

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for August 19th, 2023 (Zoom)

Attendance

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

Other attendees:

Layla Bush

Tyler Dahl

Jason Coon

Miguel Duque

Call to Order

Called to order at 9:05

Open Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Prior Minutes

Approved minutes from July 2023 meeting – Approved, after discussion of lost start and end times and roll call.

Officer Reports

1) Treasurer's Report

a. State of Accounts

a) Contributions - \$535 incoming for Jul, of which \$125 were dues.

b) Cash flow – expenses of \$2316 for negative flow of \$1781.

- major expenses of \$1153 for annual insurance, \$972 to primary candidates.

c) Total funds – ended Jul at \$49,258.

b. Reporting

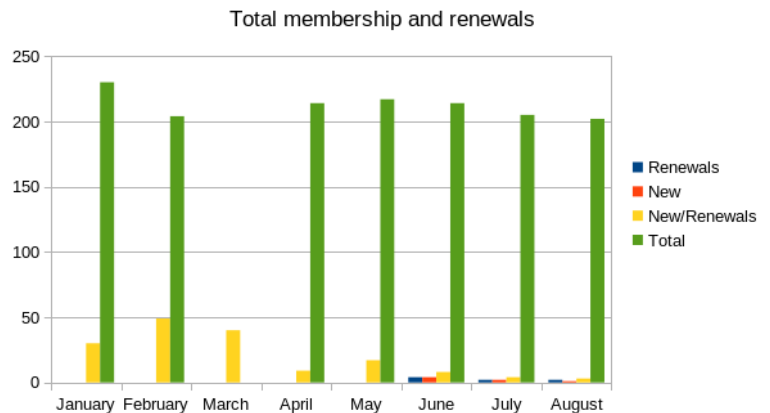
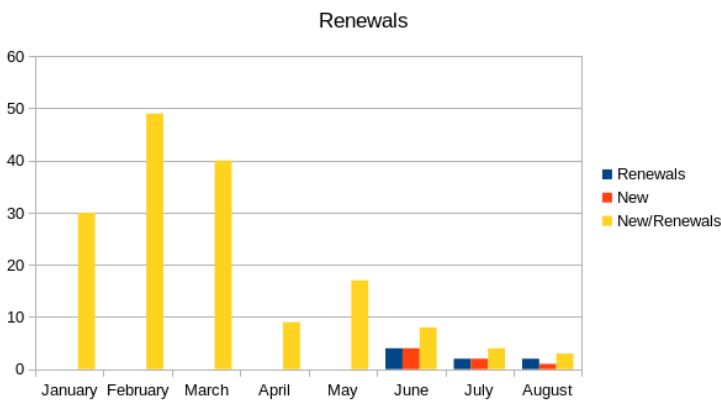
- a) PDC – submitted for pre-primary Jul 10-24 period.
- b) QuickBooks – to date.

c. Other

- a) Audit Cmte – submitted files for Q2. Had some back-and-forth, still figuring out best method for small transaction tracking post-switch to web-only ORCA filing that has no export function
- b) New non-LPWA obligations
 - agreed to mentor LPNE new treasurer
 - agreed to serve as assistant treasurer for Chase Oliver campaign

2) Secretary’s Report

- a. Membership - LPWA has 202 current members as of August 17th. So far in the month of August we have two renewals and one new member. For the complete month of July we had two and two new members. Below are some charts tracking available membership data for 2023.
- b. Note from chair – We should initiate a program to contact national members and ask them to join state, perhaps this can be a project of the new communications director



3) Vice-chair’s report

- a. I attended an event by a group called Washington Civil Rights Council. Most notably focused on two things:
 - 1. How they help pro se litigants sue over being fired for not being vaccinated. 2. That Private Member Associations can be used to accomplish things that are otherwise illegal. This ran very close to Sovereign Citizen practices, and they avoided references to it.
 - Their connections to pro se litigants could be quite valuable.
 - They appeared to be mostly Republican.
 - They were very open to working together and were happy to see us there.
 - They are strongly anti-vaccine mandate.
- b. I tested an update to the Nexus Discord server and found some fixes it still needs.

- c. Started following Region 1 activity about LP National. Met with Anna a few times.
- d. Attended part of a Region 1 meeting with Chairs to listen to discussion about the issues that our region representative, Miguel, brought to our attention.
- e. A Vote of No Confidence in Miguel Duque as our Region representative was motioned by a region's Chair among the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the region. Only Chairs have a vote, but Anna recused herself in the matter leaving the vote to me. I did not recuse myself and voted "nay".
- f. Attended public portion of an LNC executive session meeting and commented that I am very bothered that there is so much discussed behind closed session and that only ongoing or impending lawsuits should be discussed privately.

