

LPPA Board of Directors Meeting

April 10th, 2022

Affiliate Attendance:

Adams: Neil Belliveau	Franklin: Lori	Philadelphia: Audrey
Allegheny: Ross	McCullough	Danowski
Sylvester	Lackawanna: Mike	Potter: Kate Crosby
Beaver: Chuck Stadnick	Gibbons	Schuykill: Mitch
Berks: Pete Schwarze	Lancaster: Adam Gallek	Mankiewicz
Blair: Brain Goodnight	Lebanon: Sam	Susquehanna Valley:
Bradford: Liz Terwilliger	Goodhand	NOT FILLED
Bucks: Adam Nutter	Lehigh: Eric Hagan	Tioga: NOT PRESENT
Butler: Jon Raso	Luzerne: Michelle	Washington: NOT
Capitol Area: Luke	Merino	PRESENT
ENSOR	Lycoming: Ed Ploy	Wayne Pike: NOT
Carbon: NOT PRESENT	Monroe: Joel Getz	PRESENT
Central Area: NOT	Montgomery: Marc	Westmoreland: Jamie
PRESENT	Bozzacco/ Joseph Van	Smith
Chester: Dan Truitt	Wagner	York: Jacob Winograd/
Delaware: Greg Burton	Northampton: Matt	Justin Wray
Erie: NOT PRESENT	Hackenburg	

Committee Attendance:

Elections: Chuck	Legal Action: NOT	Media Relations: Tim
Moulton	PRESENT	McMaster
Finance: Deborah	Legislative Action: Mike	Membership: Michael
Burton	Heise/ Caleb Shreve	Mastracola
Information Services:		
John Fetsko		

Executive Committee Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to order at 5:11pm

1. Roll Call vote to hold the meeting:
 - a. Voice Vote: Passed (unanimous)
2. Approval of minutes:
 - a. February 19th meeting minutes approved with two corrections.
 - b. Convention minutes approved with no additions or corrections.
 - c. Post convention, March 6th minutes approved with no additions or corrections.
 - d. Remaining minutes were requested to be sent to the BoD to be looked over and approved at the May meeting. (March 12th, April 4th and current minutes)
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. Small adjustments were made to the agenda, and approved.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Monroe: Motion to limit public comment to one minute per speaker with a total of ten minutes for public comment
 - b. Montgomery: Second
 - c. Media Relations: Objection. Too short. Offered Ammdement to ten speakers, and three minutes each.
 - d. Bradford: Second
 - e. Montgomery: Offered compromise of five speakers and two minutes per speaker.
 - f. Media Relations: Accepted.
 - g. Approved time limit on public comment.
 - i. Lindsay Goodhand: Thanks the Western Region (Allegheny, Butler, and Westmoreland counties) for hosting their local meet and greets.
 - ii. Larry Fine: Spoke to uring the board to use caution when handling the disbanding of committees that is on the agenda.
 - iii. Gabrielle Monroe: Spoke on multiple issues, and added a full comment in the chat. Called for resignation of several Executive Committee members.
 - h. Berks: Motion to close public comment
 - i. Multiple seconds. Public comment closed.
5. Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. Western Vice Chair:
 - i. Working with Cambria, Indiana, and Somerset Counties to form a new regional affiliate called the Allegheny Highlands Libertarian Party.
 - ii. Venango and Greene counties have started the process of getting an affiliate up and running.
 - iii. Meet and greet this past weekend went well.
 - b. Central Vice Chair:
 - i. Working on reaching out to the BoD reps and chairs of each local affiliate.

