

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for July 22nd, 2023 (Zoom)

Attendance

SEC Position	Individual	Present
Chair	Anna Johnson	
Vice Chair	Colin Morgan	
Secretary	Trevor Best	
Treasurer	Brett Borden	
At-Large Representative	Donovan Allen	
	Aurelien Chartier	
	Anna Ivers	
	Raheli Kalpin	
	Data Logan	
	C. Michael Pickens	
	Danielle Siler	
	Sydney Wissel	

Other attendees:

Call to Order

Called to order at

Open Public Comment

Layla Bush: I've been seeing our candidate Alan Rubio out in the community. It's so exciting to see so many Libertarians running. Thank you all!

Approval of Prior Minutes

Approved minutes from June 2023 meeting – Approved, no objection

Officer Reports

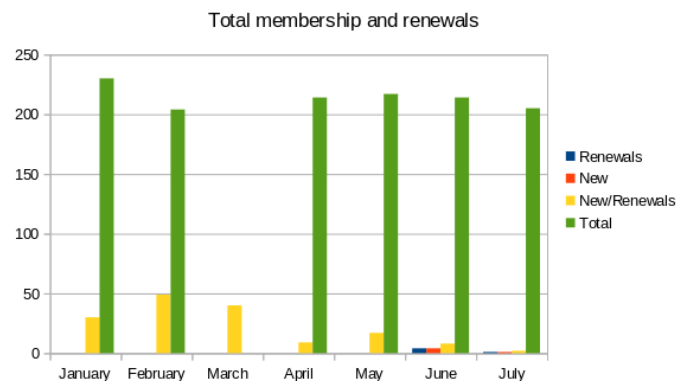
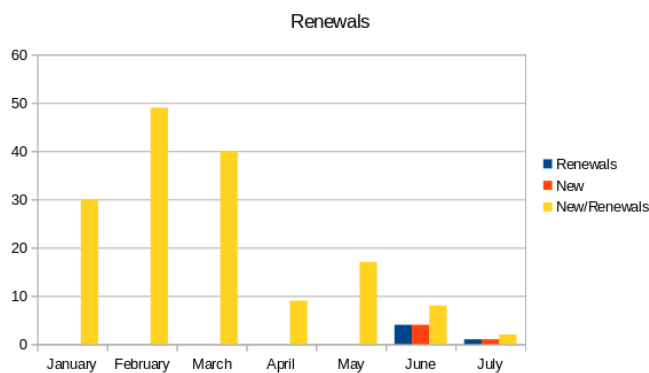
1) Brett Borden – Treasurer

- State of Accounts - Contributions - \$685 incoming in June, \$250 of were dues.
- State of Accounts - Cash flow – expenses of \$1980 for flow of negative \$1295.
- State of Accounts - Major expense of \$1552 for custom logo canopy.
- State of Accounts - Total funds – ended June \$51,006.
- Reporting - PDC – submitted for pre-primary period of Jun 1-Jul 10. Next period is only Jul 10-24.
- Reporting - FEC – submitted for mid-year (no business).
- Reporting - QuickBooks – to date.

- Other - Financial Report – updated department budgets for Q2 and changed Marketing to be its own category. Affiliate support is now a budgeted line item rather than for utilizing money held in their sub-account.
- Other - Allocated Funds – began discussion with Chair and Audit Cmte on current practices on funds earmarked for a specific purpose that goes unused over time.

2) Secretary (Trevor Best)

- LPWA has 205 current members as of July 22nd. So far in the month of July we have one renewal and one new member. For the complete month of June we had four renewals and four new members. Below are some charts tracking available membership data for 2023. Please note I have yet to backfill some data for past months before I started explicitly tracking it.



- Washington Secretary of State non-profit filing - Our amended annual report has been filed with the WA SOS. It is a paper report that is physically mailed in, so it may be awhile before they actually update anything with it.
- Liability Insurance - After much adventure and excitement, we do in fact now have an updated annual liability insurance policy, and we got it in time so that we had no gap in coverage, and in time to forward a certificate of the new plan for SWWALP's booth at the county fair. Long story short, the bill we had paid thinking it was the annual insurance was just the adder policy we got to serve alcohol at convention.

