



Libertarian Party of Ohio
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
16 May 2020

The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Ohio Executive Committee on 16 May 2020 was called to order at 10:05am.

Present were members:

- Chair Harold Thomas
- Vice Chair Helen Gilson
- Treasurer Linda Comstock
- Deputy Secretary Jim Cavoli (*non-voting*)
- At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow
- At-Large Member Homer Taft

Quorum per Bylaw 300§2 is set at 60% of the body, which excludes the Central Committee Chair in ex-officio capacity (RONR (11th ed.) p. 483, I. 35 - p. 484, I. 3). With 6 of 9 members present, quorum is achieved.

Also present was Mark Brown.

I. Opening

A. Conflicts of Interest

1. No conflicts of interest were disclosed

B. Adoption of Agenda

1. The proposed agenda was presented by Chair Harold Thomas.
2. At-Large Member Homer Taft moves to adopt the agenda; Vice Chair Helen Gilson seconded.
 - Chair Harold Thomas moves to amend the agenda to insert a special report from Mark Brown immediately following the approval of the previous meeting's minutes; Vice Chair Helen Gilson seconded. The motion to amend the agenda passed by unanimous consent.
 - The motion to adopt the agenda passed by voice vote.

C. Approval of previous meeting minutes

1. Regular Meeting 11 April 2020
 - The minutes were previously distributed to members internally, waiving the requirement that they be read (RONR (11th ed.) p. 354, II. 10-15)
 - At-Large Member Homer Taft moves to approve the minutes; Vice Chair Helen Gilson seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed by voice vote.

D. Special Report from Mark Brown

1. Mr. Brown gave a brief summary of recent proceedings and decisions stemming from our recent involvement in various lawsuits surrounding the March 17th Ohio Primary delays and procedure changes.

At this point in the meeting, At-Large Member Michael Fricke arrived. With 7 of 9 seated members present, quorum is maintained.



2. Details of the results of the Primary Election were discussed, along with outstanding record requests and information regarding potential new litigation over certain issues discovered.
 3. Several updates regarding related suits, at varying stages of progress, with which the LPO is not involved but are of adjacent interest were also provided.
- E. Review of business conducted between meetings
1. Endorse Oscar Herrera for OH House in District 96
 2. Endorse Christina Holloway for OH House in District 4
 3. Failed:
 1. Approval of the Republican Liberty Caucus' letter
 2. Substitute motion for an independent Resolution
 3. Substitute motion for response to DeWine/Husted actions

At this point in the meeting, At-Large Member Homer Taft departed. With 6 of 9 seated members present, quorum is maintained.

II. Officer Reports, Activity Updates, and Comments

A. Treasurer's Report

1. A written report was provided.
2. Treasurer Linda Comstock presented the report, highlighting.
3. Vice Chair Helen Gilson moves to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit; At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow seconded.
4. The motion to accept the report passed by voice vote.

B. Vice Chair's Report

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Vice Chair Helen Gilson noted nothing of substance to report.

C. Chair's Report

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Chair Harold Thomas reported that:
 - Efforts to coordinate with other state chairs and the LNC to facilitate the national convention's upcoming virtual business dominate a substantial amount of time.
 - The efforts to further develop a campaign plan for 2020 are secondary to actually nominating the candidates via convention at this time.

D. Activity Updates from LNC Member(s)

1. No LNC members were present to report.

III. Division Reports

A. Political Division

1. A written report was provided.
2. Patrick Glasgow presented the report, highlighting:
 - Additional funds would be a great asset to support candidates
 - Official results of the Primary are expected next week
 - Efforts to improve digital campaigning capabilities given pandemic constrains are ongoing though difficult



- Efforts to recruit interns for the summer are ongoing, plagued by poor responses to requests for interview(s) and other communications.

At this point in the meeting, At-Large Member Homer Taft and At-Large Member Dustin Nanna arrived. With 8 of 9 seated members present, quorum is maintained.

B. Events Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Michael Fricke reported on the upcoming State Convention, highlighting:
 - We are in communication with the venue and are
 - Ken Moellman is confirmed as the keynote speaker for Saturday.
 - Several requests for Friday night social speakers/entertainment are being considered.
 - Mr. Glasgow and Ms. Gilson offered leads and suggestions to fill out potential training sessions and breakout presentations.
 - Jim Cavoli is the Chair of the Credentials Committee
 - Scott Pettigrew will serve as the Parliamentarian for the Convention
 - Mr. Fricke noted the importance of potentially confirming the Presidential and/or Vice Presidential nominees, once decided.

C. Finance Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Patrick Glasgow reported on the upcoming Lifetime Member Appreciation Dinner, highlighting:
 - The venue has confirmed their intent to reopen and be able to host the event.
 - Invitations have been delayed due to the pandemic, with the goal of distributing them in the “return to normal” phase, anticipating better responses.
3. Jim Cavoli reported on our membership program, highlighting:
 - A notable number of net-new contacts are appearing via the membership forms
 - Much of our non-remit cash contribution growth has been driven by membership
4. Helen Gilson reported an initial plan for fundraising efforts, highlighting:
 - Desire to open applications generally for paid fundraisers at a pre-approved rate under pre-approved terms.
 - Initial suggestion is 30% of all net funds raised up to \$100,000 in gross contributions, reducing to 15% of all net funds raised after \$100,000 in gross contributions.



- Cooperation for sharing/promotion of content to solicit contributions with the Social Media Division would be advantageous.
 - Mr. Nanna pledged support in attempting to find a quality solution, cautioning that there may be an uphill battle against the platforms themselves.

D. Field Development Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Mr. Thomas noted that he has not heard any updates from this division.
3. Mr. Glasgow noted that he has been in contact, though without further updates as to division activity.

E. IT Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Jim Cavoli reported that the IT division has been undertaking its usual maintenance and upgrades with a few new projects waiting in the wings, highlighting:
 - The system has easily absorbed dozens of new users with the addition of the 2020 LNC Delegates and Alternates.
 - Scott Pettigrew has been assisting with various IT Division efforts, including the notable conversion of the voter history and petition validation tool to run on the LPO server, still pending a conversion of the database to the LPO server.
 - A new Helpdesk, including a new knowledge base, is being prepared for release in the next month or two, and is key to the affiliate support strategy.
 - Revision of the affiliate SaaS agreement is underway, though delayed by interrupting priorities surrounding the LNC Convention.

F. Communications Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Mr. Thomas noted that he has not heard any updates from this division.

G. Social Media Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Dustin Nanna reported that our social media presence remains generally stable, highlighting:
 - Post welcoming Mike Mains to the Party (Facebook) did notably well
 - Overall engagement and reach (Facebook) are thematically down
 - Exploratory work on how to better leverage Twitter is underway, but help would still be appreciated.

IV. Special Committee Reports

- A. There were no special committee reports.

V. Old Business



- A. There was no old business to review.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Campaign plan update
 - 1. Mr. Thomas noted that this effort has been delayed by the current effort to undertake virtual options for the LNC Convention and that a plan will be delivered by 12 June.
- VII. Setting next meeting date, time, and location
 - A. The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is resolved to take place at 10:00am on 30 May 2020 at the Libertarian Party of Ohio office, located at 6230 Busch Boulevard, Suite 102, Columbus, Ohio and by the usual electronic means by unanimous consent.

At-Large Member Dustin Nanna moved to adjourn; Vice Chair Helen Gilson seconded. The motion to adjourn passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm.