay with just empowering the Legislative Action Committee.
 12. Montgomery: Should have a caveat to ensure Legislative Action is able to email the Board of Directors.
 13. Chair: To clarify the motion: Motion to empower Legislative Action to move on articles of legislation and to report to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.
- b. Elections: Report was submitted, but was sent a little late. Would like to do a turn in of signatures ASAP. Urged candidates and petitioners to start mailing signatures. Requested counties to get on their candidates for signatures and other filing documents.
- i. Adams: Question about the LPPA covering filing fees for candidates
 1. Elections: It would be a good idea, especially since the LPPA did an all volunteer drive, and saved money.
 - ii. Secretary: Questioned what the filing fees were per office.
 1. Elections: Unsure, but would find out before the end of the meeting.
 - iii. Chair: Asked if there was no objection, the Board would take up the LPPA paying for filing fees and fundraising at the end of the agenda.
 1. No objection. Item added to the bottom of new business.
 - iv. Richard Schwarz: Filing fees are as follows: \$200 for US Senate. \$150 for US Congress. \$100 for State Rep and Senate.
- c. Media Relations: Spoke about being on a 24 hour news cycle, and would like to have a space on the LPPA website to post news pieces and op-eds.

- i. Chair: Suggested to commit issue to Media Relations and Information Services to get that going. There should not be a need for a motion for this.
 - ii. Montgomery: Questioned Media Relations as to if there is a Media contact database being organized.
 - 1. Media Relations: Yes. Jon Raso and Justin Wray are working on it.
 - d. Finance: June 24th will be a call banking/ Facebook Messenger campaign to ask LPPA members to become monthly donors. Runs from 5:30pm until 8:30pm.
6. Announcements:
- a. Bradford: Greg Perry suffered a serious medical issue, and is far from out of the woods. Shared a link for his go fund me page.
 - b. Montgomery: Social call to start “healing” of LPPA. June 30th at 7:00pm.
 - c. Western Vice Chair: On July 4th, Ross Sylvester has a group that will be at the Brentwood parade collecting signatures.
 - d. Chair: Talking with the Doubletree in Reading for the LPPA next in person meeting.
 - e. Chair: Post Reno Meeting last week. Led by Jon Raso. The PA Delegation did an excellent job.

Old Business:

- 1. Executive Director Hiring:
 - a. Chair: Three candidates showed interest. Jon Raso, Joseph Gross, and Tony D’Orazio. Mr. D’Orazio has since dropped out.
 - b. Only one candidate was on the call.
 - i. Jon Raso spoke to his qualifications and answered questions by the board and in the public comment section.
 - ii. Joseph Gross was unable to make the call. The Board reviewed his credentials.
 - c. Western Vice Chair: Motion to select between the two candidates and vote to hire that candidate as Executive Director.
 - i. No objection.
 - d. Vote for Candidates: Roll call vote
 - i. Jon Raso: 31
 - ii. Joseph Gross: 0
 - iii. NOTA: 1
 - iv. Abstain: 3
 - 1. Jon Raso will be the candidate to move forward to the contract negotiation phase of the hiring process.
 - e. Vote to hire Mr. Raso pending successful negotiation of his contract.

- i. Multiple questions on how to proceed.
- ii. Chair: Called for a 10 minute at ease to work this part out.
- iii. Chair: Called meeting back into session from standing at ease at 6:36pm.
- iv. Chair: Asked for unanimous consent to withdraw the second part of the motion from the Western Vice Chair that was not yet voted on.
 - 1. No objection. Second half of motion was withdrawn.
- f. Western Vice Chair: Motion to form a committee to negotiate a contract with Mr. Raso. The contract will be brought to the Board at the July 2022 meeting for approval. Mr. Raso will begin work immediately, and the contract will be retroactive to June 18th, 2022.
 - i. Bucks: Second
 - ii. Voice Vote: Passed
 - 1. Lancaster and Butler abstain
- g. Chair: Entertain motions to add members to the contract negotiation committee.
 - i. Montgomery: Nominated Larry Frey.
 - 1. Larry Frey accepts the nomination.
 - ii. Delaware: Nominated a representative from Finance.
 - 1. Finance accepts the nomination.
 - iii. Western Vice Chair: Adds the Executive Committee.
 - iv. Lehigh: Nominates Jess Glover.
 - 1. Jess Glover accepts the nomination.
 - v. Western Vice Chair: Nominates a representative from each Standing Committee.
 - vi. Montgomery: Nominates Alison Graham and Justin Wray.
 - 1. Alison Graham declines the nomination.
 - 2. Justin Wray accepts the nomination.
 - vii. Western Vice Chair: Nominates Marc Bozzacco.
 - 1. Tentatively added Marc Bozzacco until he can accept or decline nomination.
 - viii. Delaware: Nominates Richard Schwarz.
 - 1. Richard Schwarz declines the nomination.
 - ix. Delaware: Motion to close nominations
 - 1. Media Relations: Second
 - 2. No objection. Nominations closed.
 - x. Western Vice Chair: Nominates Larry Frey as Chair of the committee.

