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OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OREGON
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OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Timothy Perkins called the convention to order on 9:33 a.m. (all times Pacific).

Per the LPO Bylaws, fifty-two (52) members in attendance comprised the minimum quorum. Fifty-three (53) members were in attendance.

AGENDA AND CONVENTION RULES

AGENDA

- 7:30 AM - Check-in, Registration and Credentialing
- 9:00 AM - Welcome and Introduction of the 2023 LPO Convention Chair - Timothy Perkins
 - Opening gavel
 - Convention housekeeping
 - Security and safety brief
 - Directives and definitions; rules of order
 - 2023 LPO Boards Election and Public Policy Board results
- 9:30 AM - Report of Bylaws Committee - Marrion Skinner
- 11:15 AM - Mike ter Maat, 2024 Libertarian Presidential Candidate
- 11:45 AM - Report of the Public Policy Board - Travis West
- 12:15 PM - Report of the Affiliate Committee - Will Hobson
- 12:45 PM - Set Oregon Free Lunch & Panel

Local Candidates Panel: “Tokyo Drift in the Campaign Bus”

- Travis West - City Councilor, Moro City & Chair of the Libertarian Party of Sherman County
- Lars Jefferson - Set Oregon Free Treasurer
- Eric Pinnell - Candidate - #1 2022 LP Oregon Vote-Getter
- Taylor Rickey - Candidate
- Michael Morrow - Candidate
- Charlie Cox - Set Oregon Free Communications Director

Lunch will be catered for attendees by Set Oregon Free; \$10 suggested donation.

- 2:10 PM - Oregon Libertarian Party Lifetime Member Appreciation and Pinning
- 2:25 PM - Keynote Address: Finding Strength in Issue Coalitions - Angela McArdle, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee
- 3:00 PM - Living the Platform Panel and Q&A.

Panelists represent organizations with an affirmative future vision for our community, and a plan for how to enact the changes that will increase freedom for our communities. These organizations are represented in the Planks of the proposed LP Oregon Platform.

Panelists:

Matt McCaw, The Greater Idaho Movement
Donna Kreitzberg, Education Freedom for Oregon
Sonja Feintech, Helios Farms, Oregon Liberty Network

Discussion Topics:

Home School / School Choice
Options for Agorism and Mediums of Exchange
Secession and Self Determination

- 4:00 PM - Guest Speaker: Ibra Taher, Oregon Activist: "Why It's Important For Libertarians To Get Involved"
- 4:15 PM - Public Comment and Member Appreciation
- 5:00 PM Convention Close

Special Thanks to our guest Parliamentarian and Convention Secretary, Caryn Ann Harlos, Secretary, Libertarian National Committee

CONVENTION RULES

The Libertarian Party of Oregon has not formally adopted any parliamentary authority. It has been custom to conduct business loosely in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Our adherence is not strict, as it is intended to aid rather than hinder the progression of business.

In general, unless a convention rule has already been set by the board of directors or the existing bylaws, it is up to the Chair to conduct the meeting and make rulings as they see fit. If any delegate finds the Chair's methods to be objectionable they may raise a point of personal privilege (requesting the Chair use another method) or introduce a motion to change the convention rules by a two-thirds vote.

Attendance

Delegates may attend in-person at the physical location of the convention, or they may attend remotely via videoconferencing software (Zoom). Any credentialed delegate participating via Zoom will be considered to be "in the room" for purposes of quorum for as long as they appear in the list of meeting participants.

Voting

Only registered delegates may vote. Please alert the Chair if any observer attempts to vote.

A majority vote means more than half are in favor, ignoring those who do not vote. A two-thirds vote means at least two thirds are in favor, ignoring those who do not vote.

Resolutions

Resolutions must be provided in writing and submitted to the Secretary.

Resolutions must be approved by a two-thirds vote.

Bylaws Amendments

Any proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, other than those printed in this delegate packet, must be provided in writing and submitted to the Secretary.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws require a two-thirds vote, and likely need to be referred to a mail ballot of the whole LPO membership before they are adopted. See Article 14 for details.

Debate on Bylaws Amendments

Each proposal will be given a brief introduction followed by up to five minutes of debate without amendment from the floor, alternating between supporters and opponents when possible. Then the proposal will be put to a vote, and if that vote fails, amendments will be entertained. If amendments are offered, debate is extended for up to an additional ten minutes. If we appear to be running ahead of schedule, these time limits may be relaxed at the discretion of the Chair.

