

ATTENDANCE:

Present for the meeting were Chair Harold Thomas, Vice Chair Dustin Nanna, Secretary Jon Mohler, Treasurer Linda Comstock, and members-at-large Cory Combs, Helen Gilson, Joe Langenbrunner, Homer Taft, and Kristen Wichers. 9 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9. Don Kissick was also present as a member ex officio.

Also present were Tricia Sprankle, Patrick Glasgow, Kyle Pierce, and Jim Cavoli. Representatives from Ohio Families for Change were present for part of the meeting as well.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order 10:44 AM. Mr. Mohler called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Mr. Taft disclosed that he works for River Properties Company

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Mr. Thomas suggested appending the following items to the New Business section of the agenda:

- a. Disaffiliation of Hamilton County
- b. Affiliation of Lorain County
- c. Approve CDG for Putnam County
- d. Approve reimbursement of postage costs to Mr. Taft.
- e. Approve monies for a fair booth for Knox County.
- f. Create new Events Division
- g. Review 2018 Budget and create Aspirational Budget

B. Mr. Nanna moved to approve the expanded agenda. Mr. Mohler seconded the motion, and the motion passed without objection.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Nanna moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

V. BUSINESS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS

A. Mr. Thomas reminded the committee of Directive 2018-05-30 formalizing the process for conducting business between meeting.

B. Mr. Thomas further reminded the committee of the ongoing Petition Signing Contest as approved and outlined on Basecamp.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS, ACTIVITY UPDATES, & COMMENTS

A. Chair Report: Mr. Thomas reminded everyone to please clean up the LPO office after use.

B. Vice Chair Report: stated that he would reserve his comments until discussion of the ballot access drive.

C. Treasurer Report: Ms. Comstock presented the Treasurer's report.

- a. As of 31-May-2018, net income was \$4,121.02, of which \$3,429.32 was from the 2018 LPO Convention
- b. As of 31-May-2018, the US Bank balance was \$6,576.15

D. Secretary Report: Mr. Mohler stated that copies of the newly approved Bylaws and Constitution have been filed with the Ohio Secretary of State along with rosters of the newly elected Central and Executive Committees.

VII. DIVISION REPORTS

A. Finance Division: Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division report.

- a. Mr. Taft stated that he was working on building a team, including Jen Flower, David Jackson, and Damon Leeman.
 - b. Mr. Taft stressed the need for future fundraising to continue to sustain the party
 - c. Fundraising and surplus monies from the 2018 Convention provided significant revenue in May.
 - d. Mr. Taft stated that mailing may be too expensive to continue, however mailing addresses are the only info the party has for some people. He stated that other divisions such as Field and Communications need to look into this as well.
- B. Political Division:** Ms. Sprankle presented the political division report
- a. Mr. Rodriguez is working with Compassion and Choices on an elderly rights initiative, specifically the right to assisted suicide with the goal of having sample legislation to shop around the OH State house.
 - b. The LPO currently has 3 statewide candidates, 18 US and OH Congressional candidates, and a host of local candidates. More candidates are expected to declare their candidacy soon. Ms. Sprankle and Mr. Glasgow stressed the need to continue recruiting candidates for 2018 and for 2019 local races.
 - c. Ms. Sprankle stated that the ballot access petition turn-in was tentatively scheduled for June 25. There was much discussion about this:
 - i. Ms. Sprankle and Mr. Nanna stated that the party currently have over 95,000 raw signatures, with over 59,000 of those estimated to be valid. Mr. Nanna stated that the party has been very conservative about validity estimates in order to not overstate the number of valid signatures the party had. He reminded the committee that in 2016, the validity of signatures for the Johnson/Weld campaign was higher than estimated and reported that similar validation standards are being used for this petition drive.
 - ii. Mr. Nanna reported that the national party had encumbered additional funds for OH ballot access petitioning. Since the state party has no control over these funds, the state party has little say about when they will be turned in.
 - iii. Mr. Thomas suggested June 27 around 2pm for ballot access turn in with the intent to formalize this on basecamp.
 - iv. Mr. Thomas further suggested June 21 at 5pm as the deadline to receive petitions from petitioners.
- C. IT Division**
- a. There was no IT Division report for the previous month.
 - b. Mr. Thomas appoint Mr. Jim Cavoli as the new director of the IT Division.
- D. Communications Division:** Mr. Thomas commented on the status of the Communications Division.
- a. Mr. Thomas appointed David Jackson as the new director of the Communications Division.
 - b. Mr. Thomas directed Mr. Taft to reduce or eliminate MailChimp at Mr. Taft's discretion. Mr. Thomas asked if there were any objections to this directive, and none were raised.
- E. Field Development Division:** Ms. Gilson presented the Field Division report and reminded everyone that the full report was available on Basecamp.



