

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2023 (Zoom)

Attendance

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

Other attendees:

Adam Harman
Miguel Duque
Ray Thompson
Steve Ladd
Beth Faulkner
Layla Bush
Robert McGee

Call to Order

Called to order at 9:03

Open Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Prior Minutes

Approved minutes from October 2023 meeting – Approved, without objection

Officer Reports

1) Treasurer's Report

a. State of Accounts

a) Contributions - \$619 incoming for September, of which \$300 were dues.

- major expenses for text banking and Microsoft 365 accounts

b) Total funds – ended Sep at \$44,891.

b. Reporting

a) PDC – submitted for pre-general period ending Oct 16.

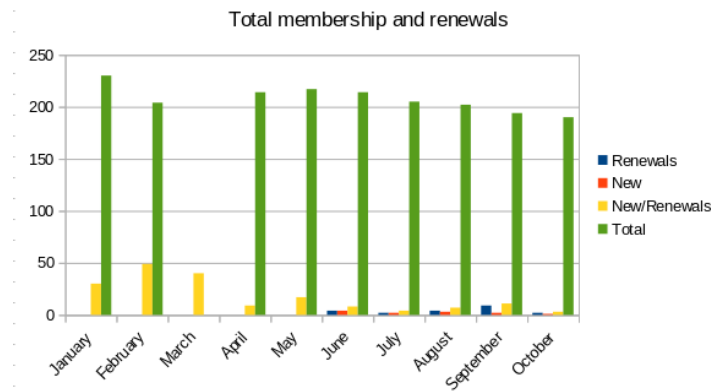
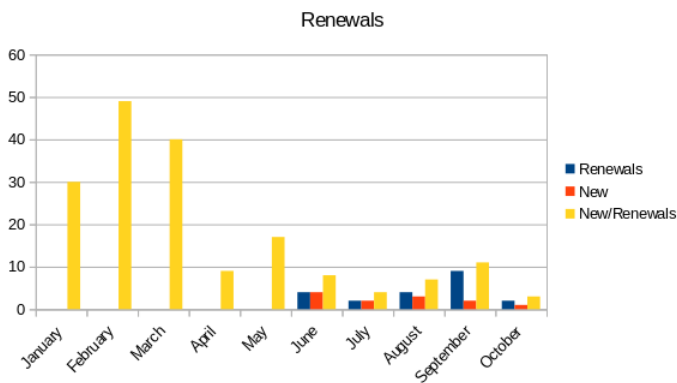
1. QuickBooks – to date.

c. Other

a) 2024 state convention – met Oct 10 at venue with Katie Morris to sign paperwork and hand over \$500 deposit.

2) Secretary’s Report

a. LPWA has 190 current members as of October 17th. So far in the month of October we have two renewals and one new member. For the complete month of August we had four renewals and three new members. For the complete month of September we had nine renewals and two new members. Below are some charts tracking available membership data for 2023.



b. Membership Form Custom Amounts Issue

Through August 25th, the main membership signup form on the website apparently had the Anedot option to “Allow Custom Amounts” option turned on. Record of membership is based solely upon completion of this form, up to discovery of the error. This allowed a handful of people to slip in and be counted as members between the full transition to Mailchimp at the beginning of the year, despite paying less than \$25.

The error has since been rectified, but there are currently two people technically on our membership rolls who have not payed the required \$25 to actually become members. I see no reason not to assume that these people fully believed in good faith from the form that the \$25 was only a “recommended” amount to become members, and not a hard requirement.

LPWA Bylaws state the following in regards to membership gained by financial contribution, “Any individual who has, in the previous twelve (12) months, paid sustaining membership dues in the amount of twenty-five (25) dollars to the Party... ..The State Executive Committee shall implement a process for identifying and recording qualifying donations.” (Emphasis mine)

I would recommend counting the two people who mistakenly contributed less than \$25 as members for their allotted period. I believe this is permissible under the bylaws as the “process” established by the SEC was the form. The fact that the form erroneously allowed for smaller donations than the amount required by the bylaws is an error on our end, not theirs. We would of course contact them and explain

the situation and that they will need to pay more to renew, but I believe that allowing their memberships to stand as-is would be a good investment on returns in goodwill.

Also many thanks to Brett for initially noticing the error on the transactions coming through.

c. Motion to accept the two people as members, Colin Morgan, seconded Sydney Wissel, passed unanimously

d. Paperwork for nonprofit corporation status now filed and accepted by WA SOS

3) Vice-chair's report

- a. Nothing to report this month

4) Chair's Report

- a. Happy to report I've spent nearly zero time on LNC issues for 2 months
- b. I have spent a lot of time wrestling with launching text banking through Texting4Less. Pro: I know a lot about it now and can train a lot of people on the pitfalls. Con: I'm concerned about how troublesome it's been, but suspect it's industry-wide because cell phone carriers are getting better at rejecting text banking as spam.
- c. I'm ready to make our text banking account available to any county group or LPWA leader who wants to use it for Party organizing. With a little help and guidance from me, you can be empowered to do it yourself!
- d. ... However, I'm also looking into other options such as Voter Gravity!
- e. Working on helping along convention decisionmaking
- f. Directors meetings now in new efficient L10 format are more successful and rewarding.
- g. I'm very pleased that our new events team and new comms director are finding their footing and self-starting!
- h. Up next for me: Working on a few more ways to promote our candidates before November 7, and connecting with directors about their 2024 budgets.

County/Regional/National Reports

- 1) Sydney Wissel – Spokane affiliate is doing a showing of *Ithaca*.
- 2) Raheli Kalpin – SWWALP is hosting a Candidate debate/forum for local candidates
- 3) Miguel Duque – Pierce County is getting active, meetup at the Duque's Friday October 27th
- 4) Adam Haman - National Region Rep, rolled out a new affiliate cookbook guide, new subsidized voter gravity program, some affiliates are thriving, some aren't. Focus attention on local.

Department Reports

- 1) Convention Committee – Beth Faulkner

- 1. The dates have been solidified, the event is April 12-14th, 2024.
- 2. The venue has been secured and the deposit paid

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3. The team is currently working to:
 1. Secure the hotel block for the weekend
 2. Brainstorm, review & select speakers
 3. Research and select catering
 4. Start planning for the Friday evening social gathering
 5. Solidify the marketing strategy and start execution of this

2) Technology Director's report

1. Overall Feeling & Summary - Fall leaves are beautiful but raking them sucks.
2. Progress Since Last Report – Email host migration from LP National to Microsoft 365 has been completed!
3. Other Upcoming Projects
 1. 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.
 2. 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.

3) Legislative Action Coordinator – Intend to start spinning up a plan of action this month

4) Political Department – Miguel Duque

1. Recent/current activities:
 - Piloting and troubleshooting TextingForLess mass texting system to use for candidate Get Out the Vote efforts. We estimate that once some of the kinks are worked out, mass texting will be one of the most cost effective, and least resource (volunteer time) intensive, methods of getting candidates exposure. We'll also be able to use it for internal member communications.
 - Worked on updating the "County" field for as many MailChimp contacts as I could find in Pierce County who did not already have "Pierce" in that field. I discovered there are many (probably 100 or more) contacts who don't have a county listed in the County field but who could be based on other address data available. This is tedious work that takes time, but is likely well worth it so that MailChimp emails going to audiences segmented by county go to as many people in that local area as possible.
 - Starting up spreadsheet and recruiting efforts for 2024 WA election candidates.
 - Designed and produced (with help from member-owned Cryptid Laserworks LLC) a really kickass gift for each of the ten candidates that LPWA endorsed in 2023, including the 6 candidates who made it to the general as well as the 4 who did not. These will be awarded to our candidates at the November 7th election night party.

Upcoming Activities:

- Touch base with Leg Director about Leg stuff
- Brainstorm with Chair and others about Issue Coalitions

5) Audit Committee

1. No improper or personal use of LPWA resources was identified.
2. LPWA account transactions were reconciled to Treasurer's Financial Report spreadsheet. .
3. Contribution and expenditure reports were filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) according to required timelines.
4. Recommend that \$1,614 event liability insurance purchased for 2023 Convention be recorded as part of the convention budget rather than the liability insurance budget.

6) Affiliate Support Coordinator

1. The event teams are busy working on our last little hiccups in finding our rhythm. The overall strategy; while taking time to implement, is doing very well in the areas we've been able to focus on.
2. Individuals are getting together to discuss and bundle booth packages for each region; in hopes that we will be more prepared to staff events in the future.
3. Election night parties are being organized throughout the state, if you've not seen in your area keep an eye out or reach out! We are excited to have you!
4. SWWALPs convention was successful, and we are happy to report a strong team for this next year.
5. SWWALP is hosting a debate in the Vancouver area, hoping to bridge the gap between voters and their representatives.
6. Points of growth:
7. We are now looking into how best to inform members of what is going on in their area, as with any organized function, this is a place we have so much potential in. Please remain patient as we work out a long lasting strategy to implement.

New Business

1. Ryan Searcy affiliation change, info from Michael Pickens. Basically Ryan felt he was getting more support from the Republican side of the fence, and moved over there because of that, though his principles have not changed.
2. Motion to un-endorse Ryan Searcy, Trevor Best, Seconded Donovan Allen, Roll Call Vote unanimous for removal of endorsement.
3. Preliminary budget discussion, explanation of intent, what to use budget for, what to think about for a more serious discussion next month. Specific discussion of the potential of a paid membership contractor. Discussion of what events we would like to see next year. Housing policy, school choice/parental rights, non-profit security organizations, solutions to homeless crisis.
4. Proposal of motion or action to condemn the recent Tweet from National about Gavin Newsome visiting Israel. Discussion over the topic, and whether we should be involving ourselves in contravention to standing policy on intra-party drama. Motion by Trevor Best, seconded Danielle Siler:
"The SEC moves that the LPWA chair write and issue a statement condemning, and requesting the retraction and an apology for the recent tweet by the LP national twitter account found here: <https://twitter.com/LPNational/status/1715092923359129666> The statement should also clarify that we support criticizing Israel and the MIC, but that this specific phrasing has specific and inextricable anti-semitic connotations"

Motion failed

5.

Open Discussion

Next SEC Meeting

1) Set for November 18th 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned 11:01 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