

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present at the start of the meeting were Chair Harold Thomas, Treasurer Linda Comstock, and members-at-large Cory Combs, Helen Gilson, Homer Taft, and Kryssi Wichers. 7 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

Also present for the meeting were Mike Fricke and Jim Cavoli. Mr. Cavoli took the minutes for this meeting due to the vacancy of the office of Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

**II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Mr. Taft disclosed that he works with River Properties Company.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

- A. Mr. Thomas asked to move the 2019 Conference Report from the Sepcial Committee Reports section into its own item before of Officer Reports due to Dr. Mike Fricke's attendance at the meeting and travel times.
- B. Mr. Thomas requested to move the IT Division report to be the first Division Report.
- C. Mr. Taft moved to adopt the agenda with Mr. Thomas' suggested alterations. Ms. Comstock second. The motion passed without objection.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- A. Ms. Wichers moved to approve the minutes of the LAST meeting. Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed without objection.
- B. Ms. Wichers moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting. Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed without objection.
- C. Mr. Taft moved to approve the minutes of business conducted between meetings. Ms. Wichers seconded. The motion passed without objection.

**V. 2019 Conference Report**

**A. Date and Location Options**

- i. Radisson at the University of Toledo is the currently preferred location for May 31-June2
  - 1. Room rate would be \$99 plus a ~17% tax, roughly \$116 per night all in for attendees
    - a. Includes breakfast each day
    - b. No additional parking fees
  - 2. Meeting room total cost of \$1200
  - 3. Saturday lunch and dinner included for roughly \$90 per person
  - 4. Self-service A/V would be used to save money
- ii. Seagate Conference Center may have additional dates; quoted availability for Memorial Day weekend
  - 1. Does not have their own hotel
  - 2. Park Inn attached would negotiate the rooms separately
    - a. Does not include a daily/overnight parking fee
    - b. Communications have been very poor
- iii. Marriott
  - 1. Quoted \$10,000 for meeting rooms only and was not investigated further due to the high cost

**B. Pricing**

- i. Suggested Early Bird pricing, ending March 31:
  1. \$89 Saturday day program only
  2. \$128 Saturday plus evening meal
  3. \$148 Saturday + Sunday attendance
  4. \$35 for the Friday social

**C. Speakers and Special Guests**

- i. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Taft have confirmed that Mr. Sarwark will be unavailable to attend on the May 31-June 2 dates. Mr. Sarwark has offered assistance in securing other representatives or speakers from LP National.
- ii. Engaged in discussion regarding special invitations to extend to speakers and notable figures, noting that any such invitations pursued should clearly not insinuate nor promise any payment of travel expenses or speaking fees.
- iii. Final suggestions and/or coordination should take place via Basecamp with Dr. Fricke and the committee.

**D. Decisions and Approvals**

- i. Mr. Taft moves to set the date of the conference as May 31 – June 2 at the Radisson at the University of Toledo, authorize Dr. Fricke and his committee to make the necessary negotiations subject to final approval of Chair, and set early bird pricing of \$89 Saturday day program only, \$128 Saturday plus evening meal, \$148 Saturday + Sunday attendance initially ending March 15, but may be extended. Ms. Comstock seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

**VI. OFFICER REPORTS, ACTIVITY UPDATES, & COMMENTS:**

**A. Treasurer Report (Ms. Comstock):**

- i. Ms. Comstock presented the Treasurer's report.
- ii. Mr. Cavoli asked, and it was confirmed, that we are currently below the reserve threshold balance.
- iii. Mr. Taft moved to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Secretary Report (Mr. Mohler):** No Report.

**C. Vice Chair Report (Mr. Nanna):** No Report.

**D. Chair Report (Mr. Thomas):**

- i. The office furniture previously donated but unable to be installed will be removed February 11<sup>th</sup> to be followed by a \$1000 donation.
- ii. Lobbying effort will begin with a position paper and legislator outreach regarding ballot access. Mr. Thomas has been attending sessions of The Ohio Center-Right Coalition and would like to present the position paper there as well.

**VII. Division Reports**

**A. IT Division Report**

- i. Mr. Cavoli presented the IT Division Report.
- ii. Mr. Nanna moves to authorize Mr. Cavoli to change NationBuilder billing to month-to-month. Ms. Gilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Regarding phones, it was decided to terminate eVoice service on that account that we cannot access, maintain the Google Voice system for the time being, and research a more fully featured phone system.
- iv. The LPO store is known to be down but is not a current priority to restore.

