**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**February 21, 2023, 7:30pm**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Chase Renwick Director: Amanda Parsons

Vice Chair: Matt Piron Deputy Director: Nathan Florey

Secretary: Ken Mattes Broadcasting Director: Stacy Apel

Treasurer: Russ Clark Social media Director: Alex O’Dell

Executive Director: Justin Tucker Deputy social media Director: Vacant

**IT DIVISON**

Director: Bob Blair Smith **POLITICAL DIVISION**

Deputy Director: Carter Mitchell Director: Jake Leonard

Platform: Vacant Deputy Director: Vacant

Operations: Kelly Liebmann Legislative: Vacant

Coding: Vacant Campaigns: Jon King

 Candidate Recruitment: Vacant

**FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION** Deputy Recruitment: Vacant

Director: Blake Hanson Ballot Access: William Redpath

Deputy: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert Precincts: Vacant

Chapter Development: Paul DiMasi

Activism: Vacant **AD-HOC and NATIONAL**

Events: Vacant LP National Rep: Joseph Ecklund

Membership: Kevin Mahoney Convention Committee: Vacant

Campus Outreach: Vacant

Volunteer: Vacant

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1st District: Jason Decker 10th District: Alexa Maffei

2nd District: vacant 11th District: Jon Harlson

3rd District: Danny Lewis 12th District: NOTA

4th District: vacant 13th District: vacant

5th District: Kevin Kauzlaric 14th District: vacant

6th District: Bob Blair-Smith 15th District: John Phillips Jr.

7th District: Jim Humay 16th District: Bennett Morris

8th District: vacant 17th District: Donny Henry

9th District: Adam Balling

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:**

**Ronwell Nagales, Stuart Straub, Julie Fox**

**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 17th, 2023): PASSED W/O.**

**OFFICER BRIEFS:**

**CHAIR**

I was overwhelmed with joy and excitement to accept the Chair role last year. I am BEYOND grateful to have worked with all of you in the role. However, my personal life since I took the role has been thrown in the air and shaken a lot. I ended up becoming a caregiver for an ill family member, my career is growingly rapidly, and much more I won't dive into. I will need to resign from my role as Chair on March 31st or sooner if a replacement is found. I'm torn on resigning but I'm struggling to balance my personal life and I must put family and career first. Besides, I cannot stay in a role which I'm now incapable of fulfilling for much longer. The state party deserves only the most involved leadership and I'm no longer able to do this.

I will not be leaving the state party and intend to remain on the social media team and possibly the convention committee and hope to eventually return to the board or the SCC. My heart is with libertarians, but I don't have the capacity to be chair right now or hold a titled role. I will help any new chair grab the reigns and will always be there to support.

**VICE CHAIR**

Thank you, Chase, sorry to see you go.

**SECRETARY**

You are welcome back anytime.

**TREASURER**



We are continuing our mode of operation last year where we are receiving donations under budget but also spending under budget.

The party purchased the January 2023 voter roll last month and I have been working diligently to get the model up and running this month. I should have it stitched together by the end of the month.

If you know of someone who is interested in running for local, county or legislative office in 2024, please let them know about our upcoming training on March 11. It is an online training broken into a morning and afternoon session. I will be covering campaign mechanics (an overview of how to run a campaign) and Brian Nichols will cover campaign messaging. They do not have to be Libertarian but it is geared towards how 3rd parties should run their campaigns. The cost is $25 to attend.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**DIRECTOR BRIEFS:**

**Political Division Report**

**Divisional changes and vacancies**

* **POLITICAL**: Deputy Director (one in consideration), Candidate Recruitment Director, Deputy Candidate Recruitment Director, Legislative Director
* **POLITICAL/FIELD OPS INTER-DIVISIONAL**: Precincts Director

**Divisional communications**

I’m still trying to catch up since being reappointed, with my current focus being on the upcoming consolidated election cycle – next week’s (Tuesday, February 28) consolidated primary for races that have an overabundance of candidates forcing such an election and the Tuesday, April 4 consolidated general election.

