



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OHIO  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, AD 2017, MEETING

Central Committee Chairman, Bob Frey requested that the following information be included in the current minutes.

At 9:35 PM, Monday, December 26, 2016, Mr. Frey advised the Central Committee by email that the resignation of Dan Zink, District 10 Seat B, had been accepted by a vote of fourteen Ayes, one Nay and one Abstention.

The March 25, 2017, meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio was called to order by Chairman Bob Frey in the office meeting room of the Libertarian Party of Ohio headquarters, 2586 Tiller Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43231 at 11 AM.

Bob Frey 1A, Scott Pettigrew 1B, Rick Kanis 2A, Ann Leech 2B, Don Kissick 5A, Bob Coogan 8A, Aaron Harris 10A, Linda Comstock 12A, Kevin Knedler 12B, John Fockler 13A, David Macko 14B, Christopher Gill 15A, Franklin DeMint 15B, Tim Smyth 16A and Janis Smyth 16B were present.

Sarah Kissick 5B and Aarica Burwell 6B had excused absences.

Harold Thomas 3A and Lowell Lufkin 6A arrived at 11:03 AM and 11:05 AM, respectively.

A quorum was declared.

Scott Pettigrew moved to have an election to replace Harold Thomas as an At Large Member of the Executive Committee. Ann Leech proposed to resign as Treasurer of the Central Committee and that an election to replace her be held. Don Kissick proposed that Executive Committee Vice Chairman, Elizabeth Gentner be allotted time to discuss important issues. Chairman Bob Frey advised that he would step down during the discussion since he is married to Ms. Gentner.

Dan Zink's resignation was accepted. (See above.)

Mr. Frey moved, seconded by Mr. Pettigrew, to remove Justin Gleason from the Central Committee for nonattendance. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and the District 14A seat is now open.

Mr. Pettigrew reported on the Executive Committee's progress regarding the party petition drive. Validation of signatures is taking place every Saturday at party headquarters. So far, 13,000 signatures have been received and 4,000 processed. The validity rate is between 55% and 70%. We are at about 20% of our goal of 55,000 valid



signatures. Ms. Gentner advised that 800 signatures and \$200 has been pledged. There is no contract yet with professional fund raiser, Scott Kolhaas.

The Committee is seeking a Field Development Director and Deputy Director. Mark Jenkins will continue as Regional Liaison. The Committee is also seeking a new Director of the IT Division, following Mr. Holstine's resignation.

Mr. Fockler advised that he would attend the next Libertarian National Committee meeting and advise them of our petition needs.

Mr. Knedler inquired as to the status of the website. Mr. Pettigrew stated that the transition to the new website was proceeding. Ken Moellman of Kentucky advised that he was moving his server from Libertas.

This conversation was interrupted by an inquiry about Bob Bridges' debt. Mr. Pettigrew advised that Mr. Bridges was still homeless but intended to pay.

Mr. Frey inquired as to the payment for the move from Libertas to Nationbuilder. Mr. Moellman advised that at the LNC meeting on April 15 free service to state affiliates would be announced. Mr. Pettigrew advised that the mailing list would be going away. There will also be a shift to the Basecamp program.

Ms. Leech announced her resignation as Central Committee Treasurer. Her resignation was accepted by voice vote.

Mr. Thomas announced his resignation from the Executive Committee, effective May 7, so that he can help build the Franklin County party. He will keep his seat on the Central Committee and his position as Deputy Political Director.

Mr. Knedler nominated Mr. Smyth for the open Executive Committee At-Large position. Mr. Kissick inquired to confirm that the Bylaws allow replacements.

Mr. Kissick moved to close nominations, which was done by voice vote. He then moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Pettigrew requested to check the Bylaws. Mr. Smyth was elected with seventeen votes.

Bylaws Committee chairman, Mr. Knedler, reported that Mr. Smyth, Mr. Gill, Mr. Frey and Mr. Pettigrew had met by phone for seventeen weeks for meetings which ranged from one hour to one hour and forty five minutes. There is a new preamble, subsections and titles were added and the Table of Contents was renumbered. A second, overlapping subcommittee (Gill, Pettigrew, and Smyth) for Off-Year Election of Executive Committee Subcommittee Members (Bylaw 200.4) reported their recommendations as well.



Recommendations for Bylaws 100,120, 130 (renumbered to 315), 200.4 (only Section 4), 300,310, 330,and 620 had been submitted prior to the meeting and were offered for discussion and review.

Mr. Pettigrew moved, seconded by Mr. Fockler, that the changes should be presented to the Central Committee. Ms. Leech moved to approve by Section. Mr. Knedler wished to regroup Bylaw 100. There was a prolonged discussion. Ms. Leech had questions relating to Bylaws 120 and 315. Mr. Fockler moved to accept the Bylaws except Bylaws 200 and 315. Dr. DeMint seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 130 was renumbered to 315. Bylaws 200 and 315 were submitted to the Central Committee for approval. There was prolonged discussion regarding censure and/or removal from the Central Committee or Executive Committee or an office for misconduct or neglect of duty. No action was taken. There was further prolonged discussion of proposed changes to Bylaws 200 and 315.

