

# LPWI Excom Special Meeting

## Minutes

November 11, 2007, Special teleconference meeting

**Meeting called to order** At 8PM attendees dialed into a conference line provided by Tim Peterson

**Roll Call:** Excom member attendees

Linda Sturtzen – Party Chairman

Markus Rostig – Party Treasurer

John Gatewood – Party Secretary

Dave Hendrickson – 1st At Large Representative

Jim Sewell – 1st District Representative (Primary)

Stu Seffern – 2nd District Representative (Primary)

Randy Palmer – 3rd District Representative (Primary)

Mike McKenna – 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative (Primary)

Tim Peterson – 5th District Representative (Primary)

Jim Mass – 7th District Representative (Primary)

Excom Positions Absent:

2nd At Large Representative – Kevin Scott Schultz

8<sup>th</sup> District Representative – Ralph Klingsporn

Excom Positions Vacant:

6th District Representation

A quorum consists of 7 voting members, 10 voting members were present

The single purpose and focus of this special teleconference meeting is to consider the resignation of Linda Sturtzen as LPWI Chairman and to name her successor.

**Introduction:** Tim Peterson introduced the topic for discussion. He stated that since Linda Sturtzen will be relocating out of state soon that we have a need to name a Chair who will have available time to focus on LPWI management and issues. Dave Hendrickson has offered to serve as the next LPWI Chair and is a great choice for the position. Linda indicated that this is very good timing for this transition to occur.

**Motion:** To accept the resignation of Chairman Linda Sturtzen and to name Dave Hendrickson as the next Chairman to serve out Linda's term.

**By:** Tim Peterson

**Second:** Mike McKenna

**Result:** Carried

Discussion ensued.

Tim said that Dave is someone who will bring activism and more speaking engagements during his tenure. Tim also thanked Linda for her efforts, naming the emails and 800 number issues she has run with, and that she stepped up when we needed a chairman. Tim advocated that Linda continue in some capacity working with the LPWI and Excom as her schedule permits. Linda stated that she will always be a part of LPWI no matter where the road leads. Tim stated that Dave inherits much from Linda, such as State Fair and other issues. Linda said she will be available as council for Dave as he settles into the position.

We discussed whether quorum was met at the October Excom meeting, and the only issue is attendance by Markus. Stu stated that phone attendance should be no different than in-person attendance as far as quorum or voting is concerned. No motion was made, but going forward we need to clarify the language in the By-laws which address this. Markus stated that it is not clear what an absentee vote is by phone since presumably the caller is present for all discussion at the meeting. The consensus was that quorum was achieved at the October meeting, so motions carried therein are valid going forward.

Finally, we discussed the appointment of 4<sup>th</sup> district alternate representative, Nina Vasquez, at the October meeting. Again, no motion was made but Markus summed up our discussion by indicating that since Nina was not a current member of the LPWI when named as an alternate, that violates the LPWI constitution so the appointment itself is voided. Dave suggested that since Nina has little knowledge of the LPWI, that her first exposure should be in another role than as an Excom member. Several people concurred (Markus, Stu, Mike). Linda will talk to her about getting involved in the Milwaukee area affiliate rather than serving on the Excom.

**Addendum:** With Jacob Burns resignation as Vice-chairman and Dave no longer an at-large representative, we need to consider filling these two Excom positions [this wasn't discussed, I just threw this in for consideration]

**Meeting Adjourned:**

At approximately 8:45PM, the following motion carried.

**Motion:** This Excom meeting is adjourned

**By:** Mike McKenna (??)

**Second:** Tim Peterson (??)

**Result:** Carried