

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, December 18, 2021

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. - Liz Terwilliger

Bucks Co. - Adam Nutter/Joe Bissol

Butler Co. - Lawrence Fine

Capitol Area - Luke Ensor

Central Area - Joseph Soloski (partial)

Chester Co. - Stephen Warhaftig

Delaware Co. - Greg Burton

Franklin Co. - Herb Ruquet

Lancaster Co. - Adam Galek

Lebanon Co. - Samuel Goodhand

Lehigh Valley - Christopher Murphy

Luzerne Co. - Michelle Merino

Lycoming Co. - Ed Ploy

Monroe Co. - Joel Getz

Montgomery Co. - Marc Bozzacco

Northampton Co. - Svend La Rose/Matt Hackenburg

Philadelphia Co. - Robert Gerenser

Schuylkill Co. - Mitchell Mankiewicz/Avery Rumberger (partial)

Susquehanna Valley - Ryan Bourinski

Wayne/Pike - Johnny Robinson

Westmoreland Co. - Bill Cox

York Co. - Tim McMaster

Elections Committee - Chuck Moulton

Finance Committee - John Waldenberger

Information Services Committee - John 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, 5:04 PM EST

The meeting opened with a motion made by Sam Robb to end the meeting with a “hard stop” of 7 pm, which was seconded by Nicole Schultz. John Waldenberger offered a friendly amendment to end the meeting at 7:30 pm. Marc Bozzacco offered an amendment to recess at 7 pm instead. John Fetsko offered a point of information that the board could motion to extend time at the “hard stop” point. Chairwoman Moore objected to the amendment to recess citing scheduling conflicts surrounding the holidays. Rob Cowburn requested that this item be tabled until after the agenda was approved. There were no objections, and the item was tabled.

The second item addressed was the approval of the last meeting’s minutes, during which no corrections or objections were raised, and the minutes were approved.

The meeting next moved to the approval of the agenda. Chairwoman Moore mentioned that both Marc Bozzacco and the Membership Committee had submitted agenda items after her deadline. Mr. Bozzacco’s policy manual changes were submitted at the time of Chairwoman Moore’s preparation of the agenda items, Membership Committee’s proposal came in days later (Thursday or Friday). Rob Cowburn motioned to add to new business the addition of Laura Hackenburg to Membership Committee. Chairwoman Moore alerted Mr. Cowburn that Membership Committee was full, but that Ms. Hackenburg could serve in a volunteer position. Kristine Womack confirmed that the committee was full as far as “voting” members were concerned. The motion did not need a vote, as Mr. Cowburn relayed that he would connect Ms. Hackenburg with the chair of Membership Committee. Adam Galek motioned that the PBAC item be added to the top of the agenda to be considered immediately following the approval of the agenda. Nicole Schultz seconded. Ryan Bourinski offered a friendly amendment to move all New Business to the top of the agenda. Mr. Galek did not accept the amendment. Multiple objections were raised regarding the original motion. Mr. Galek stated that he would yield to the item in which the board would recognize Wayne/Pike as having board representation but verified that he would like the item to be immediately following, prior to any reports. Multiple objections were raised again; some citing Robert’s Rules in that reports, old business, then new business is the proper order of a meeting. Ryan Bourinski moved to call the question. The question was called. John Waldenberger seconded. One objection was raised, but the motion ultimately passed. PBAC was moved up on the agenda immediately following the Vice Chair report. Mr. Bozzacco motioned to add three policy manual changes to the agenda as

well as the proposal that the Membership Committee sent after the deadline. Chairwoman Moore stated that there was plenty of time for the board to inspect the policy manual changes and spoke to the motion. Sam Robb offered a friendly amendment that the Membership Committee's proposal be added to the top of New Business. Mr. Bozzacco accepted this amendment and requested that the discussion not exceed 15 minutes. No objections were raised and the motion passed. The items were added to the agenda. Steve Scheetz moved to accept the agenda as amended, which was seconded by Joel Getz. The agenda was accepted.

Adam Reinhardt petitioned the board to recognize the Wayne/Pike affiliate to have board representation and relayed that he submitted signatures to the Secretary. The affiliate was recognized with no objection. Mr. Johnny Robinson was named as the board representative in attendance of the meeting.

Next, a tabled motion from earlier in the meeting made by Sam Robb was revisited in which he motioned to end the meeting with a "hard stop" at 7pm, after which Mr. Waldenberger offered a friendly amendment to end at 7:30pm. Mr. Robb accepted the amendment. Joel Getz seconded the motion. Chairwoman Moore declared a "hard stop" of 7:30pm and did not call a vote.

Ryan Bourinski motioned to limit all debate during the meeting to 1 minute per speaker and 15 minutes total. Joel Getz seconded this motion. Svend La Rose objected, offering a friendly amendment of 2 minutes per speaker. This amendment was not accepted. Adam Galek offered a friendly amendment to limit to 1.5 minutes per speaker. Mr. Bourinski accepted this amendment. Chairwoman Moore reminded the board that they may motion to extend time on each debate throughout the meeting. This motion passed without objection.

