



**Libertarian Party of Ohio
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020**

At 12:04pm, the meeting came to order. Members Treasurer Linda Comstock, At-Large Member Michael Fricke, Chair Harold Thomas, At-Large Member Homer Taft, At-Large Member Dustin Nanna. Also present was non-voting member and Deputy Secretary Jim Cavoli, taking the minutes. With 5 of 8 seated voting members present, quorum was achieved.

Also present were Central Committee Vice Chair Scott Pettigrew and Central Committee Member Kryssi Wichers as observers.

Discussion began to clarify the issue of motions being proposed between meetings as far as precedence for the consideration of business. The Chair suggests that his proposed motion will be the one on the floor alone and that the previous motions discussed in the between meetings procedure will not be considered initially. Mr. Taft and Mr. Nanna challenged this suggestion of the Chair, indicating that it would be most appropriate to consider the made and seconded motion from the between meetings procedure introduced by Ms. Gilson as the first item of business.

The chair ruled to recognize Ms. Gilson's motion, reading "I move we re-visit the delegate list and move forward using the practice that seems most fair. You can vote a P up or down for legitimate reasons but the P delegates get accepted in the order they requested delegate status. This would include all P delegates past the bylaws prioritization." as being appropriately raised using the between meetings procedure and Mr. Glasgow's existing second to the motion from the between meetings procedure, moving the business item into this meeting and directly to the floor for discussion. This ruling was supported with a voice vote poll concluding the unanimous assent of all members present.

At 12:17pm Vice Chair Helen Gilson joined the meeting. With 6 of 8 seated voting members present, quorum was maintained.

Mr. Nanna raised a point of order inquiring whether we require a vote on a motion to reconsider the business item at large; the Chair rules that as a motion to amend an item previously adopted, the main motion is in order and does not require a separate motion to reconsider the original business item.

Mr. Taft move to amend the motion to prioritize all incoming elected State Central Committee members before other applicants, next prioritizing any Lifetime Members of the LNC, and from there on the balance of P delegates according to the order in which they requested delegate status.

As amended, the motion would read "I move we re-visit the delegate list and move forward using the practice that seems most fair. You can vote a P up or down for legitimate reasons, but the P delegates get accepted first according to whether they are an incoming elected State Central Committee members before other applicants, next by whether a given delegate is a



Lifetime Members of the LNC, and the remainder in the order they requested delegate status. This would include all P delegates past the bylaws prioritization.”

Discussion commenced on the amendment

- Mr. Taft spoke in favor of his amendment.
- Ms. Gilson raised a discrepancy of fact regarding Mr. Taft’s account of prior debate on the matter of the delegate list and spoke against the amendment insofar as it she believes it constitutes poor optics of any deviation from previous Committee’s practice and perceived hostile manipulation by other delegates in the country.
- Mr. Fricke indicated that he had interpreted the statement of the Chair that he recalls as the imperative being to “protect the interests of the Party” to mean that the body specifically ought to use criteria beyond service to the Party and further that because of the statement that there was not an expectation of privacy regarding the business item that he related to Mr. McGowan his interpretation of events at the time they were occurring.
- Ms. Comstock spoke in favor of the amendment, noting that at any particular point during the Convention, that the final decisions of which delegates are seated is vested exclusively in the Delegation Chair.
- Mr. Nanna spoke against the amendment, suggesting that any additional priority considerations ought to be handled with a change to the bylaws as opposed to in this motion.
- Mr. Taft spoke in favor of the amendment, challenging the feasibility of Mr. Nanna’s suggestion and indicating his belief that to do so in this motion would be the most right course of action. Mr. Taft also noted his interpretation of the comment of the Chair Mr. Fricke recounted was that any criteria could be discussed, though indicated his personal disagreement with the breadth of this conclusion. He further noted that no clear procedure was publicized in advance of the acceptance of submissions and that this fact ought to preclude the body from considering any obligation to any specific procedure.
- Mr. Fricke spoke against the amendment, indicating that he would oppose any change to the list and that he does not expect Mr. McGowan would even accept a delegate spot.
- Mr. Nanna spoke against the amendment, indicating that he would oppose any change to the list selection process proposed, citing the public nature of the issues raising the need for the emergency meeting to begin with.
- Ms. Gilson spoke against the amendment, also arguing that timestamps alone for consideration is the best approach to limit the perception of favoritism.
- Mr. Thomas spoke in favor of the amendment, noting particular his preference for the consideration it affords incoming elected State Central Committee members.
- Mr. Taft spoke in favor of the amendment again, citing that he is uncertain that even with timestamps that there was not favoritism based on narrowly disseminated information regarding the availability of the submission form.

Discussion ended and moved to a vote on the amendment by roll call vote.

- At-Large Member Michael Fricke - Nay
- At-Large Member Homer Taft - Yea



- At-Large Member Dustin Nanna - Nay
- Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
- Vice Chair Helen Gilson - Nay
- Chair Harold Thomas - Abstain

With a final vote tally of 2 in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention, the motion to amend was defeated.

The discussion on the main motion returned to the floor. Without further discussion, the main motion moved to a vote by roll call.

- At-Large Member Michael Fricke - Nay
- At-Large Member Homer Taft - Nay
- At-Large Member Dustin Nanna - Yea
- Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
- Vice Chair Helen Gilson - Yea
- Chair Harold Thomas - Yea

With a final vote tally of 4 in favor and 2 opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Taft noted that those who did not plan on attending, having been previously removed from the list, ought be included in our submission to the LNC and left there until the time of Convention.

Mr. Nanna supported Mr. Taft's suggestion to adhere strictly to the bylaws in the submission of our initial delegate list to the LNC.

At 12:54pm At-Large Member Michael Fricke left the meeting. With 5 of 8 seated voting members present, quorum was maintained.

Mr. Pettigrew was sponsored and recognized by Mr. Thomas to speak, noting that the bylaws indicate that any requests to change our selected delegates later than 40 days prior to the Convention become automatically of the lowest priority and subject to the approval of the Delegation Chair.

Mr. Thomas agreed that the delegate list's revision will be subject to strict compliance with the bylaws according to priority statuses, as suggested by the members.

Final comments were heard from Mr. Pettigrew and Ms. Wichers.

At 12:58pm, with no additional emergency business, the meeting was adjourned.