**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**2/19/2025 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Jim Humay Director: Vacant

Vice Chair: Matt Piron Deputy Director: Vacant

Secretary: Ken Mattes Social Media: Ray Walden IV

Treasurer: Russ Clark Newsletter: Vacant

Executive Director: Justin Tucker Public Relations: Vacant

Broadcasting: Vacant

**POLITICAL DIVISION**

Director: Jake Leonard **FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Deputy Director Cook/DuPage: Jim Humay Director: Blake Hanson

Candidate Recruitment: Vacant Deputy Director: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert A

Campaigns: Jon King ABSENT Campus Outreach: Vacant

Legislative: Cody Graves Volunteer: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert ABSEN

Ballot Access: Vacant Membership: Vacant

Precincts: Vacant Activism: Vacant

Chapter Development: Paul DiMasi

**IT DIVISON** Deputy Chapter Development: Vacant

Director: Bob Blair-Smith

Deputy Director: Vacant Convention Committee: Ken Mattes Operations: Kelly Liebmann ABSENT

CRM Training: Gabe Carrier ABSENT

Website: Jarrod Weishaar

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1st District: Matt Cunningham ABSENT 10th District: Vacant

2nd District: Vacant 11th District: Vacant

3rd District: Danny Lewis 12th District: Vacant

4th District: Ray Walden IV 13th District: Vacant

5th District: Vacant 14th District: Vacant

6th District: Bob Blair-Smith 15th District: Jake Leonard

7th District: Jim Humay 16th District: Vacant

8th District: Julie Fox 17th District: Dan Groeling ABSENT

9th District: Adam Balling

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Paul Darr, Tommy Creuzer, Michael Olson.**

**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

7:34 PM

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION (Walden IV)** to approve the January minutes **SECONDED and PASSED W/O.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION (Lewis)** to approve an amended agenda to move LNC reports to the first order of business **SECONDED and PASSED W/O.**

**LNC REGIONAL/NATIONAL REPORTS:**

LNC Vice Chair Paul Darr ([paul.darr@LP.org](mailto:paul.darr@LP.org)) spoke about taking on the office of Vice Chair, attending LibertyCon, goals (membership and fundraising, candidates), was congratulated (Lewis), and took questions (Humay, Balling).

**OFFICER BRIEFS**

**Chair:**

Thanks for being elected and looking forward to a successful term as Chair, passionate about influencing state legislature, projects include speaking with Awake Illinois on HB2827 Homeschool Act which Senator Seth Lewis is actively opposed to (see <https://www.awakeil.com/fight> and Cherry Pie Day 3/6/2025 in Springfield).

Met with Jed Davis (75th District) on HB1110 Gun-Free Zone Liability Act and HB1717 Criminal Forfeiture Reporting Act, recommended members contact the IL House Rules Committee, Rep. Davis is seeking advice on reintroducing Defend the Guard legislation in 2026 and crafting legislation on decriminalization of psychedelics and dissociatives.

Will meet with Bradley Fitz (74th), who introduced HB2587 to amend the Criminal Code of 2012 to exclude concealed handgun license holders from the 72-hour waiting period.

Approaching five-year anniversary of stay-at-home orders from Gov. Pritzker; would like to release a statement on 3/21/2025.

Seeking candidates for 2026 elections including statewide to US Senate, but emphasis on local offices (county, township, municipal).

**Vice Chair:**

Eager to work on the statement regarding Covid and stay-at-home orders, emphasis on races with easier ballot access, statewide races will require more feet on the ground, call for member recruitment.

**Secretary:**

Is preparing for colonoscopy; encourages members to be proactive in monitoring their health, conducted email ballot on last month’s resolution and mailed to governor’s offices, future events include McHenry St. Patrick’s Day parade on 3/15.

**Treasurer:**

Written report pending. Thanks to Jim for homeschooling advocacy, signed up for Cherry Pie Day, suggested candidate training for later this year and offered to help.

**Executive Director: Written Report Below**

**DIRECTOR BRIEFS**

**Communications Division Report:**

Social Media is focused on Twitter/X (awake IL, possible Blagojevich ambassadorship, Madigan conviction, Valentine’s Day, Illinois Policy Institute, Ross Freed), suggested creation of new Facebook page due to continuing lack of access to current page. The Chair reminded members to keep discussions between board members off social media, inquired about YouTube pages, and called for volunteers for the Communications Division.

**Field Operations Division Report:**

Future openings in the division are approaching so volunteers are also needed for Field Operations, anticipating more activity with events in coming months. Discussion on progress of Champaign County (Blair-Smith II, DiMasi), YALCon in St. Louis in April (Humay, Clark), and County Facilitator role.