- a. 6 of the 9 Regional Director roles are now filled, and reorganizing regions is currently being considered.
- b. Ms. Gilson stressed the importance of logging contacts in NationBuilder.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2018 State Convention Wrapup:** Mr. Thomas asked if there were any objections to refunding Mike Faust's convention costs due to medical issues. No objections were raised, and Mr. Thomas ordered it be done.
- B. 2018 National Convention Business**
 - a. Ms. Gilson moved to nominate Linda Comstock as delegation chair for the National Convention. Mr. Nanna seconded. Mr. Thomas asked for other nominations, and there were none. Ms. Comstock was unanimously elected via a voice vote.
 - b. Mr. Thomas inquired about Ohio's Credential Representative for the National Convention. Mr. Mohler confirmed that he had been previously appointed to this position last meeting.
- C. Other Old Business**
 - a. Mr. Thomas brought up Franklin County's request for costs for fair booth then recused himself from further discussion on the matter. Mr. Nanna began chairing the meeting. Mr. Taft moved to authorize \$315 to be spent upon request from the Franklin County chair. Seconded by Mr. Langenbrunner. Motion passed with no objections. Mr. Thomas resumed chairing the meeting.
 - b. Tim Smyth (Stark County) and George Syrone (Scioto County) donated county funds back to the state party for ballot access petitioning. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Mohler to send a letter of thanks.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategy to retain ballot access**
 - a. Don Kissick presented multiple strategies to retain ballot access. The strategies centered on two possible initiative petitions. Both ballot initiative and an initiative to present a bill to the General Assembly were discussed.
 - b. Mr. Thomas directed Ms. Sprankle to have Mr. Rodriguez look into the legislative options and report the status back to the Executive committee at the August meeting.
 - c. Mr. Nanna moved to encumber \$2,500 for the ballot access drive. Mr. Taft seconded the motion.
 - i. Ms. Gilson moved to amend the amount to \$4,000. Mr. Taft seconded this motion to amend the amount, and the amendment passed unanimously via voice vote.
 - ii. Mr. Taft moved to amend the motion to allow Mr. Nanna to spend the encumbered funds at his discretion and with consent of the chair. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously via voice vote.
 - iii. Mr. Thomas called the question on the motion to encumber \$4,000 for the ballot access drive and to allow Mr. Nanna to spend this money at his discretion and with the consent of the chair. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote, and the encumbering of funds to be used by Mr. Nanna was ordered.

- B. Authorize agreement with statewide candidates on sharing of resources, joint fundraising, and return of data to LPO:** Mr. Mohler moved that Mr. Taft be authorized to draw up a standard contract to enter in lawful, reciprocal agreements with duly nominated candidates to share information between candidates and the party, with the understanding that the campaigns will return information to the party at the end of their campaigns. The standard agreement can be approved with respect to individual campaigns on basecamp. Mr. Nanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- C. Ratify or amend Directive 2018-05-30 (Business conducted between meetings):** Mr. Nanna moved to ratify the previously issued directive. Mr. Combs seconded. Motion passed with Ms. Comstock voting in the negative, all other members voting in the affirmative.
- D. Mr. Taft moved to allow 15 minutes for Ohio Families for Change to present Marijuana Rights and Action plan. Ms. Gilson seconded. Motion passed without objection.**
- a. Ohio Families for Change presented their proposed Amendment to the OH Constitution to legalize marijuana and allow local regulation. There was an extended Question and Answer session that centered around the regulatory framework that the proposed Amendment would allow.
 - b. Mr. Taft moved to endorse the petition to place the Constitutional Amendment on the ballot.
 - i. Mr. Taft stated that this was only a motion to support placing the issues on the ballot for consideration by Ohio voters, not an endorsement of the Amendment itself. Mr. Taft further stated that this Amendment was much better than previous Marijuana legalization bills, and that it would be a step in a positive direction.
 - ii. Mr. Nanna stated his opposition to endorsing the ballot access petition as a party, even though he personally supported it. He cited concerns over the open-ended regulatory framework.
 - iii. Mr. Mohler, Ms. Gilson, and Mr. Combs all briefly stated that they agreed with Mr. Nanna's assessment and had similar concerns about the regulatory framework and the excessive taxes placed on Marijuana by this amendment.
 - iv. Mr. Thomas called the question, and Mr. Mohler called the roll. The motion failed 3-6.

