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**June 15, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Steve Suess Director: Amanda Parsons

Vice Chair: Donny Henry Deputy Director: Nathan Florey

Secretary: Jonathan Parker Broadcasting Director: Stacy Apel

Treasurer: Russ Clark Social Media Director: Chase Renwick

 Deputy Social Media Director: Alex O’Dell

**IT DIVISON**

Director: Vacant **POLITICAL DIVISION**

Deputy Director: Eric Epps Director: Jake Leonard

Platform: Matt Brands Deputy Director: Vacant

Operations: Kelly Liebmann Legislative: Bennett Morris

Coding: Vacant Campaigns: Vacant

 Candidate Recruitment: Kevin Kauzlaric

**FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION** Deputy Recruitment: Vacant

Director: Les Deffner Ballot Access: William Redpath

Deputy: Blake Hanson Precincts: Vacant

Chapter Development: Vacant

Activism: Keith Zelinske

Events: Vacant

Membership: Kevin Mahoney

Campus Outreach: Elizabeth Arnold

Volunteer: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert

**AD-HOC and NATIONAL**

LP National Rep: John Phillips Jr.

Convention Committee: Steve Suess

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1st District: vacant 10th District: Les Deffner

2nd District: vacant 11th District: vacant

3rd District: vacant 12th District: Scott Schluter

4th District: Justin Tucker 13th District: Andy Apel

5th District: Bennett Morris 14th District: John Mathey

6th District: Julie Fox 15th District: vacant

7th District: vacant 16th District: Fran Holt

8th District: Steve Dutner 17th District: Chris Utke

9th District: vacant 18th District: Damon Dillon

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

Joe Peterson, Kevin Woodard, 678-591-7841, 309-202-5506, 224-230-6587, Adam Balling, 678-591-7841, 262-960-5590, 312-504-3995, Kyle Evans, Jake Collins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER –** 7:32 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  McHenry County donated $200 for Tim for the Convention. Nathan Florey confirmed his attendance at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The May Minutes were approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIR:**

**CiviCRM**

We're continuing to roll out the CiviCRM project with training from Lex and others in the IT Division. At this point, we have made significant progress on learning many of the functions of the system, including search, affiliates, website changes, events, fundraising, and email messaging. We are not done yet - we're building templates for mass newsletter emails. The Communications Division will continue to use Benchmark until we have appropriate templates. Later tonight, we will be voting on a motion to move to the National email system, which is compatible with CiviCRM. I will speak more on that later tonight.

**Convention**

Several of us on the Board put significant time and energy into informing people of our membership deadline and other rules in order to vote at the convention and be a delegate for the 2022 LNC Convention in Reno. Convention registration has been live online since last week, and we are already doing a great job selling tickets. Currently, we have sold 11 convention packages, mostly Platinum packages, for a grand total of $1,800. If you'd like to sit with either Justin Amash or Spike Cohen at dinner on Saturday night at the banquet, I highly suggest you purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Early bird pricing is only a month long and ends on July 11th. The Communications Division will be promoting the Convention heavily over the course of the next three weeks getting the word out.

**Candidate Recruitment**

My attention as Chair will be prioritizing candidate recruitment in the coming months as we approach our convention in October. We absolutely should have a full slate of statewide candidates on the ballot next fall, and we're currently searching for people to run for many of the positions. This should be a collective effort. If you or someone you know may be interested in running for a statewide position - or any other office - please contact Jake, Candidate Recruitment Director Kevin Kauzlaric, myself, or anyone else on the Executive Committee. The convention is going to sneak up on us really quick, and we need to find

**SCC Meeting**

We are due for a State Central Committee meeting, and I will be calling one before our next Board meeting. We will have one bylaws change on our agenda, as suggested by Les Deffner. I will provide those details when a call for agenda items is sent out. I am hoping to also have a new Secretary to vote onto the board as well, as Jonathan leaves us for greener pastures. If you know anyone interested in serving as our Secretary, please have them communicate with either Donny or me as soon as possible.

**Regional Training**

LNC Regional Training for our region will be in Des Moines Iowa at September 18. Region 3 training, which is in Indianapolis, is also available to anyone who would like to go. That training will take place on October 16th, the weekend after the convention. Once at the training, they will split off into two groups - one group focused on running campaign and one focused on party leadership. I highly suggest this training to anyone who is seeking party leadership roles or running for office. I have done this training myself, and I have used the notes from that training several times since becoming Chair.