Adam Galek motioned for the board to endorse the efforts of the PBAC (Pennsylvania Ballot Access Commission) referring to documents submitted to the board in advance of the meeting. The requested resolution is as follows:

"The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Resolution adopted this xxth day of December, 2021

Whereas, the two old declining parties have conspired to erect artificial barriers to restrict ballot access so as to deny their competition access to general election ballots, and

Whereas, in 2016, several aspects of said ballot access laws were declared unconstitutional by a federal court as a suppression of free speech, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has so far declined to remedy said constitutional defects, forcing the state to operate under a federal court injunction for years, and

Whereas, the two old declining parties have also conspired to force Pennsylvania taxpayers to pay all costs for primary elections which in fact are the internal nominating process of private political organizations, and

Whereas, by no stretch of imagination could Pennsylvania's current ballot access laws be considered compliant with Article I, Section 5, of Pennsylvania's constitution which requires that "Elections shall be free and equal..." and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition (PBAC) is proposing legislation known as "The Political Party Equality Act" which would remedy all of these defects as well as greatly simplify the artificial complexity of Pennsylvania ballot access law and bring it into compliance with both the US Constitution and Pennsylvania's own constitution,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania wholeheartedly endorses and supports passage of a Political Party Equality Act in accordance with the PBAC proposal."

Mr. Galek and Roy Minet spoke to this motion. Discussion was held at length. Luke Ensor seconded the original motion. The motion passed with no objection. The board endorsed the PBAC efforts.

Next on the agenda was public comment. Public comment was limited to 15 minutes with preference given to non-board members, during which several members offered opinion-based discussion. Grant Meckley posed several questions regarding the Judicial Committee, expressing a need for a policy manual and access to CiviCRM for the purpose of emailing. Bridgette Reinsmith volunteered to work with others on a convention credentialing policy.

Next on the agenda, Nicole Shultz delivered the Treasurer's Report, in which she reported that the checking account had a current balance of \$10,238.82, and the endowment fund had a current balance of \$2,498.08. These reports were sent to the board email list during the meeting. Ms. Shultz reported that the Endowment Fund must have a balance of \$2500.00 in order to remain in good standing and to avoid bank fees, so she requested that the board allows her to maintain this amount each month by moving a minimal amount to maintain a \$2500.00 balance into the fund without need for approval each month in order to avoid further bank fees. Preston Smith motioned for this request, which was seconded by Kristine Womack. John Waldenberger offered a friendly amendment to bring the balance over by \$25 in order to avoid fees. Mr. Smith accepted this amendment. The motion passed without objection. Joseph Soloski motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Steve Scheetz. The motion passed without objection and the report was accepted.

Executive Director, Kevin Gaughen, gave report.

Secretary, Bonnie Flaherty, reminded board members to submit a list of ranked choice board representatives to both she and Chairwoman Moore for insurance purposes.

Next on the agenda was Old Business during which Marc Bozzacco motioned to issue Mr. Gaughen a formal warning in which if he were to use party data in such a way that is not allowed within party bylaws it would result in his immediate suspension from that party. Mr. Bozzacco spoke briefly to his motion referring to the last month's meeting. Chairwoman Moore stated that according to Robert's Rules, disciplinary action must be discussed in Executive Session, so any debate would have to move the meeting to such. Ryan Bourinski motioned to table the item "indefinitely." John Waldenberger seconded. Multiple objections to tabling were raised. A tiebreaker 17/17 vote by Chairwoman Moore led this motion to be tabled "indefinitely" 18/17.

Membership Committee next proposed that the motion that was voted on in a prior meeting to raise the membership dues at the top of 2022 be pushed back until after March 2022 Convention, citing an issue with recurring payments and credentialing issues. The committee requested that this change in fees occurs beginning March 7, 2022. Kristine Womack motioned for this proposal to be accepted. It was seconded by an unknown member. No objections were raised. The motion passed.

Next on the agenda was a proposal made by Larry Fine regarding electronic voting, which was sent to the board via email in advance of the meeting. Mr. Fine alerted the board that it would be able to participate in a 30 day trial for use of this software before making a final decision. Mr. Fine motioned to authorize the Executive committee to make the final decision on the purchase of this software, which is \$3767.00, of which he offered to cover \$1000.00, bringing the party obligation to \$2,767.00. This amount would cover 1000 person voting for the Convention in March 2022, as well as 200 person voting for a 12 month period. The 30 day trial period would cover the January meeting so that the board may have ease of decision. Steve Scheetz seconded the motion. Discussion was held at length during which Chairwoman Moore suggested a separate meeting to allow members to try the software. This idea was well received and decided upon. The original motion was amended to approve the expenditure and to reflect that on January 15 the board would decide whether to cancel the 30 day trial or follow through with the purchase. Multiple objections were raised. The motion passed 21/15.

Joel Getz motioned to extend the meeting time by up to 1 hour. Christopher Murphy seconded. Kristine Womack offered a friendly amendment of a "hard stop" at 8 pm. Mr. Getz did not accept the amendment and instead offered a 20 minute extension from the point beginning after the vote in order for Mr. Bozzocco's proposed policy manual changes to be addressed. A few objections were raised. The motion passed 30/6.

Marc Bozzacco presented several policy manual changes, which were sent to the board ahead of time via email. Several amendments were in the process of being workshopped and discussion was being held when the “hard stop” on the meeting was met. Ryan Bourinski moved to call the question. Multiple board members objected citing the “hard stop.”

The meeting ended at 8:04 PM without the motions on the floor being addressed.

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bonnie Flaherty.