2023 LPO BOARDS ELECTION AND PUBLIC POLICY BOARD RESULTS

Outgoing 2021 Board of Directors	Incoming 2023 Board of Directors	Outgoing Provisional Public Policy Board	Incoming 2023 Public Policy Board
Timothy Perkins Will Hobson Kenny Sernach Taylor Rickey William Johnson, Jr. Rachel Saulo Pablo Serrato Tim Sippel	Will Hobson Pablo Serrato Taylor Rickey Brad Lee Travis West Nicholas Kaltenbach Gunnar Power Eric Pinnell Erik Bourque	Travis West Peter VandenBerg Sonja Feintech Katy Brumbelow Marrion Skinner Matt Rowe Morey Straus Tom Busse Brendan Toliver Risto Rushford	Sonja Feintech Peter VandenBerg Michael Morrow Matt Rowe Edward “Rob” Rhoads Toby Knight-Meigs Morey Straus Lars Jefferson Aaron Robnett

REPORT OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE

LEGEND: text to be inserted, ~~text to be deleted~~, unchanged existing text.

Marrion Skinner, as Chair of the Bylaws Committee rose to give the Bylaws Committee report. Timothy Perkins and Pablo Serrato were the other committee members.

Ms. Skinner gave an introduction to the proposal and clarified that these proposals will be sent out to be ratified to the entire membership by mail/electronic vote if ratified at the meeting.

Ms. Skinner moved the following compiler's resolution:

That the bylaws committee be authorized to update the Constitution and Bylaws in accordance with amendments adopted during the convention, and subsequently ratified by mail or electronic ballot if applicable, and to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting members.

This motion **PASSED**.

Ms. Skinner moved the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NUMBER 1 – INCLUDE NON-PARTISAN RACES

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the LPO is to perform the activities necessary to place as many ~~partisan-Libertarian~~ of its own members as of its own members as candidates on the ballot for elections in the State of Oregon as possible, to support its own members in running for public office, and to promote the system of governance espoused by the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.

This proposal **PASSED**.

Ms. Skinner moved the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NUMBER 2 - REMOVE WRIGHT SYSTEM SPECIFICATION AND REWEIGHTED RANGE METHOD

Article 9 - Elections

Sec 2: Rules for Elections

Elections for a single position shall be tabulated by instant runoff voting, ~~unless the board of directors votes to instead use the~~ or score then automatic runoff method ("STAR").

Elections for multiple positions shall be tabulated using ~~the Wright system of~~ single transferable vote *as defined by the proportional representation society of Australia, unless the board of directors votes to instead use* or the multi-winner or proportional representation version of the score then automatic runoff method ("STAR-PR"), ~~or the Reweighted Range Voting method ("RRV")~~.

This proposal **PASSED**.

Ms. Skinner moved the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NUMBER 3 - MAKE CONVENTIONS ANNUAL

Article 5 - Board of Directors

Sec 8: Transitional Board Meeting

Following each director election, ~~t~~The outgoing board of directors must schedule a transitional board meeting to occur no later than the day after the next regular convention. At this board meeting, the term of office for the outgoing directors ends and the term of office for the incoming directors begins. The incoming directors must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the board of directors at this meeting.

Article 8 – Conventions

Sec 1: Regular ~~Biennial~~Annual Convention

The LPO shall hold its regular ~~biennial~~Annual business convention in the state of ~~Oregon in the spring of~~ each ~~odd-numbered~~ year, at a time and place chosen by the board of directors. Conventions in even-numbered years shall not be scheduled to occur within two weeks of the Libertarian Party national convention, and shall also be scheduled to occur at least 60 days before the State of Oregon deadline for filing partisan candidates in that year's general election.

Article 9 - Elections

Sec 1: Methods of calling election

B. Director Elections

In odd-numbered years elections for directors shall be held on a schedule that permits the results to be announced at the regular convention. Electors for the election of the board of directors shall be those LPO members who meet any of the following additional criteria relating to LPO business:

- were a delegate in the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention -were a delegate in any convention since the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention
 - served on any board or committee since the previous transitional board meeting
 - returned a timely ballot in the previous primary election
 - made a cash or in-kind donation at or since the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention
- People may be electors by virtue of their status as a convention delegate without regard to whether that convention made quorum.

This proposal **PASSED**.

Ms. Skinner moved the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 - HYBRID AND REMOTE CONVENTIONS

Article 8 – Conventions

Sec 5: Hybrid and Remote Conventions

Regular conventions shall provide an option for delegates to attend and vote remotely, with continuous audio available. The board of directors may choose to hold regular conventions fully remotely via two-thirds vote.

This proposal **FAILED** as written.