**B. Communication Division Report**

- i. Mr. Jackson submitted the Communication Division Report in writing. Mr. Thomas presented this report.
- ii. Mr. Nanna recommended a contact that may be interested in contributing to a new presence for the Party on Reddit.

**C. Field Development Division Report**

- i. Ms. Gilson presented the Field Development Division Report.
- ii. Update on CDG Reporting Schedule and Format
  - 1. CDG evaluations are underway or scheduled.
  - 2. Evaluations are being conducted by region.
  - 3. All evaluations are expected to be completed by the end of March.
  - 4. A single statewide report will be made to ExCom once all regional reports have been compiled.
- iii. Southwest Ohio CDG Reports
  - 1. Deferred; this item is not yet complete, and a single statewide report will be made to ExCom once all regional CDG reports have been compiled.

**D. Political Division Report**

- i. Mr. Glasgow submitted the Political Division Report in writing. Mr. Thomas presented this report.
- ii. Mr. Taft noted there may be some additional candidates running as independent with similar or sympathetic positions that we should monitor.
- iii. Mr. Taft noted that there is a December 11 filing deadline for certain 2020 partisan races. Mr. Thomas will send a reminder about this deadline.

**E. Finance Division Report**

- i. Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division Report.

**VIII. The meeting recessed at 1:05pm and was called back to order at 1:43pm.**

- A. Ms. Wichers did not return from recess. 6 of 9 members were then present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

**IX. Special Committee Reports:**

**A. Youth Liaison**

- i. Mr. Nanna reported that the work is underway to produce a first internal survey and regular meetings of the group are ongoing.

**B. Standard Operating Procedures Rewrite**

- i. Mr. Nanna reported that progress continues to be overseen by Mr. Mohler. Updates have been made to include relevant directives.
- ii. Directors and Officers now need to review and contribute to the sections applicable to their areas of responsibility.

**C. Communications Plan**

- i. Deferred; Mr. Jackson was not present.

**D. Interns**

- i. Mr. Taft reported that efforts to recruit interns are in place, but we currently lack descriptions of roles/tasks for interns to perform.
- ii. All Directors are encouraged to submit potential roles for interns and engage the processes we've established.
- iii. Time is running short for recruiting interns to serve this Spring, and intern recruitment generally follows school semester schedules.

**X. Old Business:** No items of old business to consider.

**XI. New Business**

**A. Deputy Treasurer Appointment**

- i. Mr. Taft moved to name Bob Coogan as Deputy Treasurer. Ms. Gilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. On Providing a Means for Online Donations for CDG's**

- i. Mr. Mohler had previously submitted a motion for resolution between meetings as follows:

*WHEREAS, County Development Groups (CDG's) are unable to maintain their own bank accounts under Ohio Revised Code and;*

*WHEREAS The Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) has resolved to reserve funds donated explicitly for CDG's for use by those CDG's; now, be it therefore RESOLVED, That the LPO provide a way for donations on lpo.org to be earmarked for use by a CDG; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the LPO provide periodic updates to County Development Coordinators about the balance of funds reserved for their CDG.*

- ii. This matter has been removed from the process for business between meetings and is being considered as new business under normal rules today, as a "live" motion, as it has been moved and seconded under the rules for business between meetings already.
- iii. Mr. Nanna moves to amend the main motion by striking all clauses beginning with "WHEREAS." Mr. Taft seconded. The amendment passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- iv. The amended main motion moved to a vote, now reading:  
*RESOLVED, That the LPO provide a way for donations on lpo.org to be earmarked for use by a CDG; and be it further*  
*RESOLVED, That the LPO provide periodic updates to County Development Coordinators about the balance of funds reserved for their CDG.*  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- v. Mr. Thomas directed Mr. Cavoli to begin preparing an implementation that fulfills the aims of the resolution.

**XII. Set the next ExCom meeting date and location:** Mr. Nanna moved to set the next ExCom meeting for February 23, 2019 at 11:00 am at the LPO office in Columbus for the consideration of business relating to potential ballot access issues. Ms. Comstock seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.