- ii. Organized a signal chat for communications between the affiliates.
 - iii. Might have a candidate for the 80th district.
 - iv. Offering support for the Treasurer during the transition phase.
- c. Eastern Vice Chair:
- i. Touched base with all chairs of affiliates except Berks.
 - ii. Got a chat together and working on a few things.
 - iii. Unable to reach the Wayne/Pike affiliate, and is afraid we may lose them.
 - iv. Sunday, May 15th scheduled meet up in Philadelphia.
 - v. April 23rd, will be in Bradford.
 - vi. Just had a recent call with the majority of the state representative candidates.
- d. Secretary:
- i. Updated the Board of Elections with Bylaws, and new officers.
 - ii. Purchased the SURE Data list and shared it with Information Services.
 - iii. Filed the reports from the county affiliates and uploaded them into the Nextcloud account.
 - iv. Currently working on committee membership lists.
 - v. Updating the county affiliate database.
 - vi. Working with Information Services on the BoD list and alternate rep list.
 - vii. Updated the bylaws changes from the 2022 convention.
 - viii. Currently updating the Policy Manual with the recent changes.
 - ix. Working on a SOP for the Secretary position.
 - x. Building a physical folder for the Secretary to keep.
 - xi. Working with Information Services on scanning credentialing paperwork from convention to get new members updated in CRM.
 - xii. Working on welcome email from the Executive Committee.
 - xiii. Working on uploading Executive Committee pictures to the website.
 - xiv. Organizing physical assets received after convention.
- e. Treasurer:
- i. Ending balance as of April 8th: \$12,498.97. Included in that amount is the endowment balance of \$2,523.04
 - ii. Checking Account balance: \$9,975.93
 - iii. One convention balance outstanding: Jo Jorgensen: \$616. Trying to locate an address to send payment.
 - iv. Total cost of convention: \$27,876.47, that did not include the \$1,000 deposit when the hotel was booked. Also did not include the money spent for badges and voting books.
 - v. With all said, convention cost roughly \$30,000.
- Chair opened floor for questions for the Treasurer.
 - Elections: Asked what the revenue was for the convention, and how it compared with the expenses.
 - Treasurer: Basket raffle brought in \$949.70, but she does not have a complete look at all the convention revenue at this time.

- Chair: Clarification. Was the cost of convention less than, more than, or equal to the revenue generated by convention.
- Treasurer: Still going through the data, but believes it to be about even.
- Chair: Was the Treasurer given a list of expenses from the convention committee?
- Treasurer: No. Absolutely not.
- Chair: Suggested that is a good place to start.
- Monroe: Motioned to get the expense and revenue reports from the Convention Committee.
- Eastern Vice Chair: Second
- No objection.
- Lebanon: Looking to understand the outstanding balance that money owed to Mr. Gaughen may have come to claim. Has that come through yet?
- Not yet, but until we deal with it, it is still outstanding. Roughly \$26,000.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Bradford: Question about the stacked ballot candidates. Would like the BoD to make a decision on what to do and the LPPA stance regarding stacked nomination papers.
- b. Elections: Main things the Elections Committee has been working on is getting ready for a paid petition drive, and getting petitions ready for candidates.
- c. Elections: Spoke to stacking nomination papers and the controversy recently involved with that.
- d. Allegheny: Questioned Elections regarding crossing off names on the nomination paperwork.
- e. Elections: The Bureau of Elections judges petitions on a per person basis. If a name is crossed off the paperwork, the signatures collected will not count for that specific person, but will count for all others whose names are not crossed off.
- f. Lancaster: Question. If someone was determined, could they get these petitions by themselves from the Bureau of Elections?
- g. No. The Bureau of Elections will not give out minor party nomination papers to individuals. It will give out political body papers, but not minor party papers.
- h. Eastern Vice Chair: Question. Out of the entire group of candidates, what percentage of candidates do not support the stacked ballots?
- i. Elections: Only 1, but that individual's nomination was rescinded by their county affiliate.
- j. Berks: Questioned what percentage of the vote does the LPPA need to receive in statewide race to keep minor political party status.
- k. Elections: Any statewide race needs to get 2% of the top vote getter to retain minor party status.
- l. Bradford: The LPPA shouldn't be providing petitions without stacked names, but as Libertarians shouldn't be forcing individuals to collect if they do not want to.
- m. Elections: That is his position, but will do what the BoD instructs.

- n. Montgomery: Motion to instruct the Elections Committee to only provide stacked nomination papers, and only accept stacked nomination papers. Also, notify county affiliates that the LPPA is only accepting stacked nomination papers.
- o. Eastern Vice Chair: Second
- p. Lebanon: Objection to only accepting stacked forms on the basis that it is not libertarian to force someone to do something.
- q. Bradford: Motion to divide the motion.
- r. Monroe: Second
- s. Further debate regarding stacked nomination papers was held.
- t. Delaware: Called Question.
- u. Monroe: Second.
- v. Capital Area: Clarification: Only voting on the 1st part of the motion since it was divided.
- w. Voice Vote: Passed
 - i. The BoD will instruct the Elections Committee to only provide stacked nomination papers passes.

