

LPWI Excom Meeting Minutes

July 29th, Milwaukee Conference Room
1441 North Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI

Meeting called to order by Chairman Linda Sturtzen at approximately 11:20AM

Roll Call: Excom members attendees

Linda Sturtzen – Party Chairman
Jacob Burns – Party Vice Chairman
John Gatewood – Party Secretary
Jim Sewell – 1st District Representative (Primary)
Stu Seffern – 2nd District Representative (Primary)
Tim Peterson – 5th District Representative (Primary)
Leroy Watson – 5th District Representative (Alternate)
Jim Mass – 7th District Representative (Alternate)
Dave Hendrickson – 1st At Large Representative

Non-Excom members attendees:

Julie Fox
Bo Boucheau (spelling??)
Todd Kopecky (attended first 15 minutes of the meeting)

Excom Positions Absent:

Party Treasurer Markus Rostig (Excused, report submitted)
3rd District Representative – Randy Palmer
4th District Representative – Mike McKenna
8th District Representative – Ralph Klingsporn (we are having trouble locating him)
2nd At Large Representative – Kevin Scott Schultz

Excom Positions Vacant:

6th District Representation

A quorum consists of 7 voting members, 8 voting members were present

Due to Todd needing to leave, we moved the agenda items of Status of Telemarketing and Status of the State Fair to the first items on the agenda per Tim Peterson's suggestion.

Old Business: Status of Telemarketing contract and State Fair

The original telemarketing contract voted on at the April 21st Excom is now signed by both the LPWI (Markus Rostig) and Todd Kopecky. Linda stated she believes this is not valid since certain corrections are needed.

Todd gave a status update on the State Fair. He said he could still use a few shift volunteers (there are two shifts, an early AM to 3PM and 3PM until close). All is set for the booth and for LPWI presence at the State Fair.

Due to continued friction between the LPWI chairman and the LPWI Telemarketing contractor, it was decided going forward that the LPWI vice-chairman would represent the LPWI in all future contact with the LPWI Telemarketing contractor, This is effective immediately.

Discussion followed on a need of the Excom to be aware of financial transactions and for the LPWI chairman to be able to sign for expenditures.

Motion: Chairman to have cosigning authority for expenditures (signing authority), viewing/audit access for all officers (add Vice-chairman and Secretary). Access to be completed before next Excom meeting.

By: Stu Seffern

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried

Jim Maas pointed out that there is a By-Law requirement for an annual audit. The viewing/audit access carried in the previous motion allows officers to conduct this audit. The Vice-chairman and Secretary will conduct this audit once viewing authority is granted.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the April 21 Excom meeting were distributed and partially read by the Secretary. Tim Peterson liked the report on the affiliates from Jim Maas in the minutes and suggested the Secretary continue this. There were a couple of minor corrections noted to the minutes.

Motion: Accept the April 21 Excom meeting minutes as read and corrected.

By: Jim Maas

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried

Chairman Report

Linda Sturtzen gave the chairman's report. She reported on a recent speaking engagement at Madison East High School on Friday, May 1 at which both she and Dave Hendrickson spoke. The speeches were well received.

Linda has purchased a software product called CardScan which is very nice for

field use by activists and volunteers. Contacts can be immediately entered in the field and later exported to a DB or spreadsheet. Non-technical easy-to-use user interface. Linda is using this for Madison area contacts now. Will do other areas later.

Linda reported on current activities by affiliate organizations:

Milwaukee area LP: Shelly Lemar is new chairman and is actively engaged.

Linda is vice-chairman, Pam Owens is Treasurer. Tim Peterson to speak at next meeting.

Dane County LP: Idle this summer. Terry and Nathan are both want to be active, but very busy now with other activities.

Eau Claire LP: No chairman currently, Randy Palmer is contact.

Racine LP: Strongest affiliate, George Meyers is chairman

Linda reports that Todd Kopecky has most of LPWI history and documents.

Jacob Burns will ask Todd for all that Todd has, which for now will be stored at Linda's home. We hope to get a free office at this site, and if so we can store the documents in that office.

Linda is Working with Andy Sutton who is still hosting the LPWI Web site. Jim Maas suggests we pay Andy for the hosting which has thus far not been compensated by the LPWI. Tim Peterson volunteered to send \$50 to Andy via an Egold personal account (no Excom reimbursement – Thanks Tim!)