1. Mr. Frey unable to chair the committee due to work constraints.
Western Vice Chair will Chair the committee until another chair is chosen.
 - xi. Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 25th at 7:00pm.
2. Chair: Will entertain a motion to move the discipline of Mr. Reagan until after the new business items.
 - a. Bradford: So moved.
 - b. Lebanon: Second
 - c. No objection. Discipline is moved down until after new business.

New Business:

1. Adams: Motion to update the Policy Manual regarding the time the Secretary has to submit the official minutes after a meeting from 5 days to 14 days.
 - a. Secretary: 14 days is not needed. 10 days is sufficient.
 - b. Adams: Accepted the 10 days suggestion.
 - c. Voice vote: Passed
 - i. Bradford, Lacaster and Secretary abstain.
2. Legislative Action: Recognition by the LPPA of the following legislation.
 - a. Defend the Guard
 - b. SB624: Gun law bill
 - c. SB2272: Abolish public ownership of alcohol.
 - d. Reported to the Board that the LPPA Legislative Action Committee is supporting these legislative items.
3. Membership: Motion for the Board to supply liability insurance for committees to be able to set up tables at events. This would allow committees to promote the LPPA and its platform, and gain membership in the LPPA.
 - a. Chair: Called on Alison Graham to speak on this motion.
 - b. Alison Graham: During the exploration for Bucks county liability insurance, she has a contact that deals with political parties. The cost is roughly \$2,500 per year and that covers events for the party. She would be happy to send that information to whoever needs it.
 - c. Discussion on need for insurance, finances and committees to take this up.
 - d. Membership: withdraws motion due to interest in forming a committee to search for the best option for liability insurance.
 - i. Voice vote: Passed.
 - ii. The Chair will fill the committee to search for liability insurance.

4. Montgomery: Black Guns Matter Resolution. (see bottom of minutes)
 - a. Voice vote: Passed
5. Montgomery: Don't Tread on Philly Resolution. Will Read: Whereas, freedom being the core idea of the philosophy of the Libertarian Party, *Resolved*, that the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania endorses the work of Don't Tread on Philly which is an "organization devoted to promoting liberty through art, education, and community."
 - a. Discussion on location and specifics.
 - b. Voice vote: Passed
 - i. Philadelphia abstains
6. Elections: Motion to budget up to \$5,000 for filing fees for statewide, state rep, and state senate for the 2022 General Election.
 - a. Lancaster: Second
 - b. Lancaster: Called Question
 - i. Voice vote: Passed
 - c. Voice vote (motion): Passed
 - i. Secretary, Westmoreland, Delaware, Montgomery, Membership, Lackawanna, Lancaster abstain.
 - ii. 1 no vote.
7. Montgomery: Motion to suspend Ed Reagan for 1 year as of 04/24/2022 for doxing LPPA members, and other infractions, including allegations of a mail order bride and other attempts at members of the LPPA.
 - a. Montgomery: Walked through documentation regarding a wikipedia page and subsequent investigation.
 - b. Central Vice Chair: Second
 - c. Bradford: Stated this was very well researched.
 - d. Elections: Stated the evidence is overwhelming, but is concerned over the discipline. Offered substitute motion to censure, rather than suspend for one year.
 - i. Bradford: Second
 - e. Elections: Spoke to Bylaws and discipline, warnings, censure and suspension. His opinion is to not go overboard with discipline.
 - f. Discussion regarding the amount of times this wikipedia page was edited.
 - g. Lebanon: Spoke in favor of the substitute motion.
 - h. Media Relations: Point of Information: Asked if Mr. Reagan was informed of the pending discipline, and if he had an opportunity to defend himself.
 - i. Chair: Spoke with Mr. Regan, and let him know this was going to be on the agenda for this meeting.

- ii. Montgomery: Had a conversation with Mr. Reagan, and sent him the zoom link for the meeting.
- i. Central Vice Chair: Spoke to the board having empathy for the victims and against the substitute motion from Elections. Urged empathy for the victims.
- j. Delaware: Called Question on substitute motion.
 - i. Voice vote (Question): Passed.
 - 1. Lancaster abstains
 - ii. Voice vote (Substitute motion): Too close to call
 - iii. Roll call vote:
 - 1. Yes: 9
 - 2. No: 15
 - 3. Abstain: 10
 - 4. Substitute motion fails
- k. Central Vice Chair: Spoke in favor of the suspension motion.
- l. Bradford: Spoke against the suspension motion.
- m. Delaware: Called Question on suspension motion.
 - i. Voice vote (Question): Passed
 - ii. Western Vice Chair: Requested roll call vote.
 - iii. Roll call vote:
 - 1. Yes: 29
 - 2. No: 2
 - 3. Abstain: 4
 - 4. Suspension motion fails (30 needed for $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of entire Board)
- n. Montgomery: Was under the impression that the last roll call vote was for calling the question.
- o. Debate and dialogue around calling the question and the main motion.
- p. Elections: Suggested motion to reconsider, due to the possibility of an appeal to the Judicial Committee.
- q. Beaver: Motion to reconsider.
 - i. Voice vote: Passed. The vote will be reconsidered.
- r. Roll call vote:

i. Adams: Yes	v. Blair: Yes
ii. Allegheny: Yes	vi. Bradford: No
iii. Armstrong: Yes	vii. Bucks: Yes
iv. Beaver: Yes	viii. Butler: Yes

