

# Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Executive Committee members in attendance-

Chair: Jennifer Moore

EVC: Adam Reinhardt

CVC: Bill Sloane

WVC: Sam Robb

Treasurer: Nicole Schultz

Secretary: Bonnie Flaherty

Immediate Past Chair: Steve Scheetz

Voting members in attendance -

Adams Co. - Neil Belliveau

Allegheny Co. - Rob Cowburn

Beaver Co. - James Perricellia

Berks Co. - Pete Schwarze

Blair Co. - Brian Goodnight

Bradford Co. - Greg Perry

Bucks Co. - Adam Nutter

Butler Co. - Greg Deal

Capitol Area - Luke Ensor

Carbon Co. - Matt Rickline (partial)

Chester Co. - Dan Truitt  
Delaware Co. - Greg Burton  
Erie Co. - Brandon Magoon (partial)  
Franklin Co. - Lori McCullough  
Lackawanna Co. - Samantha Hammerstedt  
Lancaster Co. - Adam Galek  
Lebanon Co. - Samuel Goodhand  
Lehigh Valley - Steven Werley  
Luzerne Co. - Michelle Merino  
Lycoming Co. - Ed Ploy  
Monroe Co. - Joel Getz  
Montgomery Co. - Marc Bozzacco  
Northampton Co. - Svend La Rose  
Philadelphia Co. - JT Schultheis  
Potter Co. - Kate Crosby (partial)  
Schuylkill Co. - Mitchell Mankiewicz  
Susquehanna Valley - Ryan Bourinski  
Tioga Co. - Jeff Berry (partial)  
Washington Co. - Kathy Smith (partial)  
Wayne/Pike - John Robinson  
Westmoreland Co. - Bill Cox  
York Co. - Tim McMaster  
Elections Committee - Chuck Moulton  
Finance Committee - John Waldenberger/Kyle Burton

Information Services Committee – Mr. Fetsko

Legal Action Committee – Preston Smith

Legislative Action Committee – Gus Tatlas

Media Relations Committee – Jacob Winograd

Membership Committee – Kristine Womack

Start Time: Called by Chairwoman, Jennifer Moore, 5:07 PM EST

First order of business was to approve the minutes of the last meeting. No corrections or objections were made. The minutes were approved.

Next order of business was the approval of the agenda, during which Mr. La Rose asked for consent of the Chair to make a privileged motion to make a special rule limiting debate/speech to 2 minutes per motion per speaker; as well as moved to adopt the voting software for testing for the meeting at hand. The motion was divided. Several objections were raised regarding the voting software. Discussion was held on the subject. It was decided upon to use the software as a trial for the meeting at hand in tandem with regular voice voting. Voice voting would be the official means of tabulation. Objection was then also raised surrounding the time limit for speakers. Discussion was held. Motion to call the question was presented. Several opposed calling the question. The question was called. Several opposed the original motion. After a voice vote, the motion passed. Debate was limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

Mr.Bozzacco moved to remove the 30 minute audit report from this month's agenda and add it to the top of New Business for the next month so that the Board may receive a written Audit Report at least two weeks prior to the next meeting for the purpose of formulating questions ahead of time. This motion was seconded. The motion passed without objection. Mr. La Rose next motioned to call a special meeting in 14 days to take up any new business other than the presented motion being made by Mr.Mankiewicz of Schuylkill Co. and the motion being presented by Eastern Vice Chair, Mr.Reinhardt. The motion was seconded. Multiple objections were raised. Mr.Galek moved to call the question without objection. The question was called. Many objections were raised surrounding the motion. A roll call vote was held. The motion failed 30/3. Next, Mr. Moulton motioned to change the time allocated to the item on the agenda surrounding Mr.Mankiewicz's Newsletter motion from 20 minutes to 30 minutes. The motion was

seconded. No objections were raised. The motion passed. No further amendments were made to the agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.

The meeting was next opened to public comment.

At the close of public comment, the meeting next moved on to the Treasurer's Report which was relayed to the board in writing in advance of the meeting, which is attached as a supplementary document to these minutes. Ms. Flaherty motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded. The report was accepted without objection.