3) Vice-Chair (Colin Morgan)

- Nothing to Report

4) Chair (Anna Johnson)

- I instituted a new structure for monthly directors meetings that has vastly increased efficiency and energy/excitement. Thanks to LPCO for the training on it. LPWA team leads report they are pleased with this new approach.
- Comms director is stepping down due to work commitments and will contribute video production to candidates as able.
- Starting August 1 we will push to recruit via email and social media for open positions: Social media, press & PR, volunteer coordination, fundraising, partnerships & coalition-building, campaign/candidate support. And probably membership & outreach.
- In the interim I am writing and scheduling social media posts via Later.com app (free version) to TW and FB. Lloyd is still on IG, Sydney still on emails.
- I'm making appointments with text banking platforms to secure a service that will work for us through this campaign season, convention season, and the 2024 presidential campaign. The price will likely be about

\$4200/year, with costs split among the candidates/convention/comms budgets. I will run point on text banking (setting up, training volunteers, etc) unless someone else steps up.

- Working with Miguel and Aurelien to write copy and get a candidates page up on our website. lpwa.org/candidates (DRAFT; hopefully this will be finished by the 7/22 SEC mtg)
- I am designing graphics for various events upon the request of Raheli Kalpin. (Cont'd below)
- Update for Political Department: We sent a YOUR GIFT MATCHED email to raise funds for Randy McGlenn with a \$600 LPWA match as incentive. Randy reached \$600 within a couple days. We are donating the full \$600 on top. Yay! We also donated to Sydney Wissel.
- Campaign Training with LPCO on August 5: To learn more about Voter Gravity. Duques are busy. Can anyone else attend??
- Humanity for Peace rally w/ lefties August 6

County/Regional/National Reports

- 1) SWWALP - Will have a booth at the fair for over a week. Looking for volunteers to help man it!
- 2) Danielle Siler - There is a protest going on about winter sweeps of homeless camps at noon on August 2nd at City hall in Seattle. There is also a mutual aid society community yard sale in Seattle. Contact me if interested, lp.danielles@protonmail.com.
- 3) Spokane - Having a "Meat and Greet" with Spokane Libertarian candidates today. There will also be a "What do Libertarians Believe" event at the local library coming up soon.
- 4) Regional LNC Representative – Miguel Duque - Being on the LNC sucks pretty hard. I do not recommend it to anyone! In the humble but very disgruntled opinion of your Region Rep, the LNC is failing critically in very complex ways that I'm mostly not even supposed to talk about. It's completely reasonable for members to be pissed. My goal is to have even a small positive impact, however, the situation is probably going to keep getting worse. I highly encourage everyone to focus their efforts and contributions on our outstanding state affiliate, LP Washington. The state affiliates within Region 1 are also doing a good job of helping each other. I also want everyone to consider buying tickets to the DC convention soon. It's going to be awesome and there are going to be some great packages.

Department Reports

- 1) Technology Director – Ray Thompson
 - Overall Feeling & Summary - Personal life and career have kept me busy the past few months with limited time spent on LPWA.
 - Progress Since Last Report
 - Preparation of the E-Mail services proposal document. If approved, I will build a timeline for implementation targeting no later than the end of this summer.
 - NAS speed testing. As an input to the above proposal, testing was done to determine how much bandwidth can be squeezed out of our NAS at a location (my house) with 1000/1000 MB internet. Turns out not much (10-15 mb max through relay) – real cloud storage is going to be a better solution for the majority of the party. A specific use-case of backing up very large videos directly to the NAS through a VPN to my network will offer the best performance but at a high support cost (my time and handholding users).
 - Other Upcoming Projects

