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# LPWC Minutes Sep 14th, 2022

Wednesday, 9.14.2022

## Officers

Mark Marasch, *Chair*

Phil Denton, *Treasurer*

Joshua Toms, *Secretary - Absent*

## Members Present

Seth Allton

John Crippen

Catherine Marasch

Jon Mohler

Jennifer Mueller

Ken MacCutcheon

Michelle MacCutcheon

Jeff Schulthess

Andrew Stead

## Guests Present

Jamie Stead

Jenny Mohler

Michael Allred

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## Meeting Called to Order: 7:05

### Officer Announcements

#### Chair

- Tonight is our regular county convention, where we will be considering four bylaws proposals and conducting officer elections. In order to be eligible to vote tonight, attendees must meet the following three conditions:
  1. Affirm the NAP - "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."
  2. Not be legally affiliated with another political party as per the Ohio Secretary of State.
  3. Be a resident of Warren County.
- For each bylaw under consideration, the author will have a chance to explain the reason for his or her proposed change. Afterwards, debate will commence as with any other motion. Voting will be done by secret ballot.
- Bylaws amendments will be considered in this order:
  1. Denton Bylaw Change 1: Officer Roles & Responsibilities
  2. Denton Bylaw Change 2: Bylaw and Constitutional Amendment Adoption
  3. Toms Constitutional Change: Convention Delegate Qualifications
  4. MacCutcheon Bylaw Change: Conflicts of Interest
- We plan for officer elections to happen in this order:
  1. Chair
  2. Treasurer
  3. Secretary
- We will have nominations, voting, and results one office at a time in the order listed above.

### Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

- Denton Bylaw Change 1: Officer Roles and Responsibilities
  - Phil Denton moved to accept this change and the motion was properly seconded.
  - Phil explained the purpose of the change is to codify officer roles and responsibilities in to our Constitution and Bylaws because there are currently none there. This will give new officers an idea of what they're responsible for as well as the legislative body.
  - Question was called, a vote to adopt the amendment as written was held, and the motion carried. (The amendment was adopted as written)
- Denton Bylaw Change 2: Bylaw and Constitutional Amendment Adoption

- Phil Denton moved to accept this change and the motion was properly seconded.
- Phil explained the purpose of the change is to specify exactly when Constitution and Bylaws changes go into effect (48hours). The change is intended to be made so the rules of the body aren't changed during a Convention.
- Question was called, a vote to adopt the amendment as written was held, and the motion carried. (The amendment was adopted as written)
- Toms Bylaw Change 1: Redefine "Delegate" to County Convention
  - Phil Denton moved to accept this change and the motion was properly seconded.
  - Phil explained the purpose of the change is to make sure only recently active participants in the affiliate are able to participate in officer elections and Constitutional/Bylaws changes.
  - A motion was made, properly seconded, and passed to insert the following text: "or any county sponsored or supported event where attendance was taken" so the amendment of Article III Section 3 reads as follows:
    - "Delegates are defined as follows: persons that have affirmed the NAP, live within Warren County, are not legally affiliated with another political party, and have attended at least one business meeting of the Libertarian Party of Warren County **or any county sponsored or supported event where attendance was taken** within the span of one year from the date of Warren County Convention and not less than 25 days prior to the Convention at which they wish to be a Delegate."
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## Officer Elections

- Phil Denton moved to open elections for Chair. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Phil Denton nominated Mark Marasch. He accepted.
  - Phil Denton moved to close nominations. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Mark spoke about his goals for the upcoming term.
  - Ballots were cast. Mark received a majority in the first round and was elected Chair.
- Michelle MacCutcheon moved to open nominations for Vice-Chair and the motion was properly seconded.

