

Libertarian Party of Indiana
State Central Committee Meeting
August 26th, 2023

Chair: Evan McMahon

Secretary: Clayton Soultz

Voting Attendees: Kristin Alexander (Vice Chair), Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer), Chuck Hagerman (Tech), Paul Copeland (Political), John Schick (D1), Elizabeth Coquillard (D2), Kristi Avery (D3), Danny Lundy (D4), Lauri Shillings (D5), Larry Silver (D6 Proxy), Rico Gonzalez (D7 Proxy), Adrian Engelberth (D8), Darin Kinser (D9)

Members Absent: Andrew Smith (Comms)

Guests: Greg Hertzsch (LNC Region 3 Alternate)

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

- a. Called to order by McMahon at 2:36pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. Secretary called the roll, 15 voting members present, 1 absent, 1 guest.

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Adopted without objection.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. Chair – Multiple internal party projects. Went to DC for a week, including to the recent LNC meeting and joined the Candidate Support Committee, with certain conditions. Spoke with national chair and CTO, fixed several issues with the Triple Membership program. Indiana is now 8th in the nation for members, and climbing, because several other large states are declining.
- b. Vice Chair – Helping several counties who are on the brink of disaffiliation, including Orange County. Attended Wilson Farms eminent domain rally, went very well. Currently in contact with several potential vendors for the state convention.
- c. Treasurer – Presented as of 8/24/23, balance of \$34,028.92. Copeland asked about switching software update for more detailed report, still in process.
- d. Secretary – Executive Session minutes were previously approved via email, asked to look for errors in public minutes for July. Hagerman moved to approve minutes,

second by Kinser, passed. Soultz noted the need for an assistant at least during the upcoming convention.

V. LNC Update

a. Presented by Hertzsch, last LNC meeting was in-person at the DC hotel where 2024 National convention will be held. Convention rooms were inspected and assigned for various convention activities. Hertzsch gave praise to the Region 3 rep, who was helpful in trying to move the business along at the meeting. Noted a recent data dump by Mr. Duque, former LNC member who released several controversial documents, particularly about a newly hired fundraising employee, who is the significant other of the national chair, McArdle. McMahon noted that the primary issue with the hire is that close family members should be presented publicly to the full board, not only to the employee and policy committee. McMahon expressed desire for retaining a suite for the Indiana delegation. 2026 national convention will be in Grand Rapids.

VI. Director Reports

- a. Political – Held another training with a candidate in Columbia City. Still having several door-knocking campaigns. Mr. Kinser asked about an upcoming GOTV event for Floyd County, Copeland is aware of it and has someone in that area ready to run the event.
- b. Communications – Sent out a few press releases, including on eminent domain issues. Continue to send in press releases to the email.
- c. Tech – Not much to report because of temporary pause of data in CiviCRM, has worked on the Rainwater campaign and wrote a media advisory for an upcoming event.

VII. District Reports

- a. D1 – Lake County is active on Facebook, but no meetings. Other two counties have meetings but not many other events.
- b. D2 – St. Joseph county continues to have monthly meetings with little to no attendance, seeking an anti-violence event upcoming. Kosciusko county continues to have weekly events. Elkhart county is working on a letter-writing campaign for local farmers.
- c. D3 – Avery attended a rally earlier today, multiple people excited about Rainwater. Allen County was successful in their raffle for a visa gift card at an event. Whitley County and Randolph County are having events at the same weekend, borrowing a tent from D2. Melany Love will be canvassing soon. Allen County candidate has an upcoming town hall. DeKalb chair just returned from Liberty International in Spain.
- d. D4 – Cautiously optimistic about new leadership in Boone county. Morgan County's next GOTV event will be September 23rd. Andy Horning came and spoke to voters at

a parade. Five remaining scheduled events in the summer/fall. Still working on meetings happening in Putnam County.