**IT Division Report: Written Report Below**

**Political Division Report:**

Completing tally of elected officials and candidate slates, inquired on Field Ops supplies on hand; Blake will be updating some old materials for printing, was congratulated on his pending role on library board (Walden IV)

**SCC/CHAPTER REPORTS: *Please submit any chapter reports to*** [***Secretary@LPIllinois.org***](mailto:Secretary@LPIllinois.org)

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION (Mattes)** to adopt proposed 2025 budget that was shared in January. Motion is **SECONDED.** Budget discussed. **MOTION TO AMEND (Walden IV)** to add $3,000 to item 6500 Convention **SECONDED and PASSED W/O**. Jake Leonard and Blake Hanson corrected item 6350 to include PC expenses from item 6440 for odd year. **MOTION TO ADOPT PASSED W/O.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 3/19 PASSED W/O.**

**Adjourn:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN (Walden IV) SECONDED and PASSED W/O 9:05 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ken Mattes**

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**Executive Director Report:**

Fellow Libertarians - Thank you to all our donors, both new and recurring. If you are not a recurring monthly LP Illinois donor, please visit [www.lpillinois.org](http://www.lpillinois.org/) and click DONATE. 2026 elections are just under 2 years away, and the statewide petition drive must be considered. I want to try to get as many $25 donations as I can over the next few weeks, so please dig into your couch cushions or your tax return and contribute.  
  
If you are not a Precinct Committeeperson, please consider becoming one. Visit <https://lpillinois.org/precinct-committeemen/> to learn more. If you live in Cook County, please consider running as a Township Committeeperson. Petitioning starts in the fall.  
  
My all-time haul is $32,880 give or take. Will audit for accuracy.  
  
The envelopes have arrived. I will submit several templates to the EC for approval to mail to Illinois Libertarians. I hope there to be a template for LP National members who are not LPIL donors, for lapsed donors, and a general thank you for current donors.  
  
I sent out a press release about the H.R. 38 resolution. No press inquiries but many people who received the email did read it.  
  
I have contacted State Sen. Guzman and State Rep. Stava-Murray's regarding ballot access. I shared with them the model legislation from Harvard University. I was told by Bill that we may have misunderstood the new ballot access law. 30 days were not shaved off the collection period. Rather it was pushed back 30 days, so our period would run February through May as opposed to March through June.  
  
I am back in the saddle after 5 years as Chair in the LPC. It is an honor to serve again. Look forward to 2026 petition drive for Cook County and making new friends.  
  
Please consider running for office. I will dedicate an upcoming meeting of the LPC to running for office. I also plan to run for 14th Police District Council for the 2027 Chicago municipal election.  
  
My DePaul University Paralegal Studies are going well. I aced one of my midterms and have an A- so far for the class. I will receive my certificate in just over a month. Know any lawyers?

**IT Division Report:**

**Previous projects / activities-**

* **Field Operations / chapter and member requests**
* **BoD changes /SCC email and CRM access requests**
* **Website Revisions to lpillinois.org**
* **National IT training calls on web form for Political demographics**

**January Activities:**

* Reviewed cloud Document management options for Winter 2025 (March) migration
* Advised Workdocs users that AWS Workdocs is going away
* Re-provisioned LPIL phone service & inbound greeting and voicemail for Chair Humay

**Training / Train the Trainer**

* No new training requests or events since previous Report

**Expenses:**

Amazon Web Services

January $77.55

Grasshopper Virtual Phone. (paid Annually each May)

1 new phone call for Chair

**IT Requests**

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| **Request/request by** | **Platform** | **Owner** | **Status** | **Date of resolution** |
| * Various, ExCOM | lpillinois.org | Web | Updated leadership content and multiple Candidate office opportunities for 2026 cycle | 2/7 |
| * SCC | Lpmail, Civi | IT Ops | Re-set, onboarding, & communications on CRM NDA | 2/5 |
| * Field Ops | lpmail | IT Ops | Re-sets & communication | 2/17 |

**New and ongoing Projects:**

1. **Document Management Platform selection and migration**:

Vet and compare next Document Management System platform options for LP of IL as AWS WorkDocs is going away in March

* Box
* DropBox
* OneHub
* Sync
* Hetzner IaaS

**Next steps:**

* **Open IT Division call held to review JAN 9, 2025**
* **2nd IT Division call held Feb 18th** (only to assist members to download AWS WorkDocs files content. )
* Recommendations to BoD
* Migration of LPIL digital content/ assets to new platform

1. **IL Voter Database** [See voter info request template above]