**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

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**July 20, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Steve Suess Director: Amanda Parsons

Vice Chair: Donny Henry Deputy Director: Nathan Florey

Secretary: Vacant Broadcasting Director: Stacy Apel

Treasurer: Russ Clark Social Media Director: Chase Renwick

Executive Director: Justin Tucker Deputy Social Media Director: Alex O’Dell

**IT DIVISON**

Director: Vacant **POLITICAL DIVISION**

Deputy Director: Carter Mitchell 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: Ian Peak

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: vacant

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**

**Kevin Woodard, Ken Mattes, Adam Balling**

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**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:31PM**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

* None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Updates requested by Les Deffner to the leadership listed in the Meeting Minutes. Donny Henry asked Les to list the updates in the chat and he would update. Minutes were approved with updates unanimously.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIR:**

***2021 Convention***

Most of my work as Chair in the last month has been consumed by the Convention. We're doing excellent numbers right now, with 49 packages sold, although our registration numbers have certainly slowed down since early bird pricing ended on the 11th. Chapter Chairs, please encourage your membership to register for the convention online at [lpillinois.org](http://lpillinois.org). The Convention Committee is continuing to investigate VIP event opportunities with both Spike Cohen and Justin Amash. We have their schedules and availability; we're now just looking for the right opportunities. Advertising opportunities for the convention are now available and can be purchased online at [lpillinois.org](http://lpillinois.org).

***Events***

As Chapters continue to put on events now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, I want to encourage Chapter Chairs to do two things. First, make sure that your event is listed online at [lpillinois.org](http://lpillinois.org). If you don't have access to the CRM yet, please make sure you fill out the NDA so we can get you on. There is a training video about creating events. Field Ops can also help you to make sure your event is listed on the website. Secondly, please make sure Amanda and Chase have access to this information. Our state social media channels and newsletter will help promote your event to a larger audience.

***SCC Meeting***

I mentioned last month that we would have a SCC meeting before the next BOD meeting. Obviously, that did not happen, but I have every intention to get to it before our August BOD meeting. We have at least one bylaws change on the agenda. If you have any business for the SCC meeting, please send it my way. I will put out an official call for agenda items to SCC emails before the meeting. If you are an SCC member, you *must* be using your SCC emails for party business, so please make sure to set that up if you have not yet done so. Lex emailed instructions to everyone earlier this month.

***IT***

Lex, Carter, and I have been busy working on convention-related website work, including adding advertising packages, changing prices, and helping to build and update the webpages with information about the convention. We are currently transitioning the old briefcase files to a dropbox account that everyone will have access to. I will update everyone when I have more information about the document archive. As stated earlier, *please* use your new LP Illinois emails for party business. Lex is working on creating emails for each affiliate chapter to use as well. This was an oversight when we found out the new BOD list could only be sent to emails on our domain.

***Libertarian of the Month***

Justin Tucker has nominated Clayton Cleveland for Libertarian of the Month.

Clay got involved in 2020, attending Chicago LP Zooms from Will County and took advantage of our lower signature thresholds to run for State Rep in the 80th District, building a sleek website and getting over 20% of the vote in a two-way race.

A self-starter, Clay took the lead in rebuilding an LP presence in the south Chicago suburbs and is currently organizing the tentative South Suburban LP, where they have already held a tree sapling giveaway as a community service project.

Finally, continue candidate recruitment. I will be too. The clock is ticking.

**VICE CHAIR:**

Donny spoke on a necessity for taking necessary breaks. He asked everyone to become recurring donors. Also stressed the importance of not letting Precinct Committeeperson projects fall off the radar. He explained that when a person pulls a Libertarian primary ballot we get extremely valuable voter data. The Vice Chair informed the body of the Central Illinois Picnic on 31 July at 12PM at Miller Park in Bloomington. Donny wrapped up with a quote from Larry Sharpe.

**SECRETARY: VACANT**

**TREASURER:**

Russ gave a status of funds. $7000 in and paid Spike Cohen Travel Expense.



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Team - 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/).

Also, if you plan to attend the convention, please get your package as soon as you can at <https://lpillinois.org/2021-state-convention/>.

