

State Convention 2004
Baraboo, 4/17/04
Farm Kitchen

The convention was opened by chair Ed Thompson who welcomed members and outlined the agenda.

Secretary Jim Maas took roll call of the Excom. Missing were 2nd Dist Alternate Adrian Augustine, 3rd District representatives Paul Kitzmann and Carl Schoen, 5th District primary Dave Howard, 7th District representatives Tim Krenz and Paul Ehlers, 8th District primary Brian Pitlik.

Secretary reported on highlights from the past year of Excom meetings.

Treasurer Craig Mohn gave the treasurers report, attached.

Vice Chair Jim Mueller explained the background for incorporation and moved to dissolve the corporation. Second by Masel. Carried.

Meeting was recessed for district caucuses to fill vacancies, as needed. Kitzmann and Krenz submitted their resignations the morning of convention by e-mail.

Results of caucuses:

3rd District

Primary: Tom Peralta

Alternate: Dan Kettner

5th District

Primary: Jeremy Keil

Alternate: Linda Stanley

6th District

Alternate: Markus Rostig

7th District

Primary: Paul Ehlers

Alternate: John Biebeshiemer

8th District

Primary: Roy Leyendecker

Alternate: Doug Schwartz

Election of delegates to national convention.

Motion by Jim Mueller and Dave Harmon to elect the first 21 who are interested in representing the LPWI at the national convention. Carried. A roster was circulated for interested members.

Platform

Motion by Collison to adopt the existing platform. Second by Ender. Carried.

The chair urged members to treat each other well.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed for an Excom meeting and lunch.

Convention reconvened for a presentation by State Representative Jeff Woods, 67th district and former college libertarian. He presented information on "*Wisconsin Taxpayers Bill of Rights*"

Steve Sobiek, executive director of the Independent business Association of Wisconsin; spoke on "*Wisconsin politics, small business and the Libertarian Party*".

Libertarian candidates for 2004 introduced themselves, including Tom Kuester, Craig Mohn, Roy Leyendecker, and [Keith Deschler](#).

Ed Thompson gave the chairs report with his usual inspirational remarks, admonishing the members to get involved and work together for the ensuing year. Warned about "scaring people" and urged gradual reforms to achieve more liberty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting conducted informally by Chair Thompson.

Nick Piergrossi reported on the LPWI website. Some members urged that the website be maintained by a paid webmaster rather than volunteers. Information on website

Motion by Keil, second by Peralta to allocate up to \$1,000 for website fixing. Carried.

Motion by Keil to move \$1,000 to the Kuester campaign. Second by Sewell. Carried.

Ben Masel talked on election rules. Greens interested in working together on election rules. Masel and Lindgren were authorized to coordinate.

Motion by Ender and Thompson to dissolve the standing committees. Discussion followed on past problems and future reforms. Carried.

Newsletter editor must be found. Maas pointed out that, in addition to members we have subscribers who pay for a newsletter only.

Excom meeting scheduled for June 19 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Excom meeting adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Maas
Secretary