Here are the changes to the recommendations which were approved unanimously by voice vote:

**Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management (Section 1)**

As Suggested by the Subcommittee	Amended text	Approved Text
<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 (Applicability).</b> Members of Internal Management, which includes members and officers of the Executive Committee and Central Committee, or appointees of either committee, may be indicted for alleged misconduct.</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 (Applicability).</b> Members of Internal Management, which includes members and officers of the Executive Committee and Central Committee, or appointees of either committee, may be <b>formally accused by the Central Committee of charged indicted for alleged</b> misconduct <b>or neglect of duty.</b></p>	<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 (Applicability).</b> Members of Internal Management, which includes members and officers of the Executive Committee and Central Committee, or appointees of either committee, may be formally accused by the Central Committee of misconduct or neglect of duty.</p>



**Bylaw 315 - Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management (Section D)**

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<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p>D. Conviction shall require a two-thirds vote of the filled Central Committee positions and may include punitive actions including but not limited to censure, removal from office, or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p>D. Conviction shall require a two-thirds vote of the filled Central Committee positions and may include punitive actions including but not limited to censure or; removal from office. <del>or</del> <del>expulsion.</del></p>	<p><b>Bylaw 315 -Censure/Punitive Action of Internal Management</b></p> <p>D. Conviction shall require a two-thirds vote of the filled Central Committee positions and may include punitive actions including but not limited to censure or removal from office.</p>

**Bylaw 200 - Section 4 - Odd year elections for ExComm**

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<p><b>Bylaw 200 - Central Committee</b></p> <p><b>Section 4. (Executive Committee Elections).</b></p> <p>A. Nominations for the first ballot of officers of the Executive Committee, along with all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the outgoing Chair of the Central Committee no later than 7 days prior to the Central Committee Organizational Meeting or any subsequent Executive Committee elections.</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 200 - Central Committee</b></p> <p><b>Section 4. (Executive Committee Elections).</b></p> <p>A. Nominations for the first ballot of officers of the Executive Committee, along with all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the <del>outgoing</del> Chair of the Central Committee no later than 7 days prior to the Central Committee Organizational Meeting or any subsequent Executive Committee elections.</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 200 - Central Committee</b></p> <p><b>Section 4. (Executive Committee Elections).</b></p> <p>A. Nominations for the first ballot of officers of the Executive Committee, along with all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Chair of the Central Committee no later than 7 days prior to the Central Committee Organizational Meeting or any subsequent Executive Committee elections.</p>



The resulting recommendations including these amendments is detailed in the shared document "Bylaw Committee Recommendations Part I - As Amended" ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/118SJ7bVIZxe206v1IxIZ\\_QiS7y0301-fl6zbo3qAMpQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/118SJ7bVIZxe206v1IxIZ_QiS7y0301-fl6zbo3qAMpQ/edit?usp=sharing)).

The resulting set of Bylaws has been published and is available publicly on the Party website: [http://www.lpo.org/constitution\\_bylaws](http://www.lpo.org/constitution_bylaws).

Mr. Thomas stated that the Executive Committee which will be elected in 2018 will have a one year term so that another election will be held in 2019.

Mr. Fockler moved, seconded by Mrs. Smyth, to suspend the rules for a formal commendation of the skill, hard work, energy and patience of members of the Bylaws committee. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Knedler recommended a discussion of the Libertarian Party of Ohio Constitution Committee at the next meeting. Mr. Frey agreed to do so.

There was a fifteen minute recess and the meeting resumed at 1:32 PM.

Mr. Kissick requested ten minutes for Ms. Gentner to report on plans for the 2018 LPO convention. Mr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and Ms. Gentner stated that she and the other members of the Convention committee, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Smyth, had selected the weekend of April 13 to April 15, 2018, and Columbus for the site of the convention. The Convention committee's proposal was approved unanimously by voice vote after a motion by Mr. Fockler, seconded by Dr. DeMint.

Mr. Pettigrew moved to open nominations, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Fockler nominated Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. Knedler nominated Dustin Nanna and Mr. Thomas withdrew from the committee.

Nominations were closed, Mr. Thomas' resignation was accepted and Mr. Pettigrew's and Mr. Nanna's nominations were approved by unanimous voice vote.



Mr. Gill reported that the LPO Platform Committee was planning to hold a meeting soon.

Mr. Kissick advised that six major issues were being considered by the Platform Committee; nullification, fracking, education, capital punishment, law enforcement accountability and professional and state licensing and regulatory burdens.

Mr. Frey described Basecamp.

Mrs. Smyth reported that the Audit Committee had audited incoming and outgoing expenses. She requested an executive session. By unanimous voice vote, the committee went into executive session from 1:48 PM to 2:16 PM. Mr. Pettigrew moved to extend the discussion by 15 minutes but a five minute extension was approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Frey entertained a motion for the Audit Committee to report to the Central Committee at each meeting, with resolutions to be recorded. Mr. Fockler moved, seconded by Mr. Gill, to have the Executive Committee report the Audit Committee's recommendations to the Central Committee. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frey announced that the Franklin County committee recommended Michael Baron for the vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> District Central Committee seat.

Mr. Frey reported that a notice would go out on Monday, March 27, to inform members that National LP Chairman Nicholas Sarwark and Michael Pickens would speak at our 2017 state conference. So far, twenty reservations have been made at \$150 per attendee. There will be no Central Committee meeting at the conference.

Mr. Kissick sponsored Ms. Gentner so that she could address the committee. By unanimous voice vote the committee went into executive session from 2:25 PM to 2:49 PM.

Mr. Frey discussed the next Central Committee meeting and suggested a tentative date of August 22. He stated that he would send an inquiry to members of the committee to confirm the next meeting date. There was also a discussion about our annual picnic.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Macko, Secretary