



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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April 19, 2022 – 7:30 PM

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OTHER PARTICIPANTS

AGENDA

MEETING CALL TO ORDER - 1932

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments offered. Matt Piron, Bob Blair-Smith II, Ken Mattes attending

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (February 2022, March did not have quorum):
(See appendix at end for reports from March and minutes from the April 5 emergency meeting)

OFFICER BRIEFS

CHAIR:

Petition Ready to Go

Our statewide petition is out and petitioning has started. I'm sure Bill and Jake will talk more about this in the Political Division report. Thanks to Lex Green for formatting and compiling info for the petition. Thanks to Bill and Russ for making sure it was ready to go day one. I made sure the petition was up on our website and sent an email to all members about petitioning.

Candidates on Website

I spent some time since last month making sure our candidates were visible on LPillinois.org. We had a few hiccups, but we got them straightened out with National.

Delegates and LNC Convention

While not focused on the petition drive, I have making sure our delegate list is up to date for the LNC Convention in Reno next month. Several delegates have dropped out, and we now only have a single alternate (Scott Schluter). Delegates have been uploaded into the National system online. Any delegate who has not booked travel and registered for the convention should do so ASAP. Things will only get more expensive as you wait.

Notaries

I've sent a call for notaries statewide to all of our members. I'm creating a database of notaries around the state willing to notarize petitions for LP candidates for free. I have several responses already, and I will be emailing out a list to the board and membership soon.

Signatures

Finally, please, PLEASE continue to collect volunteer signatures. We need as many as possible this cycle, and we only have 11 more weeks to get this done.

VICE CHAIR:

Petitioning—Get people to give their money to petitioning. Exhort chapter chairs to encourage \$\$\$ if unwilling to do the work. Lower level candidates fundraising; give to them as well. Convention in Reno coming up. Work together; keep rhetoric down. Ok to have difference of opinions; all are brothers and sisters in liberty. Look for people to be delegates. Leadership positions. New board in July. Looking for new board members. Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind matter, Dr. Suess.

SECRETARY: Nothing to report.

TREASURER: Not present, no report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Thanks to everyone that donates; please donate. If you're not a PC, go to the website to follow-up as well. Pledged 1000 signatures. Consider volunteering to petition. Reach out to Bill Redpath. All 5 candidates on Cook County for general election; L's v D's unless R's run. Sent out an email appeal on 3/22 on court victory Cook County; L's in primary around state. Discussed fundraising; will follow-up with report. Justin having some issues; working with Deb. Spoke with Joe Walsh former congressman. Former R; left GOP. LP news; involved in TX. He pledged a donation; wife treated for cancer. Offered platform to us. Deidre McCloskey about that. Development director at LNC; large donor in Illinois; Tyler Harris LNC ex dir; now contact person. May be unwilling to donate. Reached out to UIC how to donate auction items to be stored in archive. May be issues with recurring donors showing up properly.

DIRECTOR BRIEFS

Communications Division Report:

As of last meeting, newsletter remembering Fran Holt. Press release for NW cook resolution. April Fools edition of newsletter. Newsletter last week 2 new people on the slate and new people. Newsletter last Friday. All 6 members of slate. Encouraging people to get out petitioning and to donate to campaigns. Graphics to be included in next newsletter/social media. Update meeting information on state website. Next newsletter next week. Pushing ballot access and signing/petitioning/donating for ballot access. Solicitation for anything in the newsletter. Looking up Jesse White's website; good job on that. Russ.

Social Media: Pushing ballot access, memes, etc. Any candidates that want something shared; talk to Chase. Ken2022.us

Field Operations Division Report:

Currently at request of chair, Les & Lorraine list of large events over next 3 months; places to go to collect signatures. Reminder, if chapters need help, reach out. Send information about events where volunteers can go to get signatures.

IT Division Report:

Deb: check email from Ken Moellman; how to fix. CRM; meeting with David Atkins; contributions through CiviCRM. Voters roll was purchased. This will be used to validate signatures. Website—new look for mail. Contact Deb for changes.

Convention Report: No Report

Political Division Report:

Divisional changes and vacancies

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☐ POLITICAL/FIELD OPS INTER-DIVISIONAL: Precincts Director

Divisional communications

We've emerged from the petitioning period for the Libertarian primaries and are underway in our statewide ballot access campaign to get our slate of candidates on the ballot.

Legislative update

Nothing much to report legislatively. If there is any pending legislation that you'd like for us to look at, please contact Legislative Director Bennett Morris.

Ballot access update

I'm looking to work on a biweekly meeting between the Political Division and the Executive Committee to present updates relating to the petitioning campaign. Petitioning started last Wednesday, Apr. 13 and the final day is in early-to-mid July. If Steve, Donny, Russ, Bill, Jon and myself can agree to a time for these meetings, I will host them on my Zoom. Uberconference (now Dialpad) is a real nuisance, and I would rather not use that platform.