The Executive Director gave report next. This report is attached as a supplementary document to these minutes.

Central Vice Chair, Mr. Robb, gave report next during which he reported that Erie County had submitted a petition of at least 12 signatures for the Board of Directors to recognize this affiliate as having a voting presence. Signatures were verified by Mr. Robb. The Chair recognized Mr. Magoon as the board representative for Erie County.

Central Vice Chair, Mr. Sloane, reported next that Potter County had submitted a petition of signatures for the Board of Directors to recognize this affiliate as having voting presence. Mr. Sloane reported that the petition only had 10 physical signatures with 3 names typed in, referencing a prior Judicial Committee ruling. The Chair reported that she and Ms. Crosby had been in touch via email, and that Ms. Crosby produced a few more signatures via email earlier in the day, but that a few signatures were in question. Since Ms. Crosby was not yet a member, The Secretary spoke on her behalf and reported that memberships were verified for 12 of the 15 submitted signatures, and was therefore in favor of recognition. Mr. Bozzacco debated Mr. Sloane's interpretation of the prior Judicial Committee ruling citing that electronic signatures should be accepted and spoke in favor of recognition. The Chair relayed that there were two signatures in question, and they were not the digital signatures, but rather two different signatures. The Treasurer reported that Mr. Fetsko of Information Services called her earlier in the day to discuss a discrepancy and tasked the Treasurer with calling the members in question to obtain information from them. Ms. Shultz reported that a gentleman she contacted to ask questions hung up on her. She discussed the issue further at length, expressing concern. The Chair clarified that the issue with these signatures was that some people said they never signed up for a membership with the LPPA and that they needed further verification. Several members spoke out against the party calling members without having set prior precedent to do so. The Chair ruled that the Vice Chair would have to motion to recognize Potter County. Mr. Bozzacco appealed

the ruling of The Chair, which was seconded. The Chair spoke to her ruling. Mr.Bozzacco spoke to his challenge. A vote was held to sustain the ruling of The Chair, which failed 23/18. The Chair's ruling was overruled. Mr. Bozzacco motioned to recognize Potter County, which was seconded. Objections were raised. Debate was held. The Treasurer motioned moving to Executive Session to discuss the discrepancies with the memberships in question, which was seconded. Several objections were raised. Debate was held at length. Mr.Ensor moved to call the question, with no objections. The question was called. A roll call vote was held, which moved the meeting to Executive Session 21/18.

Upon returning from Executive Session, a vote was held to recognize Potter County as having representation on the Board of Directors as so moved by Mr.Bozzacco before entering closed session. Potter County was recognized 33/6. Ms. Crosby was the recognized representative for this meeting.

Next, several members were given the opportunity to make announcements.

The meeting next moved to the subject of the voting software (Direct Vote). Executive Director of LPCA and LNC Region 4 Rep, TJ, gave presentation on a different system called Porcupine. Discussion was held on the subject at length during which TJ fielded questions from the Board of Directors. Mr. Bozzacco motioned for the board to decide to escape the contract within the 30 day trial period with Direct Vote, which was seconded. Minor debate was held. Mr. Bourinski moved to call the question, with no opposition. The question was called. The motion passed 33/2. The contract was escaped. Mr.Deal motioned for the Board of Directors to conduct a trial of the Porcupine software at the February meeting of the Board of Directors, which was seconded. The Chair ruled in favor of this motion.

Next on the agenda in Old Business were policy manual changes motioned by Mr.Bozzacco during the previous meeting. These policy manual changes were workshopped by various members of the Board, and the final verbiage for each is attached to this document for review.