I appeared at a legislative town hall February 6 in Shelbyville, held by my newest representation in Springfield, state Rep. Brad Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) and state Sen. Steve McClure (R-Springfield).

One of the questions that was brought up during the Q-and-A segment was about the dismal 43% voter turnout that was in Shelby County in 2022. While Halbrook and McClure surely couldn’t come up with any answers, I took the time to explain that the issue with voter turnout lies with political races that are run uncontested. If I recall correctly, 60% of all political races at all levels were uncontested in 2022, one of which was Halbrook’s race.

In comparison, here are the voter turnout rates in all its neighboring counties in 2022:

CHRISTIAN 59.57% VT Best Libertarian Result: Schluter/Phillips 3.44%

COLES 57.25% VT Best Libertarian Result: Schluter/Phillips 2.54%

CUMBERLAND 64.06% VT Best Libertarian Result: Dan Robin 2.42%

DOUGLAS 56.69% VT Best Libertarian Result: Schluter/Phillips 2.75%

EFFINGHAM UNKNOWN Best Libertarian Result: Dan Robin 2.03%

FAYETTE 61.44% VT Best Libertarian Result: Dan Robin 2.49%

MACON 49.84% VT Best Libertarian Result: Schluter/Phillips 2.67%

MONTGOMERY 67.56% VT Best Libertarian Result: Dan Robin 5.29%

MOULTRIE 62.44% VT Best Libertarian Result: Schluter/Phillips 2.55%

I shared this data with the audience and sent it to Halbrook and McClure after the town hall. Voters are more likely to show up to vote when there is more than just one choice (or even two equally rotten choices) on the ballot.

We’ve struck on that truth with every single election cycle since 2016 – with voter support for Gary Johnson establishing McLean County in 2016, Mike Leheney establishing Kankakee County in 2018, our local efforts deriving from our 2020 ballot access lawsuit that established Cook, DeWitt, McHenry, Peoria, and Tazewell counties, and last fall, Dan Robin in Montgomery County.

Ballot access reform will

**Communications Division Report**

**Field Operations Division Report**

**IT Division Report**

**Last Month’s Activities**

* IT Division recruitment / information tour
	+ Peoria / Tazewell County
	+ DuPage County
	+ McLean Cty
* Political Division Director added to CRM/Email access

**Open items:**

* Drafted motions for Feb meeting adoption of revised Policy Manual and IT Operations Procedure manual.

**Budget**

* New AWS charges of $0.59

**2023 Plans / Priorities**

* Sharing redlined version of proposed Policy Manual changes to dated 2019 version of IT Division section.
* New or improved Conferencing and modernize document sharing / management platform

**Initial informal IT Division + volunteers call**s

* 6 Attendees on January IT Division information session calls

**Drilldown: IT Roles and Resources Policy Manual updates** [shorten; simplify many changes from last 2019 version]

* + Define roles
	+ Include NDA in procedure workflow (Ops)
	+ Eliminate mention of “retired IT roles

**Convention Report**

Venue narrowed down to two possibilities for March 2024 Convention.

**LP National Report**

There is movement regarding the replacement of Joseph Ecklund as Region 6 Rep.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion to adopt**revisions to the 2019 version of the Libertarian Party of Illinois Policy Manual's IT Division section as noted in the DRAFT document sent 2 weeks earlier.

PASSED w/o.

**Motion to adopt**the following two-part policy related to the use of a dedicated IT Division Policy and Operations Manual:

2.1 - Establish a separate LP of Illinois IT Policy and IT Operations Manual, stored securely with appropriate member and admin access versions for security purposes. This document replaces Appendix E adopted in the prevailing 2019 version of the LP of Illinois Policy Manual.

2.2 It is further proposed that the adoption of the initial text of, and all subsequent changes to, the IT Policy and IT Operations Manual be approved by the Executive Committee in Executive Session.

PASSED w/o.

**Motion to discuss** the survey that was proposed last year before the election.

PASSED w/o.

**Next Meeting Date: March 21, 2023.**

**Motion to Adjourn (Blair-Smith) PASSED w/o 8:31 p.m.**