Name	Vote
Cory Combs	Nay
Linda Comstock	Yea
Helen Gilson	Nay
Joe Langenbrunner	Yea
Jon Mohler	Nay

Dustin Nanna	Nay
Homer Taft	Yea
Harold Thomas	Nay
Kristin Wichers	Nay

E. LPO Picnic or regional picnics: set date(s) and place(s)

- a. Mr. Taft suggested multiple picnics around the state to promote local and statewide candidates.
- b. Mr. Thomas directed Ms. Gilson to further direct Regional Liaisons to set up dates and locations for regional picnics.
- c. Mr. Taft moved to allocate up to \$100 per picnic for 4 region regional picnics, subject to approval for any additional funds. Mr. Combs seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

F. Disaffiliation of Hamilton County

- a. Mr. Mohler stated that Hamilton County is no longer able to sustain a full affiliate and should be disaffiliated by the state party. Mr. Mohler stated that work is underway to identify a suitable County Development Coordinator, and that a County Development Group should be formed shortly.
- b. Mr. Nanna moved to disaffiliate Hamilton County affiliate for failure to timely communicate with the LPO, failure to elect a County Central Committee, and failure to provide semi-annual reports to the LPO. Mr. Combs seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

G. Affiliation of Lorain County

- a. Mr. Taft stated that Lorain County has been operating as a de facto affiliate for at least a year, has an active bank account that is being reported to the State, and has more than 25 active participants in part events. He further stated that they held County Central Committee elections and elected a 5-member Central Committee, chaired by Brandon Bobbit. The County Central Committee met and elected a County Executive Committee, chaired by Dan Fichtel.
- b. Mr. Taft moved to affiliate Lorain County. Ms. Gilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- c. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Kissick and Ms. Gilson to investigate creating a formal procedure for moving from CDG to Affiliate and report back on progress in August.
- d. Mr. Mohler reminded Lorain County of Bylaw 710 requirements to file Bylaws and Committee Rosters with the state party within 30 days.

H. Approve CDG for Putnam County

- a. Mr. Kissick stated that while he will lead the county for now, his long-term goal is to find people who are committed to stay long-term in the party and transfer leadership to them over time.

- b. Mr. Nanna moved to approve Putnam County as a County Development Group with Donald Kissick serving as County Development Coordinator. Seconded by Mr. Mohler. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- I. Money for Postage Costs**
 - a. Mr. Taft requested reimbursement in the amount of \$890.53 for postage costs.
 - b. Mr. Nanna moved to reimburse Mr. Taft in the amount requested. Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed via voice vote with Mr. Taft abstaining and all other members voting in the affirmative.
- J. Fair Booth for Knox County**
 - a. Patrick Glasgow has requested \$200 for fair booth at Knox County fair.
 - b. Mr. Combs moved to allocate \$75 for Knox County fair booth. Mr. Nanna seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Thomas voting in the negative and all other members voting in the affirmative.
 - c. Mr. Nanna stated that formalizing the application process for funding county fair tables is a good idea.
 - d. Mr. Taft moved to approve up to 50% of the cost of tables for county fairs for any county fair with attendance of 100,000 people and who has sufficient volunteers, at the discretion of the chair and provided there are sufficient funds in the party account. Mr. Combs seconded. Mr. Mohler stated that he would like to see counties take on more responsibility for funding their own fairs. The motion passed with Mr. Mohler voting in the negative, all other members voting in the affirmative.
- K. Create New Events Division**
 - a. Mr. Taft stated that an Events Coordinator is needed, whether it be a complete division or a subdivision of field or another division
 - b. Mr. Taft moved to add the Events Division to the management team of the LPO and to authorize the chair to appoint an Events Director. Mr. Nanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- L. Review 2018 Budget and Create Aspirational Budget**
 - a. Mr. Taft suggested that agreements might be made with candidates, at least statewide candidates, to lease or otherwise allow use of part of the LPO office for campaign office space and or storage. He also suggested that additional, inexpensive storage space could be available in the Busch Blvd complex.
 - b. Mr. Taft presented a target budget and an aspirational budget for 2018 and explained needs for additional funding in various areas.
 - c. Mr. Nanna stated his opposition to altering the budget in the middle of the year and instead favored spending over-budget if needed and using the actual spending as information for creating a better 2019 budget.
 - d. Mr. Mohler stated that approving a budget with only a few minutes to look over it was not advisable. Mr. Mohler moved to table item until the July meeting and to continue discussing and reviewing the budget in the meantime. Mr. Nanna seconded. The motion to table the item until July passed with Mr. Taft voting in the negative, and all other members voting in the affirmative.



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Saturday 9-June-2018**

X. SET THE NEXT MEETING DATE: The next ExCom meeting was set for 14-July-2018 at 11:00am at the Busch Blvd office.

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:47pm.