

Executive Committee Meeting
January 29, 2005
Tomah, Wisconsin

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Thompson. Roll call showed in attendance Thompson, Secretary Maas, At Large Rep Ender, Dist 1 Rep and Alternate Sewell and Bernau, District 2 Alternate Augustine, District 5 Rep and Alternate Keil and Stanley, District 6 Alternate Rostig. Guests included Julie Cordry and Dave Harmon.

District 8 Rep Leyendecker was absent. Absent without notice were Vice Chair Mueller, Treasurer Mohn, Past Chair Collison, At Large Rep Haynes, Dist 2 Rep Masel, Dist 3 Rep Peralta and Alternate Kettner, Dist 4 Rep Mckenna, Dist 6 Rep Piergrossi, District 7 Alternate Biebesheimer, and Dist 8 Alternate Schwartz. Dist 7 primary rep Paul Ehlers has resigned again. Leyendecker made Ender his proxy by email previously. That was interpreted as another member attending and a quorum was present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary Maas. Motion to approve as corrected by Maas, second by Keil. Carried.

Tom Ender, Judicial Committee reported that no suggestions for constitution or bylaws changes have been received.

Ed gave the chair's report. He was invited to the People's Legislature event in Madison. He was the only speaker in favor of smaller government but got good news coverage. There will be similar events scheduled in other parts of the state. A press release on minimum wage got good coverage.

Secretary Maas reported that membership has dropped 30% since the last meeting since most annual membership expired on January 1. Presently at 182 paid members but we are hoping that lapsed members will be renewing soon. Excom members Piergrossi, Schwartz, Masel, Peralta, and Kettner are lapsed.

Finance — no report.

Platform Committee — Harmon asked for approval of a policy to conduct business electronically. Motion by Ender, second by Keil, to interpret "meeting" phrases to include electronic means for the Platform Committee. Carried.

Database — No report.

Sewell has managed to tweak things so we can enter National's updates on LP members and prospects. Maas will not be entering database info after the convention.

Convention — Stanley reported that a suitable site has been found at the Palace Restaurant in West Allis for the convention on Saturday, March 19. Michael Badnarik has agreed to be the main speaker. Assembly Representative Mike Woods will also

address the delegates. Badnarik will be conducting constitution classes in Wisconsin that week and will stay on Sunday for those who want to take his class. An announcement and pre-registration form will be mailed out.

Discussed pledges and membership. Need to resolve credit card payments. Ender will not be dealing with these issues after convention.

Campaigns — Jeremy Keil and Linda Stanley announced as candidates for chair. Marcus Rostig announced his candidacy for treasurer. Nominations for all offices are encouraged. Maas will not be a candidate for secretary.

Dave Harmon provided some background information on the duties of the secretary and on the evolution of the database. He recommended that the secretary supervise the various functions of the office rather than have to perform all of them.

The LPWI needs a campaign coordinator. A campaign committee was authorized at the November meeting. May discuss specific needs at convention and make appointments.

Newsletter — Barb Shibley claimed she sent a newsletter for printing to Craig Mohn before she left the state. No newsletter has gone out. Stanley will try to find it, revise and update and send out before convention.

Maas moved to recess for lunch. No second.

Affiliates — Maas requested clarification on the relationship between the LPWI and affiliates. Believes that there should be mutual benefits from LPWI recognition of affiliate status, such as collection of dues and affiliate members. Ender cited the constitutional provision that “the autonomy of the affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the Party.”

In the case of the fax to the State Elections Board by Marathon County Past Chair Kluz claiming the organization no longer exists, Ender pointed out that the former officers exceeded their authority and the MCLP remains recognized by the LPWI. The secretary was directed to inform the SEB that “revocation was without authority and should be considered null and void.”

Kirby Brant is the Libertarian on the SEB. He will be invited to the convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Lunch on Ed!

Respectfully submitted for approval,
Jim Maas
Secretary