- Debate began over whether the affiliate needs/wants a Vice-Chair and if anyone is planning to run.
- Jon Mohler moved to table Vice-Chair nominations until the Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary elections are complete. The motion was seconded by Phil Denton and the motion carried.
- Phil Denton moved to open elections for Treasurer. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Michelle MacCutcheon nominated Jennifer Mueller. She accepted.
  - Phil Denton moved to close nominations. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Ballots were cast. Jennifer received a majority in the first round and was elected Treasurer.
- Phil Denton moved to open elections for Secretary. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Jennifer Mueller nominated Phil Denton. He accepted.
  - Phil Denton moved to close nominations. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Ballots were cast. Phil received a majority in the first round and was elected Secretary.
- Phil Denton moved to pick up from the table the open nominations for Vice Chair. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - A member asked the body if anyone would like to be nominated for Vice Chair. Hearing no one seeking nomination, Phil Denton moved to close nominations for Vice Chair. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.
  - Having no nominations for Vice Chair, no ballots were cast and no Vice Chair was elected.

## **Adjournment: 8:00 pm**

Having reached the end of our agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

## Toms Amendment

### Current Wording of Articles II and III:

## Article II - Executive Committee

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Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected from Voting Members. This election shall be held by secret ballot.

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
  - i. Additional Executive Committee Members may be added during normal elections as decided by the Voting Members.
- B. Executive Committee elections shall normally be held during a regular County Convention.
  - i. Special elections to fill vacancies may be held, as necessary.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall create a set of Standard Operating Procedures that governs the day-to-day operations of the Party.

## Article III - County Conventions

Section 1. The Party shall hold a Regular Convention during even numbered years.

Section 2. A Special Convention shall be held upon petition of 10% of Voting Members or 50% of the seated Executive Committee Members. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention and no other business, shall be considered at such a Convention unless the petition states that it is being held in lieu of a missed Regular Convention.

Section 3. Any Voting Member is eligible to be a delegate to a County Convention

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Section 5. The Executive Committee may establish such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.

## Proposed Change

Proposed Constitution changes:

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## Final Version if Passed:

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## MacCutcheon Amendment

Summary: It is imperative that the leadership of our affiliate be completely dedicated to Libertarian ideals. It is unacceptable for anyone in a position of Party leadership to promote a political entity that is counter to Libertarian ideals, be it another party, PAC, political candidate, or other organization.

This text is to be inserted into the Constitution and Bylaws as Article III - Conflicts of Interest. The Article III as it exists today will become Article IV and all subsequent articles will be renumbered accordingly.

The text below shows the original text as submitted by Mrs. MacCutcheon as well as the amendments that were made before it was passed. Red text indicates text that was inserted via amendment to the Amendment. Strikethrough text indicates text that was removed by amendment to the Amendment.

### Proposed Insertion with Mark-ups

Section 1. Leader of the Party. For the purposes of this Article, a Leader of the Party shall be defined as any elected officer, appointed officer, or committee chair of the Warren County Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Section 2. Definition of Conflict of Interest. A Leader of the Party may not hold a titled volunteer position or paid position for any political candidate, **or partisan** organization, ~~Political Action Committee, or party which is non-Independent or non-Libertarian~~ **which is not the Libertarian Party**. This does not include single issue based organizations.

Section 3. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest. All Leaders of the Party shall disclose potential Conflicts of Interest in writing to the Chair of the Party. If it is the Chair with a potential Conflict of Interest to disclose, the Chair must notify all other Executive Committee members in writing.

Section 4. Resolution of Conflicts of Interest. If a Leader of the Party is found by the Chair or Executive Committee to have a Conflict of Interest, the Leader of the Party must either resign their leadership role within the Party OR resign from their role(s) with the conflicting organization AND provide proof of their resignation from that organization. If a Leader of the Party is found to have a Conflict of Interest and does not resign from the conflicting organization within 30 days notice of the conflict, they are considered to have resigned



from their position within the Party and will be replaced as per these Constitution and Bylaws.

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Secretary's Note: Everything above this line represents the approved minutes of the Convention that took place on September 14th 2022. The Convention minutes as written above were approved at the next meeting in October 2022. Since the approval of the minutes I have discovered that a previously unnamed attendee was Michael Allred and updated the minutes to reflect that. I also corrected Catherine Marasch's name to the correct spelling.

-Phil Denton, Secretary, 12/18/2022