



**Libertarian Party of Ohio**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**22 August 2020**

The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Ohio Executive Committee on 22 August 2020 was called to order at 10:32am.

Present were members:

- Vice Chair Dustin Nanna
- Treasurer Linda Comstock
- Secretary Jim Cavoli
- At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow
- At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew
- At-Large Member Christopher Gill
- At-Large Member Jennifer Flower

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 7 of 8 members present, quorum is achieved.

Also present was Communications Director Kryssi Wichers.

I. Opening

A. Conflicts of Interest

1. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

B. Adoption of Agenda

1. The proposed agenda was presented by Vice Chair Dustin Nanna.
2. Vice Chair Dustin Nanna moves to adopt the agenda; At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew seconded.
3. Vice Chair Dustin Nanna moves to amend the agenda to add to New Business the following:
  - A - Presentation / Introductory conversation with Isaac Reed (30 min)
  - B - Endorsement of Robert Leist (5 min)
  - C - Investigation of the Lease with the Continent (20 min); At-Large Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The motion to amend the agenda passed by voice vote.
4. The amended agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

C. Approval of previous meeting minutes

1. Regular Meeting 26 July 2020
  - The minutes were previously distributed to members internally, waiving the requirement that they be read (RONR (11th ed.) p. 354, II. 10-15)
  - Corrections to the minutes were solicited and approved by unanimous consent
  - The minutes were accepted by unanimous consent without corrections.
  - The minutes were accepted by unanimous consent.

D. Review of business conducted between meetings

1. *Passed:* Resolution reinforcing our Principles and Inclusiveness Policy
  - Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
  - Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
  - Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
  - At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
  - At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - No vote

- At-Large Member Christopher Gill - Yea
- At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Yea
- At-Large Member Michael Fricke - Yea
- 2. *Passed:* Authorizing the purchase of Lifetime Member pins
  - Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
  - Treasurer Linda Comstock - No vote
  - Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
  - At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
  - At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - Yea
  - At-Large Member Christopher Gill - No vote
  - At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Yea
  - At-Large Member Michael Fricke - No vote
- 3. *Passed:* Amendment of the budget to increase donations expected and budgeted expenditures for 2020 Elections Expenses
  - Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
  - Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
  - Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
  - At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
  - At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - Yea
  - At-Large Member Christopher Gill - No vote
  - At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Yea
  - At-Large Member Michael Fricke - No vote
- 4. *Passed:* Hire Jennifer Flower as an Independent Contractor to supervise Presidential Campaign support operations in Ohio
  - Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
  - Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
  - Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
  - At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
  - At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - Yea
  - At-Large Member Christopher Gill - No vote
  - At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Abstain
  - At-Large Member Michael Fricke - No vote

## 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:
  - PayPal donations are currently directed to the General Fund
  - Stripe donations are currently directed to the Federal Fund
  - We are tracking ahead of budget on contributions
  - Several corrections on the details of the attribution of Division expenses as well as county earmarks were solicited
  - At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, as corrected, subject to audit. At-Large



Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Vice Chair's Report**

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Vice Chair Dustin Nanna reported on current activities, highlighting:
  - Isaac Reed is running in CD8 (federal) and will be presenting today, with an expressed interest in getting more involved.
  - Met with Guy Merrill recently regarding ongoing operations inside the IT Division and his continuing interests in the Party.

**C. Chair's Report**

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Vice Chair Dustin Nanna yielded back the balance of the Chair's time for reports.

**D. Activity Updates from LNC Member(s)**

1. LNC Region 3 Representative Dustin Nanna reported there is nothing of urgency in process at the LNC, highlighting:
  - September 12-13 in St. Paul, MN is the next meeting
  - Making the porcupine the official mascot is on the agenda as the main business to be considered

**E. Presidential Campaign Update**

1. Jennifer Flower reported about ongoing operations, highlighting:
  - Door knocking has begun with our canvassing solution, purchased from Voter Science, including real-time feedback from the field
  - Some issues on the campaign side has delayed an additional large list of potential volunteers - we are prepared to reach out and onboard as many as possible as soon as this information comes through
  - Volunteer use of LPO Chat has been fairly seamless
  - SMS outreach has been going strong and moving through budgeted funds at a steady pace

**III. Division Reports**

**A. Finance Division**

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Patrick Glasgow reported on the Fall Membership Drive, highlighting:
  - Goal of 100 new or upgraded memberships by end of month, tracking just a bit behind a linear pace currently
  - Membership overall has really taken off, though the store has lagged. Recent memberships have included a coupon code which has driven more sales at a slightly reduced margin.
3. Jim Cavoli reported that he has been unable to connect with Aaron Harris recently to ensure he is equipped to make use of provided tools for fundraising.

**B. IT Division**

1. A written report was not provided.

2. Jim Cavoli reported on recent accomplishments and upcoming activity, highlighting:

- Video conferencing hardware has been installed as projected; updates to SOPs taking this technology into account are suggested.
- First IT Division staff meeting will be soon scheduled; the org chart has been updated to reflect all recent additions. Applications for a Deputy Director for Software Solutions are still open.
- A revised, more brief affiliate support agreement is still forthcoming, but has been delayed. It is expected to be presented for acceptance through the between meetings procedure.