For the month of June, I pitched to 57 individuals for a total of $2026 in pledges, including 1 lifetime membership from Mr. Michale Milke, founder of the Noble Charter School network. Hoping to further facilitate this relationship, as he was active on the Joshua Flynn campaign and semi-regular attendee at LPC events.

I attended several LP meetings, including with the LP Chicago and Cook County Libertarian Central Committee, as well as attended a couple of Pride events in Chicago distributing Libertarian materials. Also attended meetings of America's Future.

I am in contact with Rep. Lauren Underwood's about meeting with Libertarian constituents. Thank you chapters in or near her district for helping organize.

On August 1st, in conjunction with the Political Division, I will be organizing a Metro East Chapter formation call on the UberConference line.

I have been able to follow through with LNC contacts because of recent shenanigans but hope to reconnect when the dust settles.

I am loving the new CRM but I hope to learn to better navigate it and learn more about it, including posting events.

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

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Communications Division Report:**

* Amanda is in Georgia but is available via email or phone. Newsletter to come out this week. If you want things in the newsletter you should send to Amanda. Also she is considering permanent columns and is looking for ideas.
* Chase discussed Social Media. Working on advertising for convention. He would like Chapters to send media from events around the state. Explained this is extremely important for recruitment.

**Field Operations Division Report:**

A. Field Ops Director Les Deffner  -

1. Developing Winnebago LP Chapter had their second meeting. The June meeting had 4 attendees, and July had 15. Jacob Harvey has been in communication with Chapter Development Director and Field Ops Director.
2. Marched with the DuPage Chapter at the Bartlett parade.
3. Distributed some of the limited amounts of literature Field Ops Division had to some chapters.

B. Field Ops Deputy Director Blake Hanson -  No report.

C. Membership Director Kevin Mahoney -  No report.

D. Volunteer Director Lorraine DeNardis-Albert –

1. Has put out a call for volunteers to help with the Northern LPIL chapter regional summer picnic.
2. Planning on attending Young Americans for Liberty Convention and will network with leaders of local college organizations.

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  - No report.

E. Activism Director Keith Zelinske – No report.

F. Campus Outreach Director Elizabeth Arnold – No report.

G. Division Meeting - none scheduled.

H. Field Ops Manual - Almost fully updated. Still pending. Just need 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.

**IT Division Report:**

* None. Steve thanked Lex and Kelly for all of the work behind the scenes

**Convention Report:**

* Steve gave this report in the Chair’s Report. Everyone is welcome to stay for the report after.

**Political Division Report:**

* Jake explained he was stuck at work. He did reach out to statewide contacts and will be reaching out to General Assembly and County soon. There is a shortage of candidates and recruiting has to be a priority. South Central Illinois picnic will be August 28th.

**LP National Report:**

* John was not present but Steve explained Whitney Bilyeau is our new LP National Chair. He also said John was extremely transparent during the process of selecting a new Chair. He is always available.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Russ Clark Proposal #1**: Proposal to Authorize Separate Bank Account specific to Illinois Races:

Propose the Libertarian Party of Illinois authorize a separate account for donations specifically for Illinois races. As you may be aware, we currently file with the FEC on all of our existing donations. This makes these funds eligible for Federal as well as state races. The mainline parties also maintain a separate account for state races. Donations into this separate account would be filed with the Illinois State Board of Elections and would be eligible for only for state and local races. This would increase our maximum contribution limit from $10,000 from any specific individual to $22,000 as $10,000 would be contributed to our Federal account and $12,000 to our state account. This account may accept donations directly from corporations and unions as this is prohibited under Federal law. It also would allow donors to specify if their donation goes to Federal or state accounts. This creates some work for treasurers going forward BUT there is a benefit if we can begin to get donors to maximize contributions to our party for ballot access or candidate assistance.

 As our party continues to grow, we do have information from large donors who could afford to donate such a large sum to the party. I would propose that unless otherwise specified, any general donations from individuals are designated as Federal donations. This allows the maximum flexibility for the funds and requires no additional work. Funds for state accounts would either be designated on a separate web page on our site OR be taken exclusively by executive committee and executive director. This eliminates confusion for both the donors and the treasurer going forward should such an account be authorized.

**Seconded by Les Deffner**

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**Next Meeting Date: 17 August 2021**

**Adjourn: 8:24 PM**