**LP National Day of Activism**

The National Party is celebrating its first ever National Day of Activism on June 19th. National will be highlighting some of our Ranked Choice Voting work on Facebook and Twitter, as well as the great work done by other affiliates across the country. Please support all of our work by sharing these posts about Libertarian activism.

**YAL Convention**

If you're interested in going to the Young Americans for Liberty convention in Orlando this August, reach out to me. There is an opportunity from YAL to potentially cover some travel and lodging costs.

**VICE CHAIR:** Donny encouraged us not to get wrapped up in the NH drama as there is so much to do in IL – step up and do work for liberty! Chair and Vice Chair visited Kankakee County Chapter – one of our established counties – Kyle Evaney will be the new Chair there. Donny encouraged the Board to keep their shoulders to the wheel – we will grow as a party but we must keep grinding! Donny is still looking for fundraising ideas for the Convention – we need recurring members. The Vice Chairman concluded his report by giving us a brief history of Juneteenth.

**SECRETARY:** My resignation will take effect at the conclusion of this meeting. I would like to thank the SCC for voting to bring me back into the fold 13 months ago. I did not anticipate returning to the State Party in any official capacity after my 4 years as Vice Chairman but am glad that I did. It has been beyond rewarding to see the growth in the organization and how the LPIL is becoming a genuine political force in the State of Illinois (at least more so than when I left). I will continue to be an advocate for liberty and a friend to the LPIL and would like to return to serve the State Party when and where I can.

I would also like to thank Chairman Suess and Vice Chairman Henry for their understanding and the compassion demonstrated during my recent brain surgery and the birth of my daughter Victoria. Mr. Henry also has my sincere appreciation for taking the minutes during the last two meetings.

**TREASURER:**



Mr. Clark also spoke about the CRM and Precinct Committeeman projects. He is in possession of the new voter rolls.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Team - Forgive me for not attending the June 2021 meeting as I will be going to a work outing at the Sox game.

If you are not a recurring monthly donor to the LP Illinois, please visit [www.lpillinois.org/donate](http://www.lpillinois.org/donate) to set. If you cannot donate monthly, please consider a one-time donation.  Also, please become a Precinct Committeeperson if you are not already one by visiting [www.lpillinois.org/precinct-committeemen/](http://www.lpillinois.org/precinct-committeemen/).

For the month of April, I pitched to 123 individuals for a total of $240 in pledges. Actual April donations came to $155. I have followed up on some of the pledges not received.

For the month of May, I pitched to 96 individuals for a total of $100 in pledges. Actual May donations came to $61.99. Will wait until June donations come through in case donations solicited in May came after June 1 and follow up accordingly.

I attended several meetings, including with the LP Chicago and Cook County Libertarian Central Committee, as well as attended the Woodstock Pride Parade hosted by the McHenry County Libertarians.

I introduced myself to Rep. Lauren Underwood, Congresswoman from the 14th Congressional District to ask about meeting with Libertarian constituents. She enthusiastically affirmed she would love to meet and I have reached out to her office about a meeting.

I also attended the LNC meeting in Chicago. Networked with several folks and hope to meet soon with Jeff Hewitt, Tara DeSisto, and others to discuss topics related to growing resources in Illinois.

As we move toward the new CRM, I hope to dive deeper into data not previously available.

I am also available to join any LP meeting in the state, virtually or in-person if possible. Please reach out.

Best,

Justin Tucker

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Communications Division Report:** Put out another newsletter, sent email out regarding the Convention and informing the public of when you have to be registered as a member of the Party to have voting rights. Social media is busy trying to advertise for the Convention – Mr. Renwick gave a talk about appropriate social media behavior and feels that his time and his teams time goes to waste when people in the Party or on the Board pull stunts.

**Field Operations Division Report:**

A. Field Ops Director Les Deffner

1.  I’ve attended a few Civi-CRM project training sessions.

2.  Provided welcome and minor hosting duties to the Libertarian National Committee during their first day of their June 5th meeting in Chicago.

3.  I’d like to suggest all LPIL staff consider seeking out their closest LNC staff counterparts and try to build a working relationship with that person. Purpose is to learn from then, as well as discover Best Demonstrated Practices (BDPs) being implemented by other state LP’s which we can benefit from. Again, this is only a suggestion.