C. Communications Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Kryssi Wichers reported that we have been doing a lot of work to increase available material to media outlets, highlighting:
  - There have been 2-3 press releases issued by the state weekly - these have also been driving great traffic to the website
  - Support for press relations for candidates has been ongoing
  - Our media list appears to be quite good - only single-digit opt-outs despite the increased volume of releases
  - Follow-up distributions to local outlets are being done for local topics
  - National list distributions have gone out for federal campaign related activities
  - Contributions from all divisions would be useful to build a complete general press kit we could make available via LPO.org in the near future
  - Additional supporting media (photos, logos, etc.) are being sent with releases
- At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew raised a point of personal privilege, well-taken by the Chair and noted by request, that in the delivery of the Communications Division report, that a reference to being a “boomer” when referring to technical challenges experienced may be construed as a violation of our inclusiveness policy, and that all ought be careful with our language used.

D. Social Media Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Dustin Nanna reported that on the whole, Social Media is running very well, highlighting:
  - Instagram account is being reclaimed from a long-past director's email, but a volunteer to supervise it has been recruited

- Twitter will be updated to receive automatic posts based on publications to the website - still looking for others to help
- Facebook numbers continue to be strong and steadily growing

E. Political Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Patrick Glasgow reported that nearly all daily activity is on candidates and candidate support, highlighting:
  - Main priority day to day is supporting the presidential campaign operations
  - Write-in campaign to challenge Householder's seat is underway
  - 2021-2022 candidate recruitment is still underway, working on firm commitments, especially in nonpartisan races for 2021, but the outcomes of 2020 will inform strategy for 2022

F. Field Development Division

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Johnny Miller reported that nearly all daily activity is on the presidential campaign support, highlighting:
  - Counties are generally operating well, little new development presently outside established areas.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Anti-Harassment & Inclusiveness Committee

1. A written report was not provided.
2. Jennifer Flower reported that the first meeting of this committee is forthcoming, with initial priorities being a survey of available training options.

V. Old Business

A. None

VI. New Business

A. Presentation / Introductory conversation with Isaac Reed, candidate for US House and interested individual in further contributions to the LPO Finance Division

- Campaign for Congress in CD8
  - "Less government interference in people's houses"
  - "Term limits everywhere"
    - 4 for US House
    - 2 for US Senate
    - 16 years for Supreme Court; 9 justice limit
    - Increase eligibility for Federal retirement to 7 years
- Ohio policy changes on ballot access
  - Digitize and optimize registration with biometric verification instead of ID cards
  - Mail-in ballots by certified mail with in-person return or certified mail-in return with biometric verification
  - Signature requirements for petitioning have to be reduced to level the playing field for candidates

- Party growth

At this point, the meeting entered a 30-minute recess. The meeting returned to order at 12:45pm with all members formerly in attendance present.

B. Endorsement of Robert Leist

- At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew moved to table this item to between meetings procedure. At-Large Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The motion to table passed by unanimous consent.

C. Investigation of the Lease with the Continent

- Secretary Jim Cavoli moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing this business item, relating to contracts and real estate interests of the party, granting special permission for all Directors to remain present for the Executive Session. At-Large Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote:

- Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
- Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
- Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
- At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
- At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - Yea
- At-Large Member Christopher Gill - Yea
- At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Yea

- At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow moved that the body rise from Executive session. At-Large Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The body rose from executive session following the motion's passage by roll call vote:

- Vice Chair Dustin Nanna - Yea
- Treasurer Linda Comstock - Yea
- Secretary Jim Cavoli - Yea
- At-Large Member Patrick Glasgow - Yea
- At-Large Member Scott Pettigrew - Yea
- At-Large Member Christopher Gill - Yea
- At-Large Member Jennifer Flower - Yea

- Secretary Jim Cavoli moved the Libertarian Party of Ohio establish a Building Fund pursuant to 11 CFR 100.84, ORC 3517.101, and OEC 2000ELC-04, for the pursuit of all legal purposes to which such funds may be applied. At-Large Member Jennifer Flower seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- Vice Chair Dustin Nanna, in his capacity as acting Chair, created a new Ad-Hoc committee, the "Office Investigation Committee", including Jim Cavoli, Dustin Nanna, and Linda Comstock. This body is tasked with providing recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding real estate and the management thereof.

D. Discussion of additional Presidential Candidates certified for the ballot by the Secretary of State.



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- Vice Chair Dustin Nanna provided a brief survey of the final certifications released by the Secretary of State's office last week.

At this point in the meeting, Ex-Officio Member Tricia Sprankle joined the meeting.

- LNC Chair Joe Bishop-Henchman, with the LPO copied, did receive specific confirmation of the Jorgensen/Cohen ticket being certified for the ballot.

VII. Setting next meeting date, time, and location

- A. The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is resolved to take place at 10:30am on 26 September 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.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm.