



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OREGON

November 27, 1995

Steve Dasbach, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Dasbach:

As the CEO of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO), I write to request your assistance. The LPO is engaged in a factional fight. While this is our problem to resolve, events of the past few weeks cause me to make this request.

As general background, I believe you are already aware of the following occurrences within the LPO during 1995.

- Election of LPO State Committee members at our 1995 annual convention.
- My appointment by the State Committee to the post of CEO in accordance with our by-laws.
- Submission of a recall petition for five members of the State Committee in accordance with our by-laws.
- Official decisions of our Judicial Committee declaring that
  - the recall petition has been officially submitted and must be acted on by year end,
  - no recall election has yet been held,
  - elected members of the State Committee have been continuously serving,
  - State Committee meetings as reported by the elected LPO secretary are the official business of the LPO, and
  - other meetings claiming to be the State Committee are not the official business of the LPO.

With the above as background, the following events have recently occurred after, and despite, the rulings of the Judicial Committee.

- A faction claims that the five State Committee members have in fact been recalled.
- The faction held its own "State Committee" meeting to appoint new members to fill the supposedly vacant seats.
- The faction issued a press release announcing the recall and new appointments.
- LPO chairman Mike Wilson sent a letter to the bank where the LPO keeps its account. Wilson asserted that the LPO treasurer had been removed and instructed the bank to move all LPO funds to a new account. The bank, being used to some small organizations that change officers informally, carried out Wilson's instructions despite the fact he does not have signature authority for the account. This action by Wilson was illegal both by LPO by-laws and by Oregon common law.



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My concerns are the following.

- The illegal seizure of LPO funds speaks for itself.
- The media have received false press releases. The legitimate State Committee has delayed issuing its own press release to avoid putting the press in the position of deciding whom to believe, not because this is bad for the press but because it is bad for the LPO.
- There are two groups claiming to be the LPO State Committee. While it is unreasonable and certainly undesirable to expect Oregon's Secretary of State, Phil Kiesling, to step in and issue a ruling, this is what must eventually happen if Mr. Kiesling is presented with two State Committees each claiming legitimacy.

So finally, here is my request to you. Without endorsing any policy or viewpoint, I ask you to write a letter stating the following.

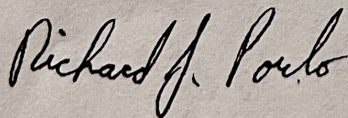
- The national Libertarian Party recognizes the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of Oregon to be the ultimate authority in interpreting the by-laws and all official business of the LPO, in accordance with LPO by-laws.
- The national Libertarian Party recognizes as valid the rulings the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of Oregon issued after its meetings on October 1, 1995 and November 19, 1995, in accordance with LPO by-laws.
- The national Libertarian Party recognizes that the current State Committee of the Libertarian Party of Oregon consists of the members elected at the 1995 annual convention plus me appointed later as CEO, in accordance with LPO by-laws. Please provide a list of all eleven members so there can be no confusion.

CEO	Richard Poulo	Director	Ralph Browning
Chairman	Mike Wilson	Director	Steve Dodds
Vice-chairman	Dan VanderPloeg	Director	Tom Marks
Treasurer	Paul Bonneau	Director	Tonie Nathan
Secretary	Evelyn Poulo	Director	Keith Swigart
Past chair	Gene Nanni		

Please send your letter directly to Phil Kiesling with copies to Norma Buckno (Program Coordinator in the Oregon Secretary of State's office), Tom Cox (LPO Judicial Committee chairman) and to me. Addresses for all are enclosed.

I thank you in advance for your assistance in helping the LPO adhere to its own operating procedures.

Sincerely,



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