B. Field Ops Deputy Director Blake Hanson -

1.  No report

C. Membership Director Kevin Mahoney -  Nothing to report this month.  He’s been on vacation, and once back tried to get onto CiviCRM to no avail. Will work with the IT Division to get him access.

D. Volunteer Director Lorraine DeNardis-Albert –

1. Since the last LPIL BOD meeting: (2) New Volunteer sign-ups.

2. This past month she worked on organizing volunteers for the LNC meeting with Field Ops Director, the LNC, and the area Chicago chapter chairs.

3. Her next goals are to see if perhaps state organizers might consider hosting statewide events, such as a debate. Will direct her to work with Field Ops Deputy Director and Activism Director.

4. Contact her at volunteer@lpillinois.org or l.denardis@utexas.edu

E. Precincts Director (Open) –

1.      (0) Statements of Candidacy - Reminder to SCC Reps and Chairs: Please promote to your members the importance of this position. Until we get a Precincts Committeeman Director, I will be developing training materials to help chapters.

2.      This position is in need of being filled.

D.  Chapter Development Director – Ian Peak

1.      Chapter Credentials – Please send in your credentials as per your chapter bylaws dictate.

2.      Southern Cook County / Will County restart chapter - No report.

3.   Kankakee County Libertarian Party – Sent message to KCLP Facebook page to see if they have a plan to move forward now that Jim Byrne has resigned.  As of 6/14/21, Kyle Evans has been named Chairman.

4.   Stateline Libertarians are re-homing to be based out of Stephenson County. Bernie Behrens is now chairman, and Nate Scalf has stepped down to Vice-Chair. A new core group of Libertarians are forming a new chapter named Winnebago County Libertarians (or whatever they see fit), led by Jacob Harvey. Bernie and Nate will give an assist to Field Ops in helping the new chapter get their bylaws together.

E. Activism Director Keith Zelinske – No other Report. If your chapter needs help with planning and executing outreach activities, please contact Activities Director Keith Zelinske.

F. Campus Outreach Director Elizabeth Arnold – No report. If your chapter needs help with Campus Outreach, please contact Campus Outreach Director Elizabeth Arnold.

G. Division Meeting - none scheduled.

H. Field Ops Manual - Almost fully updated. Still pending. Just need the Precincts Director job description completed.

I. Asking all chapter chairs to inform their members of the (2) slots needed filled:

- Deputy Chapter Development Director

- Precincts Director – Jake said he had someone in mind.

Respectfully Submitted by Les Deffner to the LPIL Board of Directors

June 14, 2021

Field Operations Division Director

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**IT Division Report:** IT Director position is open, Website Director position is open, CRM trainings are ongoing.

**Convention Report:** N/A

**Political Division Report:**

Reporting Period: May 19, 2021 to June 15, 2021

**Divisional changes and vacancies**

* **VACANCY**: Deputy Political Division Director, Deputy Candidate Recruitment Director, Precincts Director

**Divisional communications**

I held a roughly 45-minute meeting with the Political Division on June 14. Those present were Legislative Director Bennett Morris and Ballot Access Director. Candidate Recruitment Director Kevin Kauzlaric (out of state with family) and Campaigns Director Jonathan King (just got married, maybe on honeymoon) were both out of state and could not attend.

Among the issues discussed were the timeliness of communications after the passage of resolutions brought forth at the BOD meetings. I won’t point fingers and issue blame, but I would like to speak to Communications Director Amanda Parsons and her team, with members of the Executive Committee (ExCom) present, sometime this summer to see how we can help expedite things and make thing easier for both divisions as we near our nominating convention in October, leading all the way to primaries in seven established counties and the fight for 5% statewide and/or expanding our reach to more counties as a result of the 2022 elections.

Also discussed in brief was ballot access, while we await a signature from Gov. Pritzker setting the timeline for the 2022 cycle. However, it appears there are some complications being imposed by legal threats by the Republican Party, who are neither satisfied with the new state legislative districts nor are they happy about the 53-day timeline to collect signatures for their respective primaries. This concern pretty much requires a wait-and-see scenario, especially if it results in a legal battle.

The biggest concern brought forth – and we all agreed on this: We have a severe lack of interest in statewide elections. Scott Schluter is the only active candidate for statewide office, pursuing the gubernatorial nomination. Despite our best attempts, many inquiries that we follow up on between our now-former backend and LP National have been returned unresponsive. Past candidates who still live in the state that we’re personally reached out to are not returning communications.

