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**August 17th, 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

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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: Vacant

**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**

**Ken Mattes**

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**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:33PM**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Les Defner discussed the Northern IL Libertarian picnic

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Approved without objection

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIR:**

**LP Illinois Convention**

LP Illinois Convention in Bradley is right around the corner. I have been busy trying to solicit more advertising for the program and convention. Kelly Liebmann, Les Deffner, Jake Leonard, and Jake Collins have all been incredibly helpful working with speakers and presenters. We will need day-of volunteers at the convention, so if you don't have the time to contribute on the convention committee but would still like to help at the convention, please send an email to convention@lpillinois.org or reach me directly.

Currently, 53 people are registered for the convention, and we have sold out of Platinum tickets. I am still working with the schedules of both Justin Amash and Spike Cohen to set up VIP events for both individuals. Convention revenue up to this point is sitting at $7,010.51

**Voting at the Convention**

Voting technology and making sure our ranked choice voting system works at the convention has been one of my number one priorities, specifically because we had issues last year. I have been on the phone and in emails with Lex finalizing our details for this year. Lex is bringing Carter up to speed on the system, and he will be our point person at the convention if anything goes wrong.

**SCC Meeting**

Next Tuesday (8/24), I will send out a call for agenda items for a SCC meeting. That meeting will be held the following Tuesday, 8/31. We have one bylaws change already requested by member Deffner. Any other business is welcome. We will likely discuss the convention and how SCC members can help recruit and sign up Precinct Committeepersons leading up to and at the state convention.

**CiviCRM**

We continue to get folks trained on using the CRM. Membership Director Kevin Mahoney has been taught the system and has resumed sending out welcome packets to new members. We have successfully used the CRM to help chapters recruit new members. We still need to create templates for messaging so the Communication Division can fully utilize the CRM - but they do have access to our old tools on Benchmark until late October. My goal is to get the Coms team moved into the CRM as soon as possible, but the Convention has slowed me down a bit.

**Candidate Recruiting**

Among everything else, I am trying my best to recruit candidates for the 2022 Election. Anyone and everyone should be helping in this endeavor. Chapter Chairs, it's very important to start ramping this up now, especially for Chairs in our seven established counties. Petitioning for established counties will begin in January.

**VICE CHAIR:**

Vice Chair discussed recurring membership, candidate recruitment, and input on conventions.

**SECRETARY:**

Vacant

**TREASURER:**



**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 July, I pitched to 74 individuals. No new pledges. I have yet to complete an audit of exported CRM data with my pledges and hope to turn in that data to the Executive Committee later this evening.

July 2021 has the 6th highest aggregate donation total in LPI's history with June 2021 as 9th highest. Convention packages and our generous recurring donations helped drive those totals.

I attended several LP meetings, including with the LP Chicago and Cook County Libertarian Central Committee. Also attended an event of Illinois Policy Institute, with school choice expert Corey DeAngelis, former CPS head Paul Vallas, Pastor Corey Brooks, and Jim Oberweis in attendance. Paul Vallas has said he'd be willing to LPC about school choice and Pastor Brooks' assistant wants to be in the loop with LP activities. I plan to attend Sunday services either this Sunday or the next at New Beginnings Church, where Brooks pastors and Rand Paul visited during his 2016 presidential campaign.

I have also applied for the America's Future Writing Fellowship Program. This is a several-week program where, if accepted, I will sharpen my writing skills and network with writers at organizations like Reason Magazine. I hope to write about the ballot access hurdles we face here in Illinois.

I am still working with Rep. Lauren Underwood's office about meeting with Libertarian constituents. It appears a Zoom meeting may be the best option for her, after initially agreeing to attend McHenry's November meeting. Thank you chapters in or near her district for helping organize.

I am working with Les Defner with chapter development in the Metro-East and in Fulton Co. Thank you, Les, for your help, and thanks to those who have stepped up to help organize chapters in those respective areas.

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:**

Newsletter being worked. Social Media working convention advertising

**Field Operations Division Report:**

 A. Field Ops Director Les Deffner –

1. Authorized $200.00 from Field Operations Budget line item 6360 for regional picnics: $100.00 to McLean County LP who hosted (Central IL), and also $100.00 to Fox Valley LP who hosted (Northern IL).

2. With Executive director Justin Tucker, we held a online meeting with someone who lives near St. Louis with the intention of seeing what they may be interested in to help re-establish a chapter there.

3. Updated documents as guides for starting new chapters. Looking forward to LPIL establishing a new document vault.

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

C. Membership Director Kevin Mahoney - He is finally working through the CiviCRM data. Steve Suess told informed him that the only membership type that matters is LPIL Member, so that is the basis for these stats:

New members since April 1 (after the last batch I sent from the old site): 178

Most of these were in May and June (52 and 80, respectively). (17) in July, (9) thus far in August.

This is his backlog to send out packets, and he will start getting membership packages mailed out as soon as he can. He'll need more supplies.

He believes he has eliminated all the duplicates and a few non-Illinois addresses, so he hopes these numbers are accurate. The one thing that bugs him is that there are no donations listed in the report. He finds it odd, as there should be a few. He'll check that.

D. Volunteer Director Lorraine DeNardis-Albert – reached out to northern IL chapters to seek volunteer support to assist Fox Valley LP & McHenry County LP man the McHenry County Fair.

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. Personal health has prevented Ian from working towards strengthening

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:**

No Report

**Convention Report:**

Report part of Chair’s Report

**Political Division Report:**

Of our potential statewide candidates, Scott Schluter has been working his way around the state as he vies for our nomination for governor. Of the other statewide candidates seeking nominations, some are awaiting information from the Illinois State Board of Elections RE: the 2022 Candidate Guide. But as we all know, that is not likely to be release anything earlier than January 2022. If they decide not to vie for the nomination at convention and no one earns the nomination off the floor, this Board will have to vote to approve a nomination in vacancy in hopes to attain a full slate, although it is no longer a requirement.

**Other developments:**

While there was intent to hold a more localized picnic for those in South Central Illinois, those plans have been scrapped for 2021 as of this evening. The venue was to be at the Chautauqua Auditorium at Manners Park in Taylorville, but the lack of timely response from the Taylorville Park District has resulted in Tri-Counties Libertarian Party scrapping plans for this year.

I will be working on planning the South Central Illinois Picnic to take place next June at a venue I have had experience in booking in 2018: the Dam West Large Group Shelter @ Lake Shelbyville in Shelbyville (Shelby County).

**LP National Report:**

No Report

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next Meeting Date: 21 September 2021**

**Adjourn:** 8:33PM