The first order in New Business was to be a motion made by Mr.Mankiewicz to suspend all activity of the Newsletter Committee until further notice and until after a policy was written for operation and ratified by the Board of Directors. Mr.Waldenberger was granted ten minutes by The Chair to address this motion. Many members discussed and debated this motion. When the allotted ten minutes was up, Ms.Womack motioned to add ten minutes for further debate. Mr.Bozzacco offered an amendment to limit comment to 1 minute per speaker that already had their hand

raised (4) and a 30 second response from Mr. Waldenberger. The amendment was accepted. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. Once debate was through, Dr. Moulton motioned that the Board of Directors direct the Chair to remove Mr. Waldenberger from the newsletter committee, that Mr. Waldenberger be removed from all other state committees, and that he be censured by the LPPA with the penalty that he can not serve on a state committee for one year. The motion was seconded. Ms. Shultz moved to divide the motion into three parts. Dr. Moulton spoke to the first portion of the motion. Debate and discussion was held at length. Mr. Tatlas moved to call the question, which was seconded and received only a few objections. The question was called. The motion passed 33/6, and Mr. Waldenberger was removed from the Newsletter Committee by The Chair as directed by the Board. The second section of the motion was next. Discussion and debate was held at length. The question was called with only a few objections. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed 23/17. Mr. Waldenberger was removed from all committees including; Finance, Convention (fundraising and speakers subcommittees included), Bylaws, Audit, and any others he was serving on. Mr. Moulton withdrew the third portion of the motion involving a censure. Ms. Womack motioned to extend time by ten minutes to hear from Mr. Mankiewicz on the subject of his original motion on the agenda, which was seconded. The Secretary offered an amendment to give Mr. Mankiewicz more than ten minutes should he need it. Ms. Womack offered to extend to 20 minutes instead with no objection. Mr. Mankiewicz was allotted 20 minutes. Mr. Mankiewicz proceeded with his original motion and spoke to it during which he amended his motion to dissolve the Newsletter Committee until a standard operating procedure be created and voted on by the Board of Directors. This motion was seconded. Discussion and debate was held at length. Ms. Womack motioned to table until February, which was seconded. No objections were raised and the motion was tabled until February.

Next, Ms. Womack motioned to increase the cost of a Lifetime LPPA Membership from \$500.00 to \$600.00, which was seconded. No objections were raised and the motion passed. Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Lifetime LPPA Membership dues will be raised to \$600.00.

The next item on the agenda was a motion made by the Eastern Vice Chair to rescind the invitation for Dave Smith to participate in fundraisers and speak at the upcoming LPPA Convention 2022. This motion was seconded. Debate and discussion was held at length. The question was called once the allotted time was met. The motion failed 12/30, and Mr. Smith's invitation was confirmed.

Mr.Fetsko motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded. There were many objections. Discussion was held. A friendly amendment was offered by Ms.Womack to take up additions to committees, increasing the Information Services budget, as well as a motion to endorse HB1009 before adjournment, leaving the rest to be taken up at the next meeting. The amendment was accepted. No objections were raised. The motion to adjourn at the close of the previously mentioned items passed.

Next, Mr.Tatlas motioned for the Board of Directors to endorse House Bill 1009. "The BOD endorses Bill HB 1009 as it stands. The Legislative Action Committee and Media Relations committee shall collaborate to develop a statement to indicate that although the LPPA does not believe this to be a perfect Bill, it is a good first step to root out corruption in Pennsylvania State Legislature. The Legislative Action Committee and Media Relations committee shall collaborate to develop a statement to call on Representative Kerry Benninghoff (Majority Leader) to call the vote on HB 1009 in this session. Further the Legislative Action Committee shall compose an official letter urging the Majority Leader to take action, this letter shall double as a press release." (A copy of this bill in its entirety accompanies these minutes for reference.) Mr.Tatlas spoke to his motion. This motion was seconded. Short discussion was held. No objections were raised. The Board endorsed HB 1009.

Mr. Tatlas motioned to add Chris Lucas to Legislative Action Committee, which was seconded. No objections were raised. Mr.Lucas was added to the committee.

Mr.Fetsko motioned to add Nate Covington to Information Services Committee, which was seconded. No objections were raised and Mr. Covington was added to the committee.

Mr.Fetsko motioned for the Board to increase the budget for the Information Services Committee to \$750.00, which was seconded. Mr.Robb offered a friendly amendment to increase the budget to \$1000.00, which was seconded and accepted. Discussion was held. Mr.Deal moved to call the question with no objection. The question was called and the motion passed. Information Services will have an annual budget of \$1000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 AM, Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bonnie Flaherty.

Approved 2.19.2022