- e. D5 – Upcoming motorcycle rally on September 23rd. Hamilton County was at the farm rally earlier this morning. Vice Chair is in Cicero, IN running a booth. Upcoming Hamilton County meeting at Pinheads.
- f. D6 – Several upcoming events, every Saturday there is someone knocking on doors. 7 recently lapsed members, and have been contacted working towards re-submission.
- g. D7 – Supporting two candidates for City Council. Continuing to have monthly meetings for the county. McMahon asked to have Indianapolis candidates give info to Political Director so that the info is on the website.
- h. D8 – DuBois county hosted Rainwater for a fundraising event. Also recently had a tax opposition event in Jasper County. Owen County continues to be active. Recently learned that there was a town hall in Evansville for mayorial candidates on Sept 23, and the LP candidate was left out, Engelberth is following up on that to get the candidate in the meeting.
- i. D9 – District continues to have monthly zoom meeting. Floyd County GOTV event on September 30th. Lawrence County will be participating in the 75th Persimmon festival also on the 30th. Harrison County will be holding their first meeting back in order on August 29th to get county re-organized. Currently working on getting Jackson county organized.

VIII. 10-minute recess

- a. Recess was skipped without objection.

IX. Teams

- a. Gaming – McMahon asked Schultheiss to confirm gaming license and get info out by upcoming Wednesday.
- b. Data – Continuing to work with teams as requests come in. Over 3000 doors knocked, over 35% conversion rate, average rating of 3.8 stars.
- c. Convention – Friday event will be a sponsored event, sponsored by candidates. Any presidential candidates who purchase a package will be given an opportunity to speak to the body for 5 minutes during the convention. There will be a presidential debate streamed, any presidential candidates who do not pay will be asked to leave. Statewide races that are contested prior to start of convention will have a scheduled debate including all declared candidates. Award nominations and voting will be done before the convention so that the awards can be presented at convention. Venue costs have been increasing, we will likely seek new venue for 2025. Presented a few fundraiser/merch ideas for the convention.

Alexander made a motion: “Approve the 2024 LPIN State Convention budget of

\$25,100. Authorize the Chair to sign agreements with Simply Served, Capri Italian Restaurant/Broken Egg, and Northside Events and Social Club/KoC for the 2024 LPIN State Convention as outlined in 2024 LPIN State Convention Proposal. Chair is authorized to approve food and beverage increases based on additional ticket sales. Chair is authorized to make additional expenditures for technology, merchandise, printing, and LPIN awards as outlined in the 2024 LPIN State Convention Proposal. Any additional expenses will need prior approval of the LPIN SCC.”

Discussion opened. Shillings brought up a concern about merch, wanted a generic LPIN design rather than 50th anniversary, McMahon said he specifically wanted 50th anniversary for the novelty. Copeland asked about where potential overages might show up, McMahon said most of these are hard fixed costs, with the exception of food and ticket sales, which is tied to revenue and has the wiggle room built into the motion. Kinser asked about other potentially cheaper vendors, McMahon said that he is welcome to research and if it’s cheaper the LPIN May change vendors.

Discussion closed without objection, vote was taken, 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Present. Votes tallied in Appendix I. Motion passes.

X. Unfinished Business

- a. 2023 Elections - Copeland stated that there was no new info on 2023 elections that were not already shared in district rep reports.
- b. Legal - Motion for summary judgement ruled against. Judge ruled in favor of the state in the ballot access case. There are still ongoing discussions on what to do next, cannot share more info right now.
- c. LPIN Events – Nothing more to share at this time.

XI. New Business

- a. District Rep Job Descriptions – Lundy combined several ideas presented into a single document and presented to the SCC, listed in Appendix II. Lundy moved to have the job description adopted as an official policy document by the SCC, second by Coquillard. Avery asked about district reps approving applications, McMahon noted that’s a holdover from an old bylaw that needs to be taken care of. Schick asked what the intention was for this document or how it would be used, McMahon said the intention is to communicate to potential district reps what the expectations are. Shillings moved to amend the document, to add the sentence at the end “This is a living document, and will be amended to be aligned to the current LPIN bylaws as needed, and to reflect the positions’ changing role over time.” second by Alexander. Amendment passed without objection. Voice vote, motion passed.

- b. Branded tents – McMahon moved to table discussion to September 17th, since several large expenditures are still pending. Discussion was tabled until September 17th meeting.
- c. Announcements – Announcements given before executive session, meeting will be adjourned in executive session. Entered executive session without objection at 4:18pm.