It goes to push one serious question: Are our recruitment efforts being harmed because of social media behaviors of other state affiliates, e.g. New Hampshire, Nevada, Florida, Kentucky, etc.?

Regardless of that, I intend to keep pushing. I would like to exceed our candidate count from 2020. We’ve already surpassed the number of inquiries from Election Day 2020 to date, so that’s one goal I intended to shatter. Now it’s time to reciprocate for 2022.

Our candidates – statewide all the way down to county board – are our cornerstones to establishing our party in more counties with the ultimate goal of statewide recognized status.

So, back to elections: Will the primary be in March? Will it be in June? We still don’t know because the Senate has yet to transmit the election bill to Gov. Pritzker. As previously mentioned, the Republican Party will likely object to the 53-day petitioning cycle for the primary, while “new parties” like ourselves and independents would have 89 days. I will be reaching out to my state Sen. Doris Turner and inquire on what the holdup is.

The Political Division and ExCom will continue to follow up and present any updates to the BOD as they become available.

A preliminary updated draft of the Political Division Officers Guide will be submitted separately with this report. I am still working on populating the final page with counterparts that my divisional officers can contact, whether through the LNC and regional and/or bordering state affiliates within Region 6 and two bordering in Region 3. This came about following a roughly hour-long discussion at the LNC Meeting in Chicago. This final page will assist my officers in getting some advice, assistance and even mentorship to help them perform their jobs even better.

Not sure where this falls under, but we have someone by the name of Parker Ellis from Chicago who signed up as a party member and has a background in data analysis, which is helpful in determining our best campaign strategies to act upon. Just happened to notice that while trying to peel through additional candidate recruitment inquiries. If I can finally get Jon up to speed on what’s required of him, Parker could be a great asset to make his job even easier.

The legislature may be out of session, but please don’t be complacent. Continue to contact your state Representatives and Senators to support House Bill 2398. We passed a resolution to support this crucial ballot access reform, and we should continue to act upon it.

The next date for the Political Division meeting is TBD for the month of July.

**Appendix Schedule – June 2021 Report**

Candidate Recruitment through 2025 Appendix A

Precinct Committeeperson Notes Appendix B

Appendix A

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Candidate Recruitment Report

Reporting Period: May 19, 2021 to June 15, 2021

POLITICAL TIMELINE THROUGH 2025

**2022 GENERAL**: Candidate Recruitment and the Political Division reports the following regarding candidate status in the 2022 election cycle:

**STATEWIDE – 2022:**

**Governor**

Floyd, Nathan Alton 11/16/2020 Unknown status

Ryan, Curtis Decatur 02/22/2021 Suspended run

Schluter, Scott Marion 04/15/2021 Actively campaigning

Stewart, Jon Deerfield *Potential follow-up from 2018?*

Sturm, Dylan Rock Island 10/07/2020 Unknown status

**Lieutenant Governor**

**Secretary of State**

White, Jesse Centralia 05/18/2021 Just received

**Attorney General**

**Treasurer**

**Comptroller**

**U.S. Senate**

Redpath, Bill West Dundee 06/14/2021 Exploratory

**Unknown**

Bennett. Chris Springfield 05/15/2021 Interest via SM

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Unknown status

Cox, Benjamin Jacksonville 03/04/2021 Unknown status

Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Unknown status

Tahiri, Adem Vernon Hills 06/17/2020 Unknown status

Valentino, Anthony Davis Junction 06/18/2020 Unknown status

Watkins, Darva Chicago 02/02/2021 Unknown status

**CONGRESSIONAL – 2022:**

 Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Unknown status

Cicinelli, Chris Oak Park 02/17/2021 Unknown status

Cochran, Andrew Chicago 01/22/2021 Unknown status

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Unknown status

Heiston, Brian Earlville 05/04/2021 Recently received

Hilligoss, Karen Montgomery 04/10/2021 Unknown status

 Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Unknown status

 McDulin, Maxwell Chicago 05/18/2021 Just received

Shaffer, K. Eric Dunlap 01/12/2021 Unknown status

Smith, Joseph Edwardsville 01/13/2021 Unknown status

Sutton, Nicholas Alton 02/03/2021 Unknown status

Tahiri, Adem Vernon Hills 06/17/2020 Unknown status

Valentino, Anthony Davis Junction 06/18/2020 Unknown status

 Yocum, Aaron Polo 01/25/2021 Unknown status

**ILLINOIS SENATE – 2022:**

Adler, Vincent Marion 11/15/2020 Unknown status

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Unknown status

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Unknown status

Rowe, Phil Des Plaines 02/04/2021 Unknown status

Stevens, Fletcher Tuscola 11/07/2020 Unknown status

Wenger, Joey Loves Park 10/13/2019 Unknown status

**ILLINOIS HOUSE – 2022:**

Adler, Vincent Marion 11/15/2020 Unknown status

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Unknown status

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Unknown status

Decker, Jason Midlothian 11/12/2020 Requesting update

Diederich, Chris Elmhurst/Villa Park 11/11/2020 Requesting update

Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Unknown status
Mathews, John Berkeley 02/03/2019 Requesting update

Padget, Brandon West Frankfort 01/07/2021 Unknown status

Stevens, Fletcher Tuscola 11/07/2020 Unknown status

Wardman, William 11/11/2020 Unknown status

Wenger, Joey Loves Park 10/13/2019 Unknown status

**LOCAL/COUNTY – 2022:**

*Madison* Abernatha, Wesley Alton 01/20/2021 YES

*Cook* Abour, Mo Chicago 11/05/2020 YES

*Kankakee* Collins, Jake Kankakee Rolling date MAYBE

*Ford* Crank, Donald Roberts Rolling date MAYBE

*Winnebago* Donovan, Alexander Rockford 10/09/2020 YES

*DeWitt* Florey, Nathan Clinton Rolling date MAYBE

*Kankakee* Hase, Cheryl Manteno 10/01/2020 YES

*Cook* Kozlowski, Jack 02/04/2021 YES

*McHenry* Nevsimal, James Crystal Lake 11/16/2020 YES

??? Miocic, Jure Plainfield 05/16/2021 MAYBE

 *Uncertain as to whether he lives on Will or Kendall county side*

*Franklin* Padget, Brandon West Frankfort 01/07/2021 MAYBE

*Cook* Pantoja, Ruben Chicago MAYBE

*Cook* Rowe, Phil Des Plaines 02/04/2021 MAYBE

*Cook* Sizelove, Brandon Chicago 01/28/2021 YES

*Christian* Smith, Brandon Taylorville 11/07/2020 YES

*Winnebago* Sturtevant, Skylar Machesney Park 01/16/2021 YES

**UNSPECIFIED – 2022:**

 Mac, Ryan Chicago 01/26/2021 YES

 Tsatsos, Thea 03/04/2021 YES

**NOT RUNNING – 2022:**

 Malouf, Danny Woodstock

**OTHER CYCLE UPDATES:** Candidate Recruitment and the Political Division reports the following regarding candidate status in future election cycles:

**2023 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Paul Boucher*** is expressing intent to run for mayor or commissioner in the city of Hillsboro. Last communication 1/21/2021.
* ***William Ramsden*** expressed interest in running for alderman in the city of Chicago in 2019, but never responded in time. We are trying again for 2023. First contact 1/21/2019.
* Depending on status of 2021 consolidated election, ***Jake Leonard*** intends to run for full term for mayor in the city of Nokomis.

**2024 GENERAL**:

* Nothing to report currently.

**2025 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Jacob Loyd*** wanted to run for mayor of Herrin in 2021, but due to city hall being on lockdown, he wasn’t even allowed to pick up candidate paperwork. Next race, barring a 2023 special election, will be in 2025. First contact 11/10/2020. Last contact 01/20/2021.

Appendix B

Precinct Commiteeperson Notes

I know there must be questions about the Precinct Committeeperson project and how things will work in 2022, given the ongoing confusion as to when county conventions will be and the potential June primary.

We have seven counties with established status that will need guidance in their PC elections next year and my hopes are that in the coming months, I can answer all of those questions.

Recent electronic communications between the Political and Field Operations divisions (both oversee the PC Project) and the ExCom have been working to hash out the best practices leading up to and including the 2022 primary.