Linda reports the 800 number has been very idle this summer. She is answering all calls and very few have come in.

We need to have contacts from last year's State Fair entered into some DB from paper on which they were received. Todd is reportedly working on that now.

Motion: Accept the Chairman's report as read

By: Tim Peterson

Second: Jim Sewell

Result: Carried

Treasurer Report

John Gatewood distributed copies of the report, covering through June 30 2007, which Markus Rostig had posted to the Files section (3 separate files comprise the report), and read the Profit and Loss statement. Tim Peterson pointed out the State Fair expense is all in the first half of the year, while income from it is all in the second half. Discussion then went into details of the State Fair itself. Todd needs to provide better details of items sold and expense/income/profit numbers. Jacob will work with Todd to attempt to get a better agreement for

the LPWI share of the profit. Tim Peterson suggested we should see a break even of expense vs income for the LPWI from this year's State Fair.

We need to retrieve LPWI inventory from Todd Kopecky and store it for now in Linda's home, later in an LPWI office. There is a possibility of an office at no cost in the building where we are meeting now (1441 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee)

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's report as read

By: Tim Peterson

Second: Jacob Burns

Result: Carried

Old Business:

We discussed need to move Jim Maas from Alternate to Primary for 7th district representation.

Motion: Move Jim Maas from 7th district Alternate to 7th district Primary

By: John Gatewood

Second: Jim Sewell

Result: Carried

Julie Fox reported on April 21 Annual State Convention finances. 35 attendees, 33 paid. Ed Thompson would not accept payment for the LPWI room at his supper club since we did eat there. The speakers were generally well accepted. Discussed possibly separating Excom meeting from the general convention, or making convention 2 days long since there is a time crunch for Excom business.

Linda stated that LPWI Constitution and By-laws revised based on changes approved at annual convention in April are now linked on the LPWI Web site.

New Business:

A Judicial committee was formed.

Motion: Appoint LPWI Judicial committee consisting of the following 4 members: Stu Seffern (chairman), Tim Peterson, Julie Fox and Ben Masel

By: John Gatewood

Second: Jim Maas

Result: Carried

We discussed appointing a Platform committee, but no action was taken. Jim Maas suggested that when we do form this committee, its members should be well versed on issues and be good writers. Tabled until next meeting.

We discussed planning of the 2008 annual convention. Julie will help, but does not want to lead the effort. Julie indicated it should be a big turnout since it is a presidential election year. Discussed having a committee of 3 or 4 people to plan the convention.

Motion: Appoint 2008 Annual Convention committee consisting of the following 4 members: Julie Fox (chairman), Jacob Burns, Stu Seffern and Rolf Lindgren

By: Jacob Burns

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried

We discussed on-line privacy concerns for sensitive Excom business. We will communicate using direct email addresses when the matter is deemed sensitive.

We discussed on-line polling/voting on Excom matters. It seems too easy to get binding resolutions passed without full understanding or discussion using on-line polls.

Tim Peterson suggested polling moderator be a separate position on Excom. Possibly the Judicial committee can provide a recommendation on this.

Tim Peterson suggested that a poll leads to an on-line (virtual) meeting, and he offered the phone system at his office to conduct virtual meetings. We need to consider all of this further before a permanent solution is offered, but the following motion will cover this until the next Excom meeting.

Motion: The Excom Yahoo list polls shall only be binding for the purpose of establishing a meeting to be conducted either in person or on-line(virtual) unless otherwise approved by the Chairman. Effective only until the next Excom meeting.

By: Jacob Burns

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried

This means that unless the Chairman approves of an on-line poll to conduct party business, the on-line poll may only be used to call either a face-to-face or virtual meeting at which party business can occur. This constraint expires as of the next Excom meeting.

We will consider making this permanent and recommend it be added to the By-laws at the next Excom meeting.

Motion: The next Excom meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, in Madison at a location to be determined.

By: Jacob Burns

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried

We agreed that the 2008 Annual convention is to be held at the Coliseum Bar in Madison
(no motion)

Linda will use the discretionary amount (\$75) to purchase items needed for LPWI office (phone, general office supplies) which will be in her home for now and moved to the office we hope to acquire.

Meeting Adjourned:

At approximately 3PM, the following motion carried.

Motion: This Excom meeting is adjourned

By: Jacob Burns

Second: Tim Peterson

Result: Carried