XII. Executive Session

XIII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Clayton Soultz
 Assistant Secretary, LPIN

Appendix I

		Present	\$25,100 Convention Budget
Chair	Evan McMahon	Y	Present
Vice Chair	Kristin Alexander	Y	Y
Secretary	Clayton Soultz	Y	Y
Treasurer	Michael Schultheiss	Y	Y
Political Director	Paul Copeland	Y	Y
IT Director	Chuck Hagerman	Y	Y
Membership			
Communication Director	Andrew Smith		
District 1	John Schick	Y	Y
District 2	Liz Coquillard	Y	Y
District 3	Kristi Avery	Y	Y
District 4	Danny Lundy	Y	Y
District 5	Lauri Shillings	Y	Y
District 6	Larry Silver (Proxy)	Y	Y
District 7	Rico Gonzalez (Proxy)	Y	Y
District 8	Adrian Engelberth	Y	Y
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Appendix II

District members are elected by the LPIN County Affiliates in each Congressional District to represent their district's interests on the LPIN State Central Committee. District Member terms last for 1 year spanning the time from one state convention until the state convention the following year. District Members **must** be an active member in good standing when elected and throughout their entire term.

As a voting member of the State Central Committee you will participate in:

- Chartering affiliated County Organizations;
- Approving applications for membership in the LPIN;
- Calling conventions;
- Resolving matters of succession of officers;
- Dealing with members and affiliate County Organizations who are not true to the principles enumerated per the state bylaws,
- Arranging, promoting and producing an annual State Convention.

As a District Representative on the State Central Committee you will be responsible for:

- General Operations:
 - Follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
 - Ensuring compliance with all State and Federal laws
 - Attending and participating in meetings and teleconferences as needed or appointing a proxy to represent your district in your absence
 - Serving on Board committees and subcommittees as appointed or elected
 - Providing reports, materials, and other items associated with Board responsibilities and activities in a timely manner.
 - Informing the Board of all actual and potential conflicts of interest relating to the general purposes and activities of the organization and to specific issues before the board
 - Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the LPIN
- Strategic Planning:
 - Provide direction to staff & leadership
 - Hiring of staff & volunteers
 - Develop & maintain a written strategic plan
 - Ensure all goals & activities are in line with strategic plan
 - Communicating State Central Committee strategies and initiatives in their District,
 - Soliciting participation and support from their County chairs and members;
 - Build coalitions and collaborations with other political organizations, community groups, and advocacy groups when appropriate.
 - Be familiar with the political landscape within your district.

- Fiscal Responsibility:
 - Serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the LPIN and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the LPIN to advance its mission and goals
 - Faithfully read and understand the monthly financial statements
 - Ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
 - Authorizing expenditures
 - Passing an annual budget
 - Setting fundraising goals & initiatives

- Providing Affiliate Support:
 - Maintain regular communication with county affiliates
 - Advocate for county affiliates
 - Request state resources for affiliates when appropriate
 - Provide aid & guidance to county affiliates
 - Recruit new members
 - Taking an active role in developing County Organizations in their District.
 - Cultivate & maintain relationships with important talent and/or donors in your district
 - Ensuring all required Indiana state filings are completed accurately and on time
 - Ensure all LPIN required documentation is completed accurately and on time
 - Communicating relevant information, needs, opportunities, and requests of support from their District to the LPIN Chairperson and the State Central Committee

- Providing Candidate Support:
 - Maintain regular communication with candidates in your district or their representatives.
 - Advocate for candidates within your district
 - Request state resources for candidates when appropriate
 - Provide aid & guidance to candidates or their representatives
 - Recruit new candidates
 - Taking an active role in state level campaigns in their district
 - Ensuring all required Indiana state filings are completed accurately and on time
 - Ensure all LPIN required documentation is completed accurately and on time
 - Communicating relevant information, needs, opportunities, and requests of support from their District candidates to the LPIN Chairperson and the State Central Committee

District Member Requirements:

- Must be an active member of the LPIN in good standing and maintain that membership throughout their term

- Strong commitment to libertarian principles and the mission of the LPIN.
- Proven track record in a leadership role.
- Previous board experience preferred.
- Knowledge of the LPIN and Indiana politics
- Sufficient time availability for board duties.
- Ability to operate on a flexible schedule
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong diplomatic and interpersonal skills.
- Strong ability to prioritize and manage tasks
- Must be able to work independently and as part of larger team

This is a living document and will be amended to be aligned to the current LPIN bylaws as needed and to reflect the positions' changing role over time.

References:

LPIN State Bylaws:

Article V Section 4:

Article V, Section 7, Part 3

Approved August 26th, 2023