**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

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**May 17, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Steve Suess Director: Amanda Parsons

Vice Chair: Donny Henry Deputy Director: Nathan Florey

Secretary: Brett Ryan 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: Deborah Renwick **POLITICAL DIVISION**

Deputy Director: Carter Mitchell Director: Jake Leonard

Platform: Vacant Deputy Director: Vacant

Operations: Kelly Liebmann Legislative: Bennett Morris

Coding: Vacant Campaigns: Jon King

Candidate Recruitment: Vacant

**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: Vacant

**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: Vacant 14th District: vacant

6th District: Julie Fox 15th District: vacant

7th District: vacant 16th District: vacant

8th District: Todd Zimmerman 17th District: vacant

9th District: vacant 18th District: Damon Dillon

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

Dan Lewis, Patrick Liapes, Ken Mattes, Kevin Woodard, Adam Bolling, Matt Cunningham, Paul DiMasi, Christine Hare, Robert Blair-Smith, Jon King, Kevin Woodard, Lorraine

**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:34**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Lewis, extorting pride month and supporting where you can. Justin Tucker discussing Chi-town pride parade for petitioning as well as support.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 19, 2022)**

**OFFICER BRIEFS**

**CHAIR:**

**Petitioning**

Obviously, this is our number one priority right now. We are about halfway through the petition drive right now, and we need to keep pushing hard. Jake and Bill will have a full update for us later in the meeting.

**Candidates for State Leadership**

It's important we have this under control now to avoid headaches later. Anyone seeking a leadership role on the Executive Board - Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, or a role on the State Central Committee in any of the Congressional Districts in Illinois - should reach out to me in writing immediately expressing their intent to run, even if they are running for reelection. Party elections are 30 days after the June Primary. At that point, we will have a new Executive Committee and State Central Committee. Since I am not running for reelection as Chair, I will be taking the lead on party leadership elections.

**National Convention and Delegation**

I've had to do some maintenance with our delegation over the course of the last month. Several delegates have dropped out, to the point that not only are all of our alternates selected at convention now full delegates, but we also have two empty delegate slots. We will be voting on these two slots later in the meeting. I've also been to multiple training sessions about managing our delegation through the CRM and managing our delegation on the floor of the convention, both to ask questions and help less experienced Chairs from around the country with their questions.

**Region Realignment**

There are discussions among the Chairs in LNC Region 6 about dissolving the Region. Wisconsin has indicated interest in joining Region 7 with Texas, Oklahoma, and other south-central states to form one super Region that would have two representatives. We have had a long partnership with the Wisconsin LP and I would like to maintain that relationship and move with them. Our Region Rep John Phillips will have more info about this, but it will have very little effect on any of our operations. We would still have representation - in fact, we would have extra representation on the LNC because our new region would be big enough for two representatives and two alternates.

**2022 State Convention**

Finally, we need to start thinking about what an October convention this year might look like. It will probably only be one day and be more of a campaign rally for our candidates than a true convention, although I'd still like to include many of the same elements a traditional convention has. I have a handful of names of people who indicated they were interested in helping with the convention, and it might be a nice opportunity for some new people to get their feet wet planning a smaller event before another nominating convention in 2023. If you're interested in helping or hosting, please reach out to me via email and I'll include you in the group!

**VICE CHAIR:**

Thanks for Steve for covering slack, last week of coaching. This month national convention; going to be a great time. Push petitioning. If they don’t want to petition, then donate! $5 / signature. Donate directly to LP Illinois.org/donate or Bill Redpath. Don’t vote in a partisan primary as you won’t be able to circulate petitions. Amazing campaigns around the state. Eric Stahl in Tazewell county. Great candidates around the state. If someone excites you, let them know. Jason Decker in Cook County. Find someone inspirational and do the same. Help on social media. Convention coming up for state leadership. If ex-com isn’t your thing, be an SCC rep. Every congressional district should have an SCC rep. to have a voice in the state party. After convention, no matter what happens, focus on Illinois. Do not be distracted from Illinois. Focus on Illinois vice affairs in other states. Quote from Maya Angelou:

*People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.*

Question re petitioning: Deferred to Bill: $5 per signature. Petitioning manpower shortage. Bill extorting to petition instead of donating, but will absolutely take the money, but signatures are great.

**SECRETARY:**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER:**

To all,

Sorry for posting the March report a month late. I did give a brief verbal report at the emergency meeting and forgot about the formal one last month. For ballot access, we have spent to date $6,250 in agreement with the Redpath campaign to share costs for paid petitioning. $3,125 was spent in April and another $3,125 has been spent this month. I had recorded 2 generous donations earmarked for ballot access specifically totaling $2,026.12. I consider these funds spent as we have spent more than that to date. Additional spending will be allocated from general donations.

I also want to ask something from all the board members tonight and really all Libertarian Party members. June 26 is primary day and we Libertarians have a golden opportunity to petition outside of these poling locations. I do not know how many signatures we may get BUT gathering signatures outside of the poling place could yield fantastic results. I would ask that all Libertarian Party members take Primary Day off to stand outside of a polling precinct and gather signatures. Most downstate counties do not have enough people to canvass outside the precinct so we should not have any confrontations provided we are 100 feet away from the polling place. If the precinct is on private property, the property owner may ask us to leave so its best to use precincts that are public property such as schools or fire departments. I would be happy to assist any and all chairs with finding the largest voting locations (ie. Multiple precincts) for their volunteers. Ideally, no more than 4 volunteers at a location but I don’t want a group of lone rangers either. I personally will be doing this so I’m not asking any party member to do something I am not willing to do myself.

May 19 is the start of Early Voting in Illinois. All early voting locations will be at the clerk’s office until at least June 1 if not later. Cook will start having early voting campuses around June 3 (due to ward maps) and suburban counties a bit after that. MOST downstate counties will not have additional early voting locations. If possible, I would also ask that party members be willing to give up a lunch break and petition at the county clerk’s office for 1 or 2 days a week during early voting. If you don’t know where that is, I can provide that information as well. I personally will be doing this.

I’d like to remind you that I am a resource for your canvassing and election efforts. I have each statewide result and general assembly result broken down by precinct. If you want to go door to door for signatures, I can give you a list of voters that avoids bad demographics for us AND help you identify which precincts to canvas. Ideally, we want to canvas in precincts with high past LP votes. This is particularly true where the LP ran candidates in 2020 against incumbent Democratic candidates. Republicans in these precincts see the LP as “willing to do something” where the GOP refuses to do so as the district is too gerrymandered to be competitive. “Doing something” means they are more likely to sign particularly since the GOP primary is a mess and they can’t be guaranteed the candidate they prefer. Again

Finally, the numbers.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Fellow Libertarians - If you are not a recurring monthly donor to the LP Illinois, please visit www.lpillinois.org/donate to set. If you cannot donate monthly, please consider a one-time donation. Also please consider Lifetime Memberships.

If you are not a Precinct Committeeperson, please consider becoming one. If you are in an established county, start planning the next PC elections.

The petition drive is underway and I've been on the streets. Street festival and farmers market season is just beginning and are great places to petition. I recommend petitioning at your polling place on Primary Day. I plan to take PTO. Please consider pledging signatures for the drive if you have not done so already. I've pledged 1000 volunteer signatures and am currently at 30% to my goal. See Bill Redpath to make your pledges.

In Cook County, we will petitioning every weekend until the end of the petition drive. We will be marching in the Chicago Pride Parade on June 26th. It's the biggest audience of any parade we do. All candidates should make an effort to come march. Also a great petitioning opportunity.

I heard from the GOP that they plan to run vacancies in Cook County and thus potentially three-way races.

I sent an email appeal on May 3rd, which was the best performing one to date in terms of donations. $275 was the haul. I will be writing an appeal email for LP National.

My two-term haul is $8151.45. I set a personal goal of $10,000 for the year and made 81.5% of my goal. Petitioning has been a focus for much of my second term… 9 of the top 20 months for contribution aggregate have been since April 2021. April 2022 saw $2993.60 in donations.

Deb was able to figure out why my donations didn't register. I am now going back to auditing all the donations going back to April 2021 and I suspect I will find a few more donations. I will also provide a breakdown of my first two terms at a later time.

I am working to get Deirdre McCloskey on Joe Walsh's podcast. Prayers for Joe Walsh's wife who is getting treatment for cancer. I plan to reach out to more media to spotlight our candidates.

I also met JB Pritzker at a pro-LGBT rally and got the card of a staffer. Awaiting a reply from him about a possible meeting. Also met Gary Rabine, who told us he was a libertarian, and perhaps an opportunity for collaboration after he loses the GOP nomination.

I encourage those who won auction items to secure those items in our archive at UIC to protect them from damage. Reach out to me about donations, as I just received instructions from our former archivist.

Best,

Justin Tucker

Executive Director, Libertarian Party of Illinois

**DIRECTOR BRIEFS**

**Communications Division Report:**

**Amanda:** Newsletter coming out this week, planned-out, putting it together. Have been doing coverage on candidates. Contact for information to go out. Hope to have out by the end of the week/early next week.

**Chase:** Nothing new social media. Will try to get candidate info out there if provided. LP Chicago looking for help with editing video down to social media sized bites.

**Field Operations Division Report:**

**From Steve:** Tasked with finding a list of farmer’s markets, parades, etc. for petitioning. Send those to [fieldoperations@lpillinois.org](mailto:fieldoperations@lpillinois.org)

**IT Division Report:**

**From Steve:** Deb will be stepping down as IT division director. Looking for someone interested in filling in or looking to be permanent IT div director. CiviCRM training, pick things up quickly. Time to help out. Some expertise.

**Convention Report:**

**From Steve:** Soliciting members to work on next year’s convention, as covered in Chair’s report.

**Political Division Report:**

**Jake:** had 10 other candidates for board of commissioners, cited harassment from R & D and aren’t going to pursue primary.

**Redpath:** Update on statewide candidate petition drive. Day 35 / 89. From April 13th to Sunday July 10th as the last day. We will meet in Springfield for turn-in on Monday, July 11th at State BOE. The current situation is that we have about 7,200 signatures collected so far. Bill has collected 2010 signatures. The consulting firm has collected 2559 signatures. They are having issues ramping up due to single-party only petitioning drive; i.e. if you collect signatures for one party, you cannot collect for another party. Open call for signature count of those on the call: Steve-35, Kelly-79, John Phillips, close to 200. Justin Tucker-300. Chase-10. Paul DiMasi-~200. Adam Bolling ~45, Bob Blair Smith-141. Ken Mattes-20. Donny-23. 7,674 total. Discussed soliciting signature pledges from individuals and path to completion.

**LP National Report:**

**John Phillips:** Chances of national money are very slim for ballot access. There’s going to be a regional realignment. Each region has to be at least 10% of national membership. Region 6 does not have enough percentage to maintain regional alignment if any big states leave. Region 1 has had a major realignment, so Illinois might join region 7 to form a super region. 1 rep for every 10%. Region 7 would be at 28.6%. If 30% hit after Reno, we could get another rep. If region 6 does fold, we can pick up other states. Region 7 asked Illinois to join.Discussion about joining super region; advantage to leverage regional vice national resources. Extra representation. Negative, become one state among many. We would still remain close to the top in the delegate counts, however, being behind Texas.

**Question:** Regarding how the region would work and how delegates would be caucusing. Steve Suess (State Chair) will determine the region we’ll be caucusing with at convention. There was a brief discussion of voting for region reps during convention.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution Proposed by Legislative Director Bennett Morris Re: Endorsing Illinois Senate Bill 589 and Illinois House Bill 3625**

WHEREAS, SB589 and HB3625 provide that beginning with the budget prepared for fiscal year 2023, the rate of growth of general funds appropriations shall not exceed the rate of growth of the Illinois

median household income;

WHEREAS, the Senate Bill has multipartisan support and 27 other states have tax or spending limits;

WHEREAS, this legislation limits growth in state spending to historical growth in the state’s economy;

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party platform states that "(w)e support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any tax for any reason";

WHEREAS, limits on large, unfounded spending increases serve as a protection for taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party of Illinois endorses spending cap legislation, including SB589 and HB3625.

- Mr Morris spoke to the resolution.

- Called to Question by Chase Renwick

- Second by Nathan Florey

- Passes unanimously

**Motion by J. Tucker to extend his appointment as Executive Director for six months:**

- Vice Chair D. Henry amended the motion to be made by himself. Seconded by Bennett Morris.

- Donny spoke in favor of the motion.

- Jake Leonard asked what Justin's future plans are.

- Discussion ensued by Justin on his past and intended efforts in the future.

- Passes unanimously

**Motion by S. Suess to approve the following individuals as Illinois Delegates for the 2022 LNC Convention: Geraldine (Geri) Mulso, Christine Hare Cunningham:**

- Passes unanimously

**Next Meeting Date: 21 June 2022**

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:03 passes unanimously.

**Participant List:** See below:

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