



# T LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

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## 2020 March LP Board Emergency Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5pm.

### Attendees

Victoria Reynolds, Eric Mulder, John Hjersman, Matt DiGiallonardo, Alexis Buschmann, Steve Gallant, Michael Stapleton, John Pickerill, Stacy Petty, Mike Spalding, David Aitken, Mike Seebeck, Kevin Gulbranson, Michele Poague, Richard Longstreth, Wayne Harlos, Beatriz Sutton, Brandon, Amy Lunde-Provines, Alicia Madison

**Chair** - Victoria Reynolds - Garfield County canceled all meetings of over 50 people and the sheriff has threatened to enforce this. As a result the hotel canceled our convention. HB20 1359. We are looking at alternate arrangements. We need to vote for candidates, delegates and bylaw changes.

**Mike Seebeck** - Alternate Plans - Michael Stapleton had the legislature add another week to the deadline for our convention to HB 1359. Mike Seebeck feels that we can use a 15 day notice for a special convention. He believes the state will allow this because their actions cancelled our regular meeting. He also believes as long as we appoint one delegate, we can later add more. He did note that board member's terms end at the convention.

**Michael Stapleton** - HB 1359 - He says our primary purpose is to select candidates for the ballot. He noted that it would be prudent to pre-credential convention voters. Also he requested that a separate committee should count the votes

**Michele Poague** - She believes the most important items are nominating candidates and one delegate. She advocated not doing a convention to avoid more cancellation problems. Poague noted that most of the speakers have already canceled. She said save the money and spare the speakers and just meet the minimum state requirements.

Mike Seebeck pointed out that we will not lose our minor party status if we don't nominate anybody.

**David Aitken** - He reminded us that we also have to choose new board members. And he said that we could do voter verification if they provided date of birth, voter id, and address.

**Eric Mulder** - Agrees that we shouldn't incur the expense of trying to set up another convention.

**Alexis Bushman** - She noted that we would have to refund convention tickets.

**John Pickerill** - Moved to adopt Michael Stapleton's proposal. It calls for a convention at the same time with remote call-in to nominate candidates, and elect delegates, and it covers a second cancellation with a meeting the next week at the Independence Institute. This was seconded. Pickerill amended his motion to include board elections and to specify the Sheraton.

Amendment: **For:** Vice Chair, Treasurer, Communications, Affiliates, Legislative, Outreach

Against: Secretary

Abstain: Campaigns

Motion - **For:** Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership, Outreach

Against: Secretary, Legislative

Abstain: Campaigns, Communications

The motion passes with the required 2/3 vote.

**Stacey Petty** - She is concerned that we should do something for the people who did pay for tickets. John Hjersman said we've collected \$11,766 in tickets and over \$5,000 in sponsorships. For the record Petty would be willing to drive even further for a different venue.

**Matt DiGiallonardo** - Noted that if the virus blows up, there might not be an election. He moved that Victoria Reynolds be given the ability to sign contracts and other activities as needed to change the convention at the Sheraton. Victoria reassured Pickerill that she would have a lawyer review contracts. Matt offered an amendment to the motion to require that a lawyer review contracts. Stapleton offered a 2nd

amendment requiring board approval of all bids. Mulder offered a 3rd amendment to require that any contract have a full refund in case of restrictive government action.

1st Amendment: **For:** Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Outreach, Campaigns, Communications, Affiliates

Against: Legislative, Membership

2nd amendment - **For:** Legislative, Membership, Communications

**Against:** Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Outreach, Affiliates, Campaigns

3rd amendment - **For:** Outreach, Legislative, Communications, Affiliates, Membership

Against: Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Campaigns

Motion - **For:** Vice Chair, Secretary, Legislative, Treasurer, Membership, Affiliates, Outreach, Communications, Campaigns

Against: none

**Wayne Harlos** - He stated that if we use the Sheraton that Victoria found, we would have an easier time getting a refund and we wouldn't have to refund the \$17k we've already collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

#### Approved Motions (as amended)

"Whereas, due to the restrictions placed upon the people of the state of Colorado by the state government of Colorado in light of the coronavirus SARS-COV2 outbreak, which forced the cancellation of the annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado,

"Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, in accordance with Article VIII of the Party Constitution, hereby call a Special Convention for the dates of April 4-5, 2020, convening at 8:15 AM on April 4, at 360 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO, 80228, with remote locations or remote connectivity to the proceedings to be determined, for the purposes of accomplishing necessary Party business of: 1) Nomination of Candidates; 2) Election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates; 3) Election of Director positions; and 4) Bylaws amendments.

"Alternatively, should that venue be canceled, Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, in accordance with Article VIII of the Party Constitution, hereby call a Special Convention for the date of April 13, 2020, convening at 6:00 PM, at The Independence Institute, 727 E 16th St., Denver, CO, 80203, with remote locations or remote connectivity to the proceedings to be determined, for the

purposes of accomplishing necessary Party business of: 1) Nomination of Candidates; 2) Election of at least one National Convention Delegate(s) and Alternate(s); and Election of Directors.”

Victoria Reynolds has the ability to sign contracts and other activities as needed to change the convention at the Sheraton. And that she be required to have a lawyer review contracts. And that any contracts allow a full refund in case of restrictive government action.