There is one very important thing that we must take advantage of. It is a rare opportunity. We will be able to circulate petitions on primary day, June 28.

Notes for established counties

While it is still a ways out, our established counties should begin consideration of what candidates to run in a nomination in vacancy following the primary. It is very important that we attempt to do what we can to implement the Moulton maneuver in as many races as possible to ensure that the uncontested races become contested in November. I've been contacted by a handful of people who still want to run in the Libertarian primary in our seven established counties. Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/2A-1b(g) and 10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), they can file to run as a write-in candidate for a race where there currently is no Libertarian candidate on the primary ballot. However, that deadline is fast approaching, as the deadline is the end of business on Thursday, Apr. 28, nine days from today.

County conventions

County conventions will be in July after the primary election. Of course, there is some crossed communications as to who will be able to vote at those conventions. This will need to be clarified ASAP and prior to the county conventions. If not resolved, it will only cause confusion as to who can and cannot vote in our seven established counties.

Herein lies the announcement: if you are in an established county and you did not file paperwork to run in the primary, your term ends the day before county conventions. The only way you can remain in that position is 1) you file as a write-in candidate for said precinct (or in Cook County, township) or 2) be appointed via nomination in vacancy, which still requires paperwork to be filed with the county clerk or other election authority.

If there are appointments to precinct committeepersons (township committeepersons in Cook County), I will need to know by July 10. However, if they do not file their paperwork with the county to be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Elections by the

local election authority, then they will be ineligible to vote at the 2022 county conventions.

I have been asked by two people about signing up as a PC in non-established counties. That deadline for the 2022 county conventions was the end of the 2021 state convention. The eligibility for PCs/TCs to vote in the 2024 officer elections will be the end of the 2023 state convention.

Appendix Schedule – January 2022 Report

Statewide Candidates & County Candidates Appendix A
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Appendix A

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Candidate Recruitment Report

Reporting Period: March 16, 2022 to April 19, 2022
STATEWIDE CANDIDATES & COUNTY CANDIDATES (UPDATED)

COUNTY CANDIDATE FILINGS – 2022

Cook

Countywide

County Clerk: Joseph Schreiner County Treasurer: Michael Murphy

County Assessor: Nico Tsatsoulis County Sheriff: Brad Sandefur

Board President: Thea Tsatsos

Cook County Board of Commissioners

District 01: Jim Humay District 05: Jason Ross Decker

District 09: Andrew Kopinski (withdrew*) District 11: Brandon Sizelove

*likely nomination in vacancy after June 28 primary

Township Committeepersons

Bremen Township: Jason Ross Decker Leyden Township: Andrew Kopinski

DeWitt No known candidates filed

Kankakee

County Board

County Board District 02: Jacob Carlile

McHenry

Countywide

County Treasurer: Jim Young

County Board

District 01: Ken Mattes District 02: Jake Justen

Precinct Committeepersons

Algonquin 04: Jake Justen Algonquin 14: Jim Young

Algonquin 43: Ken Mattes Greenwood 07: Kelly Liebmann

Seneca 03: Matthew Clark

McLean

Countywide

County Sheriff: Charles Sila

Precinct Committeepersons

Bloomington 31: Kevin Woodard Bloomington 48: Bennett Morris

Normal 11: Steve Suess

Peoria

Precinct Committeepersons

Peoria 08: Donny Henry Peoria 39: David Reising

Richwoods 01: Brandon Wisenburg

Tazewell

County Board

District 02: Eric Stahl

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Dillon: Jacob Irish Fondulac 02: Scott Johnson

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☐ I will communicate soon with the following about running in 2024 for the following positions:

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Cochran, Andrew Chicago

McDulin, Maxwell Chicago
 Powell, Tracy Chicago
 Seiler, Lucas Chicago

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Submitted respectfully at 5:15 p.m. CDT on this 19th day of April 2022 by the officers of the Political Division of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Jake Leonard, Political Director Bill Redpath, Ballot Access Director
 Jon King, Campaigns Director Bennett Morris, Legislative Director

LP National Report: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Next Meeting Date: 17 May 2022. No objections.

Adjourn: L. Defner motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by J. Tucker All aye; none opposed.

Meeting adjourned 2021.

Attendance



17 PARTICIPANTS



BR	Brett Ryan - Grundy County		
JF	Julie Fox		
LD	Les Deffner, Field Ops Director		
MP	Matt Piron		
CR	Chase Renwick		
K	ken2022.us		
DR	Deb Renwick		
RD	Radical Dan Lewis		
DH	Donny Henry		
BB	Bob Blair-Smith II		
	Jake Leonard Libertarian Party of Illinois		
SS	Steve Suess		
	Lorraine DeNardis-Albert ILLP Volunteer Director		
BR	Bill Redpath		
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#	314-609-7097		
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APPENDIX A: Minutes from April 5, 2022 Special Session Meeting

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CHAIR: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

VICE CHAIR: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

SECRETARY: Absent, no report

TREASURER: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: There are issues with recurring monthly donors. IT Division will investigate.

Will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

DIRECTOR BRIEFS

Communications Division Report: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

Field Operations Division Report: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

IT Division Report: No report, will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

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Political Division Report: As far as ballot access is concerned, the meeting marks eight days until the petitioning cycle begins on April 13. Our biggest opportunities should be in our established counties. We should also take advantage of our rare opportunity to circulate petitions during the June 28 primary election.

Will give full update at regular meeting 4/19

LP National Report: No Report, John Phillips not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1 – Resolution to nominate Deirdre McCloskey as the Libertarian of Illinois candidate for Illinois Comptroller

Speaking in favor: Bill Redpath, Justin Tucker

Motion passes unanimously

Motion #2 – Resolution to nominate Preston Nelson as the Libertarian Party of Illinois candidate for Illinois Treasurer.

Speaking in favor: Steve Suess, Bill Redpath

Motion passes unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting Date: 19 April 2022

Adjourn:

APPENDIX B: Reports from March 15, 2022 Meeting that did not meet quorum

IT DIVISION REPORT:

CiviCRM:

Adding people to the CRM is difficult. Hearing from many people on the it group having problem logging in.

On March 4 th received email from David Aitken's that you can set up Google Authenticator as a backup method and the link to find that information.

<https://helpdesk.lp.org/wiki/logging-in/>

Still working on pending user and still finding problems. David has been addressing any problems we are having but it is slow going.

Not sure it's a good idea to find a CRM Director since there are so many problems.
Voter's Roll Purchase 2022: Still waiting on when to purchase.

Webmail:

Created document for users to use Webmail through browser or CiviCRM.
Includes document on instruction from National. Need to know the best place to put this information. If there is any idea's please email me.

Website:

Have forward documentation on what I see as current changes to <https://ipillinois.org/> to Preston Nelson. Need to work with him on getting setup.
He did touch base with Lex Green on training.

POLITICAL DIVISION

Libertarian Party of Illinois
Political Division Report

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Divisional communications

Things in the Political Division has been chaotic lately. There hasn't been much legislatively passed on to the Division for Legislative Director Bennett Morris to go through. I apologize to Bennett for not getting back with him following his transition back to Central Illinois from the Chicagoland region.

BAD Bill Redpath has been juggling his U.S. Senate campaign with national ballot access efforts, with state ballot access efforts to begin soon.

I'm still occasionally speaking with Campaigns Director Jon King, in hopes of getting him activated to help our statewide slate during petitioning and campaign season.

Overall, outside of occasional bullpen relief from Donny Henry and Russ Clark, it has been mostly a ghost town division in the interim.

It's likely old news at this point, but we won our lawsuit against Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, marking our fifth election-related lawsuit win. The decision declared in favor of the party, citing the 1997 Rednour decision among the deciding factors declaring recognized party status and the full party access that comes with it.

Fortunately, most of our county commissioner candidates had more than the required signatures in the event the decision was not reached by the end of petition filing.

We, unfortunately, were not able to press another lawsuit in time for an interpretation in time regarding General Assembly and Congressional districts exclusively within Cook County borders, but there should be no issue with running candidates in those districts in 2024, as the party is already established there. (This situation also applies to an Illinois House district exclusively within the borders of Peoria County as well.)

If they try to interfere in 2024 in those two counties, the Rednour and Yarbrough decisions should help our case. In Cook County, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners have already vowed to enforce the decision in Yarbrough.

Petitioning has concluded for the June 28 primary and our seven established counties will be actively campaigning for those offices. If you are able, support those candidates in any way that you can.

With these candidates seeing more Libertarian candidates on the ballot, this will help those counties extend their ballot access to 2026.

After the primary, if you are able, I would like to see the implementation of the Moulton maneuver to present another Libertarian choice on the ballot.

For those of you who are new or foreign to the terminology, it is named after lifetime LNC member Chuck Moulton. It is a procedure where Libertarians slate candidates in races that would otherwise go uncontested.

This procedure paid out dividends for Pennsylvania in 2021, where 130+ candidates won partisan elected positions.

I would love for this to be the case for our established counties as well. I'll be monitoring those races closely in the coming months.

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TC Bremen Township: Jason Ross Decker

TC Leyden Township: Andrew Kopinski

DeWitt

No known candidates filed

Peoria

PC Peoria 08: Donny Henry

PC Peoria 39: David Reising

PC Richwoods 01: Brandon Wisenburg

Kankakee
County Board 02: Jacob Carlile

Tazewell

McHenry County Board 02: Eric Stahl
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PC Algonquin 04: Jake Justen PC Tremont 02: Eric Stahl
PC Algonquin 14: Jim Young
PC Algonquin 43: Ken Mattes
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