



Libertarian Party of Michigan Delegate Selection Convention

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Eagle Eye Golf Club, Bath Twp, MI

Call to Order

The convention was called to order by LPM Chair Bill Hall at 2:05 pm.

Credentials Report

Larry Johnson of the credentials committee moved approval of the voting roll and the following report:
As of 2:05 pm, 82 delegates and no alternates had been credentialed (majority=42, 2/3rds=55, 7/8ths=72).

Scotty Boman moved to amend the report by seating James Weeks II as a delegate for the Livingston affiliate, who had not been credentialed due to his suspension from LPM membership until 5/29/18. In a counted vote, the motion to amend **failed** (27 for, 37 against).

Main motion to adopt the report **passed**.

James Hudler moved to add Ken Proctor as a delegate to the Huron-Raisin delegation. Motion **failed** to receive the 7/8ths required (62 for, 9 against).

Approval of Agenda

Jeff Wood moved adoption of the agenda; **passed**.

Jim Fulner moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda already adopted to strike the part of agenda item 5 dealing with the LEC approving future minutes; **failed**.

Approval of Convention Rules

Bill Gelineau moved approval of Convention rules.

Jeff Wood moved to amend item 6.f striking "a majority" replacing with "33 and 1/3" to read "A candidate must receive a vote equal to at least ~~a majority~~ 33 1/3 of the ballots cast for that office in order to be elected."

After discussion the Chair ruled a move to a vote. Jeff Wood appealed the ruling of the chair; the chair's ruling was **sustained**. Motion to amend **failed**.

Jim Fulner moved to extend time on this issue; **failed**.

Main motion **passed**.

Approval of Past/Future Minutes

Emily Salvette moved the approval of the LPM convention minutes from July 29, 2017; **passed**.

Emily Salvette moved to allow the Libertarian Executive Committee approve the minutes of this convention at a subsequent LEC meeting; **passed**.

Selection of National Convention Delegates

Ballots were distributed to the delegates that included the names of those who had notified the secretary of their interest in being a delegate or alternate to the national convention. The secretary reported that Jay Gillotte's name had been left off the printed ballot due to her error and asked voters to write it in the delegate column.

Emily Salvette moved to remove John Salvette's name from the delegate column and accept all 35 remaining names on the distributed ballot as delegates to the 2018 national convention and consider them elected, then proceed immediately to take nominations from the floor for additional alternate names.

After debate the question was called; **passed**.

Main motion **passed**.

Nominations for alternates to the national convention were opened to add to the names of Linda Moore and Ray Warner who were already printed on the ballot.

- Keith Butkovich nominated himself
- Emily Salvette nominated John Salvette
- James Hudler nominated Steve Perkins
- Bob Broda nominated himself
- Jeff Wood nominated Fred Horndt
- Jim Young nominated himself

Jeff Wood nominated James Weeks II. Chair Hall ruled this out of order as Weeks' LPM membership is suspended. Jeff Wood appealed the ruling of chair, which was **sustained**.

- Adam Zientarski nominated Greg Creswell
- Scotty Boman nominated Mark Ashley Price
- Keith Butkovich nominated Chris Sharer
- Jason Brandenburg nominated JJ McCurry
- Mike Saliba nominated Ben Dryke and Nikki Peel
- Dana Carver nominated herself

Jim Fulner moved to accept the list of alternates, consider them elected, and allow the delegates to rank the alternates in order once they get to convention in New Orleans. After discussion, the question was called; **passed**. The main motion **failed**.

Guest Speakers

While the tellers (Jim Fulner, Jeff Pittel and Larry Johnson) were counting the 76 ballots returned, the convention business continued.

Candidates for Libertarian National Committee Vice Chair spoke:

- Joe Hauptman
- Tim Yow spoke for Alex Merced
- James Weeks II

Officer Reports

Chair – Bill Hall (see attached report)

Vice Chair – Tim Yow (see attached reports)

Vice Chair – Greg Stempfle (see attached report)

Greg Stempfle moved the convention support the following policy statement:

The LPM shall only provide party resources to candidates who have filed paperwork with the appropriate election officials and are members in good standing of the LPM.

Party resources, include but are not limited to: access to state party membership lists, access to the LPM website for candidate blogs and website hosting, and the state party newsletter.

These resources shall be made available to the candidate unless the LPM decides to withdraw support or “unendorse” a candidate by either a 2/3rds majority vote by members of the LEC, or by a vote of a simple majority of delegates at the Fall LPM State Convention.

At the LPM’s Fall State Convention, delegates may also officially support or “endorse” candidates running for a nonpartisan office, as write-in candidates, or as candidates with no party affiliation.

Jim Fulner moved to amend the third sentence by striking “by either a 2/3rds majority vote by members of the LEC, or”; **failed**.

Main motion **passed**; division was called for: 53 for, 10 against.

Treasurer – Jason Brandenburg (see attached report)

Brandenburg addressed the email scam that cost the party a \$1,634.21 total loss. Fundraising was done to cover the loss and he reported that the party has received more than \$1,000 over and above what was stolen. Questions were asked of the treasurer including why the loss was not reported immediately to the LEC and membership.

Keith Butkovich moved to recall the treasurer, which the chair ruled out of order. Butkovich appealed the ruling of the chair; **sustained**.

Results of the alternates selection vote were announced:

Broda - 65 (elected)

McCurry - 57 (elected)

Creswell - 61 (elected)

Young - 56 (elected)

Peel - 54 (elected)
Carver – 54 (elected)
Warner - 52 (elected)
Moore - 51 (elected)
Salvette - 51 (elected)
Price - 49 (elected)

Dryke - 48 (elected)
Perkins - 47 (elected)
Horndt - 43 (elected)
Sharer - 42 (elected)
Butkovich - 19 (not elected)

James Weeks II received 14 votes and NOTA received 1.

Recess for Affiliate Caucus

The convention was recessed at 4:05 pm to hold a District 13 caucus to choose a replacement LEC representative. The convention reconvened at 4:13 pm and the chair announced Adam Zientarski is the new LEC District 13 Representative.

Pre-endorsement of Candidates

Emily Salvette moved to endorse Greg Stempfle for Secretary of State; **passed**.

Mike Saliba moved to extend the time of the convention by 15 minutes; **passed**.

Andy Evans moved to endorse Kerry Morgan for the Michigan Supreme Court partial term seat currently held by Elizabeth Clement; **passed**.

Resolutions

Bill Gelineau moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Libertarian Party of Michigan opposes local community ordinances that interfere with the right of any citizen seeking medical marijuana for pain relief to have access to marijuana in their community

Jim Fulner suggested striking the words “seeking medical marijuana for pain relief,” which was accepted by Gelineau. The resulting resolution, *Resolved, that the Libertarian Party of Michigan opposes local community ordinances that interfere with the right of any citizen to have access to marijuana in their community*, **passed unanimously**.

Adjournment

The convention was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Emily Salvette

LPM Secretary