4) Chair's Report

- a. Consumed with LNC drama, which ends for both me and Miguel after today. I have recused myself from the R1 Chairs and Vice Chairs conversations when it comes to LNC drama, shifting the responsibility to Vice Chair Colin Morgan, and have offered to continue in a collaborative chat about state-level issues.
 - Interested in LPWA's thoughts about an intentional abstention from all LNC issues entirely (rather than having Colin try to vote for us). Other R1 chairs will probably do the same.
- b. Onboarding comms director, Yay!
- c. Found some text banking options including one with no minimum (compared to \$350/mo) and am applying my efforts wholly to that next week.
- d. Miguel and I will be working hard to support our candidates in general for the next 1-3 months.
- e. Question – Anna Farley, could we have a 2 minute synopsis of the issues at national? Answer:
 - Backroom/secret dealings of LNC
 - Mistreatment of employees
 - General Dysfunction
 - Miguel and Anna released compilation of conversations which has now leaked
 - LNC is in full "nothing to see here mode"
 - This LNC is totally dysfunctional and lost, not worth our time
 - Only solution is to take power away from the LNC
 - Colin Morgan - does not intend to participate in region votes

County/Regional/National Reports

- 1) National Report – Miguel Duque. Madame Chair's report on the topic was good. LNC has no accountability, and is a "self licking ice cream cone". No accountability, clout chasing, funneling money to useless ends. The organization must be fundamentally leveled and restructured in order to succeed. It is now up to the members.

Department Reports

- 1) Convention Committee – Raheli Kalpin

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1. Venue is chosen, awaiting confirmation of date change
 2. Note from Madam chair, miscommunication, date change to April 13th is confirmed, SEC may vote to confirm, added to new business without objection.
- 2) Technology Director's report
1. Overall Feeling & Summary - Can't believe it's been 4 weeks.
 2. Progress Since Last Report – No progress since last report
 3. Other Upcoming Projects
 1. E-mail and technology services implementation - Still need to get together with Donovan to discuss the recommendation to move to Microsoft 365 for Business. Hopefully resolved before Saturday.
 2. Affiliate web space / sharing - Prepare a step-by-step for how to onboard affiliates and give them their own webspace under lpwa.org's Bluehost.
 3. 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.
 4. Madam Chair notes – Pending final review she will authorize Ray to transfer LPWA's email to Office 365
- 3) Legislative Action Coordinator – Nothing to Report
- 4) Political Department – Report of candidate results in Primary. 7 candidates advancing to general. We are learning lots, and looking forward to next year. Going to Psilofest as a speaker.
- 5) Affiliate Support Coordinator
1. The Spokane camping trip was successful. Though not as many people showed this year. We will look into a later time of year and better marketing in the future.
 2. Spokanes: "Meet the Candidate" was a successful endeavor. The Seattle team will be putting together one for our Seattle candidates; in a hopeful attempt to forward liberty. This will likely happen in September.
 3. SWWALP went to the fair! SWWALP has successfully manned a booth at the Clark County Fair. We obtained 112 new leads for the LPWA.
 4. SWWALP is hosting a Robbie the fire porch tour pre-party, and has taken the liberty of inviting Oregon LP.
 5. We have onboarded Tyler Dahle for communications and some marketing. Looking forward to seeing what he brings to the table.
 6. Looking forward:
 - SWWALP will be looking to onboard more Libertarians through our contacts made at the fair.
 - SWWALP is having its first convention on 9/23/23. We are honored to have made our first year.
 - Seattle will be set to host it's first meeting in October. A huge thank you to all who have stepped up.
 - Affiliates support will be hosting our second meeting on 8/29/23 where we will discuss hosting strategies.

Business

- 1) Appointment of Tyler Dahl as Communications Director
 - Introduction of Tyler, discussion of experience, etc
 - Confirmation Passes unanimously
- 2) Amendment to the standing rules Section 5)
 - Text: “Budget:

(d) The annual budget will note special purpose funds and past year allocations.

For each, they must be marked whether they are intended to continue to be honored, or considered lapsed/expended.

(i) Any lapsed/expended funds will be considered available to be used in the current year’s budget.”
 - Motion withdrawn without objection
- 3) Vote to affirm changing date of convention to April 13th 2024
 - Motion put forward by Anna Johnson, Seconded Raheli Kalpin
 - Motion Passes Unanimously

Open Discussion

- 1) Local Stewards Academy program invitation – C. Michael Pickens
 - United Independence is putting on a training of becoming active in your community and eventually running for office, training starting this Thursday. Shared on Discord in Candidates channel and SEC business
- 2) How do feel about make a statement about non-participation in LNC?
 - Discussion, positives and negatives about making a statement, discussion about what it means to abstain or not participate. Further discussion of situation at large.

Next SEC Meeting

- 1) Set for October 14th 9:00 AM (Secretary’s note: the meeting was later moved to the 21st by the chair without objection via the SEC Business Discord channel)

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 10:35 AM

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