Motion on 2nd half of the divided motion: To only accept stacked nomination papers.

- a. Montgomery: Called Question.
- b. Bradford: Requested roll call vote.
- c. More debate on the second half of the question.
- d. Voice Vote (Question): Passed.
 - i. Lehigh abstains
- e. Roll Call Vote on the 2nd half of the motion: Yes: 10 No: 20 Abstain: 8
- f. Motion fails. The LPPA will not instruct the Elections Committee to only accept stacked nomination papers.
- g. Full instruction to the Elections Committee: The BoD will instruct the Elections Committee to only provide stacked nomination papers, and only accept stacked nomination papers. Also, notify county affiliates that the LPPA is only providing stacked nomination papers.
- h. IS: Will send written Committee Report to the BoD.

7. Announcements:

- a. Tim McMaster has resigned as chair of the Newsletter Committee.
- b. Lindsay Goodhand is the new chair of the Affiliate Support Committee.
- c. Joseph Van Wagner has resigned from the Membership and Elections Committees.

Old Business:

8. Convention Bids:

- a. Berks County presented 2023 Convention bid proposal. Proposal presented by Pete Schwarze.
- b. Bucks County presented 2023 Convention bid proposal. Proposal presented by Alison Graham.
- c. Discussion and debate regarding venues, and financials of the convention.

- d. Monroe: Motion to vote on the 2023 Convention bids right now.
- e. Montgomery: Second.
- f. No Objection. The BoD will vote now on the 2023 Convention bids.
- g. Roll Call Vote: Berks: 24 Bucks: 6 Abstain: 6
- h. Berks County wins the bid to host the 2023 Convention.

9. Changing the Party Address:

- a. Lebanon: Motion to take up the physical address issue, and have it changed from Dan Wassmer's address, so the party can use it appropriately.
- b. Berks: Second
- c. No objection
- d. Treasurer: The Union Deposit Road address is a UPS Store, and the LPPA still has access to it.
- e. Richard Schwarz: The Union Deposit Road address has been our official address for many years. He recommends the BoD renews for another six months at least. Payment was due on April 3rd.
- f. Alison Graham: Gave information on physical address and using their services.
- g. Montgomery: Motion to create a temporary working committee to take care of research, and find a physical address. The yearly amount should be \$500 or less.
- h. Berks: Second
- i. Discussion on two addresses and a physical address. Also, members who will serve on the working committee, and timeline it should be completed in.
- j. Motion reads: Motion to create a temporary working committee empowered to find a registered agent with a cap of \$500 for the year, and add Alison Graham and the Treasurer to the working committee.
- k. Multiple seconds.
- l. Montgomery: Called Question
- m. No Objection.
- n. Voice Vote: Passed
- o. Motion to create a temporary working committee empowered to find a registered agent with a cap of \$500 for the year, and add Alison Graham and the Treasurer to the working committee passes.

10. Previous Secretary motion regarding Standing Committees:

- a. Lackawanna: I hereby motion that Board of Directors to require at least one meeting per quarter, as well as quarterly reporting to be submitted to the Secretary in written form from all Standing Committees. Failure to do so will result in an immediate reorganization of the committee, and the committee board vote will be suspended until reorganization takes place.
- b. Reasoning: Standing Committees with board votes should have the same requirements as county and regional affiliates.
- c. Eastern Vice Chair: Second
- d. No Objection
- e. Voice Vote: Passed

- f. Chair: Instructed the Secretary to update the Policy manual to reflect this change.

11. Information Services Member Privacy Policy:

- a. Information Services: It is pretty common to have a privacy policy on the outside of a website so people know how their data is going to be used.
- b. The Privacy Policy will read: *This website is owned by the LPPA. We respect your privacy and we want to let you know what information is and is not collected on the website, and how it is and is not used. We can be reached by email at privacy@lppa.org. This website collects some personal data from its users. The LPPA is committed to protecting the privacy of visitors to its website, as well as our members and volunteers. The LPPA has established this privacy policy to explain what information we collect through our website and how it is used, as well as protections for its members and donors personal information, and protect personal identifiable information (PII) from abuse. LPPA's use of information in general: LPPA uses the information provided by you to further its platform, including to advance liberty, defend freedom, and innovate and protect your rights in the political world. We may share information with authorized organizational divisions, as well as with legitimate data processors. Personal Identifiable Information (PII) shall be protected from public release, unless a member gives us express consent by written or electronic means, or otherwise prescribed by law.*
- c. Information Services: There is already a provision in the bylaws to have a privacy policy in place, but nobody ever got around to writing it up until now.
- d. York: This is a good starting point, but is lacking some information. Does not believe it is ready to be posted publicly to the website. Suggested workshopping it some more to clear a few things up.
- e. Motion to commit this policy back to Information Services to workshop, then be empowered to incorporate it onto the LPPA website.
- f. Multiple seconds.
- g. Voice vote: Passed
- h. Chair: Instructed Information Services to email the BoD the finalized member privacy policy when it was complete, then add it to the website.

