

Libertarian Party of Indiana – State Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2025

Time: 10:33 AM EDT

Location: Virtual

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM by the Chair. The Secretary was absent, and the Chair administered roll call and documented attendance.

Roll Call

Present:

- District Representatives: Haynes (D8), Glass (D7), Lomax (D6), Shillings (D5), Lundy (D4), Avery (D3), Cotton (D2)
- Outreach Director: Coquillard
- Technology Director: Schultheiss
- Communications Director: Smith
- Treasurer: Dixon
- Vice Chair: Sceniak
- Chair: Present

Absent:

- Secretary (Dasbach)
- District 9 Representative (Curran)
- District 1 Representative (Schick)

Guests:

- Mr. Chuck Poland (Lake County)
- Greg Hertzsch (LNC Alternate for Region 3 Northern Conference)

Appointment of Timekeeper

Mr. Smith was appointed as timekeeper.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda to add "SCC Reschedule" under New Business (Item E). The amendment was adopted with no objection. A motion was made to adopt the agenda was adopted. The agenda was adopted with no objection.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on various activities, including:

- **CiviCRM Improvements:** Data cleanup and system enhancements.
- **Financial Goals:** Plans to set up a new bank account.
- **Merchandise Store:** Expansion and resolution of technical issues affecting order tracking.
- **Training & Learning Modules:** Development of a training system, Learning Module System (LMS) covering key Libertarian Party functions.
 - Training to include: Civi, county chair, host convention, create agenda, keep notes, cfa4, cfa3, candidate guides
- **Convention Planning:** In the next two weeks updated Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2026 and 2027 convention venues.
- **Membership & Engagement:** Efforts to boost monthly donors and improve email automations through Civi. Email reminders to membership and lapsed membership.
- **SEC District Engagement:** Encouraging district representatives to send out recruitment emails for the 1994 Society.
- **Preparing for 2026:** Critically important to increase monthly donations so we are not relying solely on high-dollar donors as we look to prepare for 2026 national convention.

Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Sceniak outlined his priorities, including:

- Hosting office hours in the evenings for member outreach.
- Training on membership processes and administrative tasks.
- Launching a monthly Vice Chair newsletter.
- Recording videos to enhance media engagement.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dixon provided updates on financial matters:

- The transition of treasury responsibilities, including QuickBooks training and review of Civi financial data.
- Efforts to move the party's bank account to a new institution within the next 30-60 days.
- Financials overview: The organization is maintaining stable cash flow with ~\$19,800 in reserves.
- Convention financial review, noting a ~\$4,000 surplus.
- Financial Reporting: open to suggestions as to what the board would like to see. Would like to make some changes to the report, but will wait on those for the time being.
- Plans for compliance filings, including the July 31 federal report deadline. No state reports due until January 2026.

Secretary Report

- Secretary is absent. Minutes will be reviewed for errors and put up for approval at the next meeting.

LNC Report:

- April 6, last zoom meeting and available on YouTube
- Discussed fund raising and call project
- Project Archimedes relaunched
- National office building will not be sold until repairs are completed
- FEC sent a letter to Bill Redpath requesting more information and clarification on things.
- Next in-person meeting will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 18, 2025
 - National Convention Committee will be meeting on May 17th and will tour the hotel where the 2026 National Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- The By-laws and Ballot Access committees are accepting applications.
- National membership numbers were recently published
 - Indiana is now ranked number 10 out of the top 10 reported states with 321 national members

- Evan is submitting a formal request:
 - An active member report is being sent out every week, but that's not enough. The chair would like the following information included in the report:
 - Who is considered deceased
 - Who has lapsed
 - When they lapsed
 - Who paid
 - Who hasn't paid
 - Pledges not signed
 - Additional request: No last-minute suite information for the 2026 convention

District Reports

Each district representative provided updates on local engagement and outreach efforts. Highlights include:

- District 2 (Cotton): Active counties include Kosciusko and St. Joseph; recruitment efforts ongoing.
 - Kosciusko will be participating in the National Liberty Day of Service
 - St. Joseph held its April meeting and is looking to fill its Treasurer vacancy following Amanda Mitchell's resignation
- District 3 (Avery): Monthly meetings in Allen County; preparing for Pride Fest with potential guest Chase Oliver.
 - Developing a plan for service Saturday
- District 4 (Lundy): Membership stabilization after prior losses; outreach email sent.
 - No communications from Tippecanoe county. Unaware of what is going on with the county party at this time.
- District 5 (Shillings): Hamiltong Co is planning booth at Carmel Fest (July 3–4) and service project with FeedingTeam.org (May 3).
 - Booth hours for Carmel Fest are 10am-10pm, volunteers are needed and encouraged to attend.
 - Feeding Team service Saturday will begin at 10am on May 3rd
- District 6 (Lomax): Advocacy on local policy issues including homelessness regulations and a proposed data center.

- Hancock County has a data center (Google) that is being proposed in an apple orchard and field trip destination for school-age kids.
- Looking for service opportunities at a Greenfield soup kitchen and homeless shelter.
- District 7 (Glass): Marion County convention held; plans for bylaws revisions.
 - Re-elected Rico Gonzalez as Chair,
 - Glass is the Treasurer of the Marion County party
- District 8 (Haynes): Rebuilding local affiliate presence; outreach efforts with local media outlets.
 - Looking for contacts in Knox and Vigo counties
 - Social and local media have reached out to speak with local Libertarians.

Membership Report:

- 476 members
- 565 memberships
- 89 1994 Society memberships
 - 7 are annual memberships, the rest are monthly
- 200 Triple members
- 100 Lifetime members

Recess (11:15am):

- James Sceniak motioned for a recess. 10 minute recess approved with no objection.

Meeting Resumed (11:25am):

Committee Reports

- **Communications:** Increased social media engagement, op-ed submissions, and video content development.
 - Immigration, Trade, and Tariff topics get a lot of engagement
 - Instagram and Twitter have low engagement and followers
 - Tiktok targets the 16-25 crowd
 - Facebook is reaching the 35-40 crowd

- **Technology:** Transitioning treasury tools, maintaining website functionality.
 - Evan would like to get our domain name over to the LPIN account.
- **Outreach:** Developing a Libertarian civics education program for high schools and colleges.
 - Working on defining the Outreach Director's roles and goals.
 - Wants to create an education program using video and volunteers
 - Looking for suggestions on content and volunteers
 - Focusing on targeting the youth
 - Evan's experience with schools suggests that the schools want individuals to come in to discuss the Constitution, as there is a requirement in the curriculum. However, the schools want a non-partisan approach.

New Business

1. **2026 State Convention Planning** – Updated RFP to be distributed for venue selection for 2026 and 2027.
2. **LPIN Logo Redesign** – The proposed update was adopted, removing "LPIN.org" for clarity and consistency.
 - Lauri Shilling is working on this redesign for the state and counties to ensure brand consistency.
 - Lauri Shilling motioned for the adoption of the proposed mark for the Libertarian Party of the State of Indiana. Motion was seconded by James Sceniak. Adopted by voice vote without objection.
3. **Committee Meeting Schedules** – Regular scheduling for teams and committees to be finalized.
 - James Sceniak needs to begin planning convention team meetings. Get dates in the system and schedule.
 - By-laws committee meetings won't need to be scheduled until closer to the convention.
 - Team meeting will need to get organized and appoint leaders.
 1. Branded Materials and gaming teams will be the focus.

4. SCC May and July Meeting Dates –

- **May 31, 2025:** In-person meeting at 12:15 PM.
- **July 20, 2025:** In-person meeting at 2:30 PM.
 - Lauri Shilling motioned to move the July 19 in-person SCC meeting to July 20, 2025 at 2:30PM. Motion seconded by Tim Cotton. Motion approved without objection.

Adjournment

- Liz Coquillard motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristi Avery. Motion approved without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.