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| ix. | Capital Area: Yes | xxvi. | Tioga: Yes |
| x. | Chester: No | xxvii. | Washington: NOT PRESENT |
| xi. | Delaware: Yes | | |
| xii. | Erie: Yes | xxviii. | Westmoreland: Yes |
| xiii. | Franklin: Yes | xxix. | York: Yes |
| xiv. | Lackawanna: Yes | xxx. | Elections: No |
| xv. | Lancaster: Abstain | xxxi. | Finance: Yes |
| xvi. | Lebanon: Abstain | xxxii. | Information Services: Yes |
| xvii. | Lehigh: Yes | | |
| xviii. | Luzerne: NOT PRESENT | xxxiii. | Legal Action: Yes |
| | | xxxiv. | Legislative Action: Yes |
| xix. | Lycoming: NOT PRESENT | xxxv. | Media Relations: Yes |
| | | xxxvi. | Membership: Abstain |
| xx. | Monroe: Yes | xxxvii. | Central Vice Chair: Yes |
| xxi. | Montgomery: Yes | xxxviii. | Eastern Vice Chair: NOT PRESENT |
| xxii. | Northampton: Yes | | |
| xxiii. | Philadelphia: Yes | xxxix. | Western Vice Chair: Yes |
| xxiv. | Potter: Yes | | |
| xxv. | Schuylkill: NOT PRESENT | xl. | Secretary: Yes |
| | | xli. | Treasurer: Yes |

- s. Total votes: (44 total Board votes counted, 30 yes votes needed for 2/3 of entire Board of Directors)
- i. Yes: 30
 - ii. No: 3
 - iii. Abstain: 3
- t. Mr. Reagan has been suspended for one year effective date: 04/24/22. The Secretary will send Mr. Reagan a letter informing him of the Boards decision via certified mail.
8. Western Vice Chair: Motion for the LPPA to purchase tabling kits, one per region that would include: Vinyl banner, QR Code, table top sign, 2 banners, a table, and canopy for a total of \$900.
- a. Western Vice Chair: Spoke to motion: \$25 donation to the LPPA anytime an affiliate wants to use the tabling kit. Each Vice Chair will hold the kits, and they will be LPPA property.
 - b. Lebanon: Second
 - c. Butler: Spoke in favor of motion. Wanted to be sure that it was made clear this will be LPPA property, and not individual Vice Chair property as the Vice Chairs turn over.

- i. Voice vote: Passed
 1. Lancaster: Abstains
 - ii. Chair: Directed the Western Vice Chair and Treasurer to work together to pay for the tabling kits.
9. Secretary: Motion to adjourn
- a. Multiple seconds

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Gregory G. Deal
Secretary
Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

New Business 4. Resolution (Black Guns Matter)

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania (LPPA) Resolution on Second Amendment and Black Guns Matter

Whereas, Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States, ratified on December 15, 1791, states that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Whereas, Article XIII of the first Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, completed in 1776, stated that “That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state...”

Whereas, Article IX, Section XXI of the second Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ratified in 1790, stated “That the right of the citizens to bear arms, in defense of themselves and the state, shall not be questioned.”

Whereas, Article IX, Section XXI of the third Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ratified in 1838, stated “That the right of the citizens to bear arms, in defense of themselves and the State, shall not be questioned.”

Whereas, Article I, Section 21 of the fourth Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ratified in 1873, stated that “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”

Whereas, Article I, Section 21 of the fifth and present Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ratified in 1968, states that “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”

Whereas, in spite of this strict and consistent language of the Constitution of the United States and all Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from the first to the most recent, the state and federal governments have taken action to infringe and question the right of the citizens of Pennsylvania to bear arms.

Whereas, the level of responsibility necessary of a people to bear arms is made clear by this strict and consistent language, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

1. Calls upon the government of the United States to only consider legislation that would not infringe the right of the people to keep and bear arms, pursuant to Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States.
2. Calls upon the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to only consider legislation that would not question the right of the citizens of Pennsylvania to bear arms, pursuant to Article I, Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. Calls upon all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to act accordingly with the level of responsibility enshrined in the specific terminology utilized by both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to *bear* arms, with an understanding that this precise terminology indicates that this right is never to be taken lightly.
4. Calls upon all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take appropriate action such as is necessary to properly bear arms, and specifically by voluntary participation in organizations that both respect the right and the level of responsibility enshrined in the right, such as Black Guns Matter.

5. Endorses the work of Black Guns Matter, which, in adherence to the level of responsibility required for citizens to bear arms, works to educate the citizens on firearm safety, gun laws, and conflict resolution.