12. Follow up on the Convention Committee decisions and refund requests.

- a. The Convention Committee convened and approved payment to Mr. Waldenberger in the amount of \$160.00 for gas to bring a speaker, and rental of his equipment. They denied the remainder of his request for a refund. The board did not empower the Convention Committee to make the payment; therefore, the recommendation is being brought to the board for final approval.
- b. Debate regarding legitimacy of gas expenses and services rendered during convention.
- c. Lycoming: These were legitimate expenses. Mr. Waldenberger gave a significant discount. Offered to pay for half (\$80.00) of this invoice.
- d. Eastern Vice Chair: Motion to disregard the recommendation of the Convention Committee, and have the BoD discuss what they want to do.
- e. Multiple seconds

- f. Secretary: Objection due to the BoD wanting to empower committees, and disregarding sets a bad precedent going forward.
- g. Legislative Action: Called question.
- h. Voice Vote (Question): Passed
- i. Voice Vote (Motion): Too close to call
- j. Secretary: Called for a roll call vote:
- k. Roll call vote: Yes: 12 No: 14 Abstain: 11
- l. The motion for the board to disregard the recommendation of the Convention Committee, and have the board discuss and decide this item fails.

Approval of \$160.00

- a. Schuylkill: Offered to pay the remaining \$80.00 of the invoice owed to Mr. Waldenberger. Urged the BoD to vote yes and dispose of the agenda item.
- b. Montgomery: Called question.
- c. Multiple seconds.
- d. Voice vote (Question): Passed
- e. Voice vote (Motion): Passed
 - i. Lehigh abstains
- f. Chair: Instructed the Treasurer to pay Mr. Waldenberger \$160.00 for his expenses. Lycoming and Schuylkill instructed to make appropriate donations to the LPPA via the website.

13. Lancaster Motion for the Board of Directors Recording Policy:

- a. Lancaster: Motion to adopt the Board of Directors Recording Policy, and add it to the Policy Manual. (Attached with minutes)
- b. Monroe: Second
- c. Information Services: Motion to commit this policy to the Information Services Committee.
 - i. Recognizes desire for transparency from the BoD, and wants to take this to the IS Committee and try to address the issues in a different way.
- d. Lycoming: Second
- e. Lancaster: Objection
- f. Montgomery: Second
- g. Montgomery: Spoke in favor of the original motion. Stated Lancaster has already workshopped this policy extensively.
- h. Lycoming: Appreciates Lancasters efforts to workshop, but seems there is a committee to do this. Thinks IS may want to reach out to other committees on the motion to get their input.
- i. Lancaster: Stated he reached out to IS informally 5 months prior, and formally 3 months prior to this item being taken up. Stated they had ample time to take this item up.
- j. Monroe: Called question.
- k. Eastern Vice Chair: Second
- l. Voice Vote (Question): Passed
- m. Voice Vote (IS Motion): Failed

Lancaster Policy Manual Change

- a. Lycoming: Spoke against the motion due to a lot of moving parts.
- b. Information Services: Numerous problems streaming to YouTube. Working on Nextcloud for a better members only experience. Spoke to Robert's Rules on recordings. Also, YouTube is not our friend.
- c. Monroe: Has not seen a proposal that has been workshopped this hard before, and is in support. Called question.
- d. Montgomery: Second
- e. Voice vote (Question): Passed
- f. Voice vote (Motion): Too close to call.
- g. Lebanon: Requested roll call vote.
- h. Roll call vote: Yes: 21 No: 11: Abstain: 4
- i. Motion regarding the Bod Recording Policy passes
- j. Chair: Instructed Secretary to update the policy manual with the approved changes.