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- Mailchimp - Luis and team are still looking to provide an accessible up to date list of members, and an automation script for making edits outside of the Mailchimp website.
 - Basecamp small-tasks - There are a handful of small tasks in basecamp with regards to documentation and training. These will likely continue to get ignored until the fall.
- 2) Merchandise and Marketing Team, Lloyd Morris – No Report
- 3) Legislative Action Coordinator – Trevor Best
- Some feelers out on getting training on legislative stuff from LP Colorado. Also looking to reach out to LP Texas and talk to them about what they do, as they also appear to have a very robust program.
- 4) Legislative action team – Trevor Best – No Report
- 5) Political Department – Miguel Duque
- Recent/Current Activities
 - Helping with creation of candidates page on LPWA.org
 - Attending meeting with anti-war coalition in Seattle regarding planning a rally
 - Attending candidate meetup in Spokane this month
 - Upcoming Tasks
 - Produce written processes for obtaining and reviewing requests for spending money on endorsed candidates (i.e. instructions for how candidates can request funding for specified campaign expenses, and internal guidelines on how the political department should manage use of LPWA resources/budget for candidate support)
 - Explore the top ways that we can help candidates this year with the time that is left (Primary Day is August 1st, then the candidates going into the general will have to campaign until Election Day November 7th)
 - Procuring data
 - Textbanking
 - Door canvassing / lit dropping
 - Events
 - Media
- 3) Communications Director – Zach Taylor
- Zach has resigned from this position due to lack of time. He will continue to help with video/audio for candidates.
- 4) Convention Chair – Beth Faulkner
- The convention committee (mostly Katie Morris!) has been working hard to visit venues and we have narrowed the options down to two. Both of them meet our needs and more, however, one location is actively going out of their way to pursue us as clients and really wants us Libertarians. Every concern we have brought up so far, they have worked hard to accommodate us, which is the opposite of what we experienced last year.

A few highlights:

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- They ONLY require a banquet permit, they do NOT require any additional alcohol insurance
 - The owner of one venue, Susan, is attending our Spokane event this weekend! How cool is that! She really wants to work with us.
 - Both venues are bigger, and cheaper than last year by more than \$1500 which is fantastic (thank you Spokane pricing)!
 - Our own Madame Chair is visiting both venues just after the SEC meeting to provide input in the final decisionmaking and we hope to have one selected by end of July.

Also, side note, the committee unanimously agreed we all would like to invite Jack and Pho to MC our 2024 convention as last year was such a success; their positive personalities and energy added so much to the event. We would like the board's thoughts/feedback on this.

Business

1) Endorsement of Justin Franks (Miguel Duque)

- Endorsed

2) Endorsement of Alan Rubio (Miguel Duque)

- Endorsed

3) Email Choices

- Some discussion about email options and the balance between open source solutions that are easier to use but also not under our control and more controlled solutions that require more tech savvy. Discussion between Google, O365, ProtonMail, or alternative self hosted options.

4) Humanity for Peace Rally

1. Motion to approve LPWA participating in a Rally on August 6th with Humanity for Peace.

- August 6th, the anniversary of Hiroshima, we will have the Humanity for Peace rally. We met with lefty types and we are wanting to cosponsor the Seattle for Peace event, and I'm wanting to see about putting our name on it (we aren't sponsoring the national event, and it's no money). It would be at Greenlake where they already have a memorial for Hiroshima. The national event is unfortunately including Scott Ritter and we aren't very happy about that. But, the cause is still good.

1. Concern about associating with the national movement

1. We are not putting our name on the national event, just for Seattle. We are using the same general logo for our Seattle flier to show some unity.
2. We are also pushing to get rid of the 4th demand for the Seattle event.

2. Concern about associating with Communists

1. Worry about them stabbing us in the back at the first opportunity.

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1. We aren't investing anything in them.
 3. There are benefits of building a local anti-war coalition
 1. We are only promoting our local group and building good faith single issue coalitions.
 2. Motion to amend main motion to "approve LPWA participating in a rally on August 6th with coalition partners, not a sister rally with Humanity for Peace and not using their graphic."
 1. Amendment Motion approved
 3. Amended motion approved.
 2. Motion to fully endorse Sam Sheehan.
 1. Approved

Open Discussion

- 1) None

Next SEC Meeting

- 1) Set for August 19th 9:00 AM

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned

I hereby certify that this document has been approved by the State Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Washington State.

Trevor Best
Secretary
Libertarian Party of Washington