

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

At 7:17 PM, Monday, June 26, 2017, Mr. Frey advised the Central Committee by email that the resignation of Elizabeth Gentner as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee had been accepted by fourteen votes.

The July 22, 2017, meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio was called to order by Chairman Bob Frey in the meeting room of Donato's Restaurant, 1891 Tamarack Circle North, Columbus, Ohio at 11:09 AM.

Bob Frey 1A, Ann Leech 2B, Sarah Kissick 5B, Bob Coogan 8A, Linda Comstock 12A, Kevin Knedler 12B, John Fockler 13A, David Macko 14B, Christopher Gill 15A, Tim Smyth 16A and Janis Smyth 16B were present. Aarica Burwell 6B arrived at 11:12 AM.

Scott Pettigrew 1B, Rick Kanis 2A, Harold Thomas 3A and Aaron Harris 10A had excused absences. Franklin DeMint 15B was absent without an excuse.

The following guests were present: Charles Robol, Dan Hines, Chad Harrison, Kelli Roden, Michelle McCutcheon, Trishanda Barhorst, Derick Strelow, Homer Taft and Brian Hammer.

Mr. Fockler, seconded by Mr. Smyth, moved to accept the minutes of the March 25 meeting which was done unanimously by voice vote.

Under New Business, a request to discuss Mr. Gill's resignation, due to his moving out of Ohio, was added.

There were no conflicts of interest.

A discussion of Mr. Kissick's and Ms. Gentner's resignations was added to New Business.

Mr. Smyth presented the Executive Committee report. 100,000 signatures are required for the Libertarian Party of Ohio to regain ballot position. \$100 in reimbursements are provided per 100 signatures. Ms. Leech is planning to send a mailer to solicit signatures and donations next week.

Chris Geyer is being recommended as the volunteer coordinator. Joe Giffen is interested in obtaining a seat on the Central Committee but is also being recommended as the College Liaison.

A date has not been set for the annual LPO picnic.

Election of officers for vacated posts began.

Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Nanna, nominated Ms. Burwell for Central Committee Vice Chairman but she decided to run for an At Large seat on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Knedler nominated Dustin Nanna for Executive Committee Vice Chairman.

Mr. Knedler advised that At Large seats on the Executive Committee must be filled by members of the Central Committee.

Mr. Frey described the duties of officers.

Mr. Gill nominated Ms. Burwell for the vacant At Large seat on the Executive Committee and John Fockler for Vice Chairman of the Central Committee. Both accepted their nominations.

Mr. and Mrs. Smyth moved and seconded closure of nominations which was approved.

The candidates discussed their qualifications.

Mr. Fockler has been an activist in the 13th District since 1997 and has served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Central Committee.

Mr. Nanna has been an activist since 2015, including as delegate to the 2016 National Convention, a member of the state and national platform committees and is a candidate for the Delaware, Ohio, city council.

Ms. Burwell, a long time member in Zanesville, raised \$3,000 for the LPO.

Mr. Fockler was elected as Central Committee Vice Chairman with 11 votes one vote for NOTA.

Mr. Nanna was elected unanimously with 12 votes as Executive Committee Vice Chairman.

Ms. Burwell was elected as an At Large member of the Executive Committee with 11 votes and one abstention.

Dr. DeMint's membership status on the Central Committee was discussed. Mr. Knedler's motion, seconded by Mr. Smyth, to table the discussion until the next meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Smyth advised that the Executive Committee would make endorsements in any local election where there was no county organization.

Mr. Smyth advised that he would review Part 2 of the Bylaws. Mr. Knedler reported that the Bylaws Subcommittee met every week from Thanksgiving through March except Christmas for one to two hours and that almost all meetings had a quorum.

Mr. Knedler moved, seconded by Mr. Gill, to approve all changes to Bylaws 200 and 340. Ms. Leech requested information. Section 3 of Bylaw 200 will be submitted to the 2018 convention and must conform to the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2 of Bylaw 200, the procedure for internal elections, was reviewed. Mr. Taft advised that if the party has sufficient signatures on time we have a right to request a primary election to fill Central Committee seats. Mr. Nanna advised that the national party wants signature approval as soon as possible.

Mr. Smyth stated that Central Committee members who miss two meetings unexcused or move out of their districts will be removed.

Section 7 was removed. Section 8F was modified to require meeting minutes to be completed within two weeks of the meeting.

A move to recess for 30 minutes was approved by unanimous voice vote at 12:05 PM. The meeting resumed at 12:35 PM.

Mr. Smyth continued the Bylaws review, including Bylaw 340, Standard Operating Procedure, 500, National Conventions, 510, State Conventions, 600, Endorsements, 610, Campaign Financing, 700, County Development Groups and 710, Affiliates.

Mr. Macko moved, seconded by Mrs. Comstock, to amend the bylaws to authorize the chairman to remove the secretary immediately if he was unable to produce minutes within two weeks and hold an election within five days. The motion failed.

Previously, it was asserted that Section 3, Bylaw 510, contradicted the LPO Constitution which also contradicted the Ohio Revised Code.

A motion by Mr. Fockler to thank the Bylaws Subcommittee was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Smyth reported that there was nothing new to report regarding the 2018 LPO Convention. She expressed her desire not to be chairman of the subcommittee.

Mr. Taft volunteered to join the Convention Subcommittee.

A motion by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Smyth, to appoint Mr. Nanna, Mr. Fockler, Mr. Taft and Mr. Robel to the committee was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gill volunteered to be LPO Platform Committee chairman until he leaves Ohio. Mr. Smyth and Mrs. Barhorst volunteered to join the Platform Committee.

Mr. Knedler mentioned the Mission Statement 2010 and inquired as to whether a Vision Statement was needed.

Mr. Macko stated that his website, www.mackoforliberty.org, included much information about his 2010 race for State Representative which could be added to the state platform.

Mr. Smyth and Mrs. Barhorst were appointed to the Platform Committee by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Smyth and Mr. Knedler reported that the books had not yet been audited. Mr. Nanna inquired as to whether Mr. Kolhaas had been paid for his services. The reimbursement policy was criticized for not being timely or professional. Mrs. Comstock recommended a reimbursement form on Basecamp in order to be reimbursed.

Mr. Gill's resignation was accepted by unanimous voice vote but he agreed to keep his current subcommittee positions until he leaves Ohio and expressed interest in leading the Ohio delegation at the Libertarian National Convention in 2018.

At 1:28 PM Mr. Fockler moved, seconded by Mr. Macko, to recess for ten minutes. The meeting resumed at 1:40 PM.

Several volunteers were nominated to fill vacant positions on the Central Committee. Unfortunately, some potential nominees were disqualified since they voted in Republican primary elections recently.

Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Mr. Coogan, to vote on the nominees as a bloc. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The following members were elected to the Central Committee: Jason Tyson 4A, Brian Hammer 5A, Dan Hines 6A, Robert Leist 7A, Derek Strelow 9A and Kelli Rodin 10B. The Central Committee membership increased to 23.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 21 if necessary or another Saturday or Sunday in October.

By a motion of Mr. Fockler, seconded by Mrs. Smyth, after a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Macko, Secretary