14. Lancaster BoD Email Policy:

- a. Lancaster: This policy is to make sure Information Services has the correct email list, and to distinguish a difference in the BoD email list and the Member email list. This would be an addition to the Policy Manual.
- b. Information Services: Would like to take this off the BoD, and just get it done. IS is already empowered to make these kind of changes. Does not understand why we have to go to the BoD everytime we want something changed.
- c. Lancaster: Also presented this information informally to IS 5 months ago, and formally 3 months ago.
- d. Information Services: Spoke to using committees the way they were meant to be used.
- e. Montgomery: Called question
- f. Multiple seconds
- g. Voice vote (Question): Passed
- h. Lycoming: Requested roll call vote.
- i. Roll call vote (Question): Yes: 24 No: 4 Abstain: 7
- j. Question was called successfully.
- k. Voice Vote (Email Policy): Passed
 - i. Lehigh abstains
- l. Motion regarding the BoD Email Policy being added to the Policy manual passes.
- m. Chair: Instructed Secretary to update the policy manual with the approved changes.

15. Montgomery Section 7, Article 2 of the Policy Manual update:

- a. Lebanon: Motion to divide the three Policy Manual updates to be taken up individually.
- b. Eastern Vice Chair: Second
- c. Information Services: Questioned if these policy changes were committed to committee previously, which committee were they committed to?
- d. Montgomery: The purpose of committing to committee was related to adding names and email addresses to the website. He removed that language, and feels it met the requirements for the reason to commit to the committee. He is submitting again based on those changes.

- e. Monroe: Called question
 - f. Multiple seconds
 - g. Voice vote (Question): Passed.
 - h. Lycoming: Point of Procedure: His understanding is that instead of this being sent to committee, changes were made to the policy instead. Then, it was re-presented to the BoD without ever going to committee.
 - i. Information Services: The intent for it being committed to committee was for them to take it, and fix it up, not share it around, and make a few changes.
 - j. Montgomery: The biggest concern from Information Services specifically was the emails and names for committees. That concern was removed, hence why he brought it back to the BoD.
 - k. Lycoming: Not sure it is appropriate that the motion to commit these Policy Manual changes to committee passed, and it did not actually go to the committee.
 - l. Secretary: Pulled up the minutes from the original motion (February 19th, 2022).
 - m. Lebanon: If the board voted to commit this to committee, and it was never sent to committee, this should be out of order as old business and be brought up in new business.
 - n. Montgomery: Motion to move these to new business if that is the appropriate course of action.
 - o. Lycoming: Objects. It sets a bad precedent going forward.
 - p. Chair: Cites Robert's Rules of Order: 13-7-8: *"An affirmative vote on the motion to commit can be reconsidered if the committee has not begun consideration of the question. If the assembly wishes to take the question out of the hands of the committee, the motion to discharge a committee must be used."*
 - q. Montgomery: Has not heard from Information Services that it has been worked on.
 - r. Information Services: Work has begun on the email policy (1st of 3).
 - s. Secretary: Minutes regarding these motions: 1st policy was tabled. 2nd and 3rd were committed to committee.
 - t. Chair ruling: This has been referred to committee. If Montgomery wishes to take this out of committee, it would have to be in new business.
16. Motion to table all new business:
- a. Eastern Vice Chair: The BoD got a lot of work done in the last five hours. Motion to table all new business and reconvene in two weeks to address it.
 - b. Multiple seconds.
 - c. Monroe: Asked for specific date and time for reconvening.
 - d. Lebanon: Still have convention funds to address, so the LPPA can make the appropriate deposit.
 - e. Eastern Vice Chair: Rescinds motion to table and reconvene.
17. Motion to approve 2023 Convention deposit.
- a. Capital Area: Motion to suspend the rules and take up the 2023 Convention funds
 - b. Lebanon: Second
 - c. No objection

- d. Voice vote: Passed
- e. Monroe: Motion to approve \$2,500 deposit for the 2023 Convention.
- f. Multiple seconds
- g. No objection
- h. No debate
- i. Voice vote: Passed
- j. The LPPA has approved \$2,500 for the deposit for the 2023 Convention to the Double Tree Hotel in Reading, PA.

18. Eastern Vice Chair: Motion to adjourn and reconvene on 04/24/22 at 5:00pm to take up new business.

- a. Multiple seconds
- b. No objection
- c. Voice vote: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

Minutes submitted by:

Gregory Deal
Secretary
Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

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