Ms. Skinner moved to amend the proposal as follows:

Article 8 – Conventions

Sec 5: Hybrid ~~and Remote~~ Conventions

Regular conventions shall provide an option for delegates to attend and vote remotely, with continuous audio available. ~~The board of directors may choose to hold regular conventions fully remotely via two-thirds vote.~~

This proposal **PASSED** as amend so that the final proposal read:

Article 8 – Conventions

Sec 5: Hybrid Conventions

Regular conventions shall provide an option for delegates to attend and vote remotely, with continuous audio available.

Ms. Skinner moved the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NUMBER 5 - RENAME PUBLIC POLICY BOARD

Article 6 – Public Policy ~~Board~~Council

Sec 1: Composition

A. Eligibility

1. To stand for election to or remain a member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council, a person must meet the same qualifications as those set for the Board of Directors, and must pledge in writing “I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.”
2. No person may simultaneously be a voting member of the Board of Directors and a voting member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council. One position must be resigned before that person may exercise their vote in the other. A person elected simultaneously to both ~~boards~~ bodies may resign from one before the start of their term, allowing election runners-up to earn the position as if the resigning person had not been a candidate.
3. A person who no longer meets the eligibility requirements to serve is automatically and immediately removed from the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council.
4. A member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council who fails to attend two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings may be removed by a two-thirds vote at the next meeting. If then present, the member facing removal may not vote on this question.

B. Maintenance

1. The Public Policy ~~Board~~Council shall be elected by the LPO membership at large, using the same schedule, voting method, electors, and balloting as for the election of the Board of Directors.
2. The Public Policy ~~Board~~Council shall have 11 members, whose terms start and end concurrently with those of the Board of Directors.
3. Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the remainder of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council.
4. Vacancies persisting for more than 90 days may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

C. Non-voting Members The Public Policy ~~Board~~Council may appoint or remove non-voting members to serve as advisers, writers, subcommittee chairs, or any other role they deem useful to the business of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council. Non-voting members enjoy every privilege of membership on the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council except voting.

Sec 2: Authority

A. Duties

The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** shall:

1. in their first meeting of a new term, select from among the regular members a Chair and Secretary.
2. submit written meeting minutes to the Board of Directors within one week of adoption.
3. advise the Board of Directors on the exercise of its power in Article 8, Sec. 1 (A) to choose a nominee for election to public office.
4. maintain records of public policy positions adopted in convention.
5. maintain the public policy platform.
6. oversee public communications related to LPO public policy positions and platform.

B. Powers

The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** is empowered, with a two-thirds quorum requirement, to:

1. upon a three-fourths vote, adopt positions on specific matters of public policy.
2. upon a three-fourths vote, create and amend the public policy platform of the LPO.
3. upon a three-fourths vote, issue candidate and ballot measure endorsements.
4. upon a three-fourths vote, approve statements for the Voters' Pamphlet in support of or in opposition to ballot measures.
5. approve a political party statement for the Voters' Pamphlet.
6. upon a two-thirds vote, provide feedback and public testimony on legislative bills and administrative rules, or authorize LPO members to do so.
7. recommend LPO members to serve in government organizations.
8. recommend LPO members to fill vacancies in public office.
9. veto the nomination of any non-member of the LPO to election for public office.
10. veto the nomination of any LPO member to election for public office, but only with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, and requiring a two-thirds vote of each **boardbody**.
11. delegate any of these powers to subcommittees, the motion to do so being subject to the same vote margin requirement as the power(s) thus delegated, and to set the policies by which the subcommittee members and leadership are seated.

Sec 3: Transition

The officers of the outgoing Public Policy **BoardCouncil** shall convey to the incoming members pending business items, unapproved minutes, recent drafts, and any other materials they deem to be of importance or urgency. These items shall be conveyed no later than the date of the incoming Public Policy **BoardCouncil**'s first meeting, which in turn shall be no earlier than the corresponding transitional meeting of the Board of Directors that marks the beginning and end of the term of office.

Sec 4: Meetings The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** must adopt a policy establishing regular meetings. In the absence of such a policy, the Public Policy **BoardCouncil** meets at the call of its Chair.

This proposal **PASSED**.

RESOLVED THAT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OREGON ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MOTTO:

Ms. Kallen moved to reconsider Proposal Number 4, and if reconsidered, would move the following amendment:

Sec 5: Hybrid and Remote Conventions

Regular conventions shall provide an option for delegates to attend and vote remotely, with continuous audio available. IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS, The board of directors may choose to hold regular conventions fully remotely via two-thirds vote.

The motion to reconsider **FAILED**.

Mr. Burke moved to amend by striking Bylaws Article 13 and replace with the following language:

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

This proposal **PASSED**.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Noble moved to end business. This motion **PASSED**. Business ended at 11:15 a.m. and the convention program proceeded.

Respectfully submitted,



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