**Some key pointers:**

* Even if no one files to run in the primary, the county chair or county central committee chair can appoint PCs until a set date after the primary. This is essentially the Nomination in Vacancy “grace period”, which allows said authority to make PC appointments. Whether elected or appointed, the election authority, usually the county clerk, will need to be notified. You may need to submit the same to the Illinois State Board of Elections if the clerk does not electronically submit that information to said body.
* Any PC petitions through 11:59:59 p.m. on December 31, 2021 are to be processed with Field Operations Director Les Deffner. All PC petitions beginning 12 midnight on January 1, 2022 are to be processed by Political Division Director Jake Leonard. (The process continues for all odd and even years, as both divisions take turns with the project costs.)
* Chairs in established counties may not remove duly elected PCs without an impeachment in accordance with the bylaws of the county central committee. Additionally, chairs may not appoint PCs until 30 days following the primary.
* PCs must be registered to vote and a current resident of their precinct for at least 30 days. Out-of-state residents and unregistered voters are ineligible.

**Regarding county conventions…**

Depending on the language in the most recent election reform bill, it may have moved the date of county conventions. This is not certain at this time, and we will advise if our usual date in April will still hold. Otherwise, we’re potentially looking at a summer county convention for 2022 only, as it would need to occur 29 days after the primary.

We will likely utilize the same voting platform as we’ve utilized previously and as the division responsible for the distribution of those ballots, I will have to get acquainted with the platform sometime this fall.

Only elected PCs in established counties or PCs that are known to the state party in unestablished counties may vote at the county conventions.

**ATTACHED SEPARATELY:**

Updated Political Division Officers Guide

Submitted respectfully at 11:02 p.m. CDT on this 14th day of June 2021 by the officers of the Political Division of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Jake Leonard, Political Director Kevin Kauzlaric, Candidate Recruitment

Bill Redpath, Ballot Access Director Jon King, Campaigns Director

Bennett Morris, Legislative Director

**LP National Report:** The LNC had their meeting in Chicago a few weeks ago – LPIL raised $15g for ballot access – overall it was a smooth meeting. Mr. Phillips gave a brief update on the New Hampshire situation.

**CHAPTER REPORTS: *Please submit any chapter reports to*** ***Secretary@LPIllinois.org***

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Steve Suess Motion #1:** Move the LP Illinois email to the same system that the National Party uses as an optional part of the CiviCRM rollout. This action would require all board and SCC members use @lpillinois.org emails for all Party business. – **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Russ Clark Motion #1: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

*Motion to approve a resolution against SJRCA-11 which provides additional protections for state employee unions.*

Whereas, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11 (SJRCA-11) would Amends the Illinois State Constitution and provides collective bargaining entities the fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.;

Whereas, the Principles of the Libertarian Party state that “We defend the right of individuals to form corporations, cooperatives, and other types of entities based on voluntary association.” (2.9)

Whereas, the Principles of the Libertarian Party state that “Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts, and other free market solutions.” (3.5)

Whereas, this proposed amendment prohibits members from providing their own solutions;

Whereas, this proposed amendment allows for ordinances and statutes that mandate employees of State or local units of governments, including schools, to be represented by a labor organization;

Whereas, the current Federal Law bans such “closed shop” employment laws in the private sector;

Whereas, the proposed Amendment reinforces existing “closed shop” employment laws within the Illinois state and local governments, including school districts;

Whereas, over 28% of all state revenue in 2021 is used for pension payments and benefits to current state, local and school employee retirees;

Whereas, the current pension shortfall in for Illinois state and local retirees is over 208 Billion dollars while the State of Illinois steals through taxation 36 Billion each year;

Whereas, the current mandated 3% cost of living increase causes individual pension payments to state and local retirees to double every 24 years;

Whereas, the State of Illinois has had unbalanced budgets for 19 of the past 20 years and only become balanced by borrowing more money at above market rates;

Whereas, the taxpayers of the State of Illinois pay more in property taxes each year and receive fewer services provided by State and local governments each year and school districts each year;

Whereas, the pensions of the State of Illinois, local units of government and school districts cannot ever be reformed with the passage of this amendment;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Libertarian Party of Illinois opposes Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11 (SJRCA-11), a bill to provide state and local employee unions powers not allowed under Federal Law to the private sector and prevents needed and necessary public pension reforms and encourages party members and all voters vote against this amendment in the November 2022 general election.

**Steve Suess Motion #2** – Motion to approve Carter Mitchell as Deputy IT Director. – **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM

**Adjourn:** 8:54 PM