

## LPIA 2022 State Convention Minutes

Date: Jan. 29th, 2022

Time: 9:00am

Convention Location: Holiday Inn Des Moines Downtown-Mercy Campus  
(1050 6TH AVE, DES MOINES, Iowa, 50314)



### Convention Business Agenda:

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- Welcome 9:00am
- Approve Agenda 9:10am
- Approve Minutes (2021 Convention) 9:15am
- Treasurer's Report (Nathan) 9:20am
- Audit Committee Report (Jules) 9:30am
- Legal Report (Jules) 9:45am
- Credentials Committee Delegate Report (Nathan) 9:50am
- District Convention (District Rep/Alt Elections) 10:00am
- Constitution, Bylaws, Rules Committee Report (Ed Wright) 11:00am
- Platform Committee Report (Ed Wright) 11:30am
- Recess for Lunch 12:00pm
- Reconvene after Lunch 1:00pm
- Statewide (SCC Elections) 1:00pm
- Judicial Committee Elections 1:15pm
- National Delegate Elections 1:30pm
- Adjourn Business Meeting 2:00pm

### Convention Business Minutes:

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#### Meeting called to order (9:30pm):

- Ed Wright, Convention Chair, Presiding; Business Meeting Called to Order (9:30am)
- Welcome Speech, (Ed Wright) (9:31pm)

#### Approve Agenda (9:35am):

- Chair asks for a Motion to Approve the Agenda (9:35am).
- Myra Matejka motions to Amend the Agenda so that District Conventions fall after the SCC elections. Seconded, Discussion. (9:36am)
  - o Motion Fails (9:40am)
- Thomas Laehn Motions to Approve Agenda, Seconded, Motion Passes, Agenda Approved (9:42am)

#### Approve 2021 Convention Minutes (9:43am):

- No Previous Minutes to approve

#### Treasurer's Report (Nathan Kleffman) (9:44am)

- Nathan Kleffman presents the Treasurer's Report.
- Nathan Kleffman presents Ethics Report Filing.
- Discussion related to unauthorized transactions and Previous Convention payments
- Discussion related to Previous ethics reports
- Treasurer's Report is filed for Audit

#### Audit Committee Report (Jules Ofenbakh) (9:56am)

- Everything is in line with Nathan's reports.

- Acceptance of of Audit Committee Report

#### **Legal Report (Jules Ofenbakh) (9:57am)**

- 4 Issues to Report
  - o Sen. Claire Celsi Lawsuit.
  - o Petition Deadline lawsuit
  - o Amount of Petition Signatures for NPPO is higher than major parties. Intend to proceed with a lawsuit.
  - o Former Chair Criminal Charges, Civil Lawsuit will be filed with the Next SCC.

#### **Credentials Committee Delegate Report (Nathan Kleffman) (10:12am)**

- 54 credentialed delegates
- Append Delegates list

#### **District Convention (District Rep/Alt Elections) (10:20am)**

- Chair moves to begin District Conventions
- District Election Results:
  - o District 1, Devon Wiese Rep, Andrew Onsgard Alt
  - o District 2, Heath Long Rep, Austen Rodgers Alt
  - o District 3, Adam Aj Fisher Rep, Paul Vincent Alt
  - o District 4, Rick Achtziger Rep, Joshua Herbert Alt
- Bobby Fairchild motions to Adjourn District Conventions (10:50am)

#### **Constitution, Bylaws, Rules Committee Report (Ed Wright) (11:00am)**

- Jacob Stevens Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Article III, Section 1, Seconded (11:06am)
  - o Insert Words: "Libertarian Party's" before "Statement of Principles"
  - o Strike-out Words: "information" before "activities"
  - o Rick Stewart Motions to Amend: Insert word "National" before "Libertarian Party's". Amendment passes (11:08am)
  - o Main Motion Amendment Text:
    - "The purpose for which the Party is organized is to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the National Libertarian Party's Statement of Principles by:
      - a. Nominating candidates for national, state, and local offices and supporting candidates for political office.
      - b. Entering into political activities."
  - o Motion passes (11:10am)
- Rick Stewart motions for the Proposed Amendments to Article V, Section 3, Seconded (11:13am)
  - o Strike-out Section: Remove Section 3
  - o Discussion
  - o Joshua Smith calls the question (11:24am)
  - o Motion Fails (11:25am)
- Rick Stewart Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Article VI, Section 6, Seconded (11:30am)
  - o Insert Section 6
  - o Thomas Laehn Motions to Amend
    - Strike-out Words: "Caucus or' before convention, Strike-Out Word "and" before Secretary, Insert Word: "or" before Secretary (11:31am)
  - o Amendment Passes
  - o Main Motion Amendment Text
    - "Section 6. At any time during a convention, the delegates may call for an election of a new convention Chair or Secretary, for the remainder of the convention, with a vote of two-thirds majority. The officers of the SCC shall aid those elected in this manner as needed."
  - o Main Motion Passes unanimously.
- Nathan Kleffman Motions to Vote to Continue working through Proposed Constitutional Amendments or to move on to Bylaws. Seconded

- o Vote Passes to continue with amendments (11:33am)
- Nathan Kleffman Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Article VII, Section 2, Seconded (11:35am)
  - o Substitute Paragraph.
  - o Discussion
  - o Text After Amendment:
    - "Section 2. At least ninety days prior to each Regular Convention, the State Central Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee, a Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee and a Platform Committee, including the chairperson of each committee, as follows:
      - a. Each Committee shall consist of one member from each Congressional District when available, exclusive of State Central Committee members and the appointed Chair of the Committee. Additional at-large members shall be appointed if necessary to meet minimum requirements."
  - o Passed Unanimously (11:45am)
- Ben Held Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Article XVI, Section 1, Seconded (11:46am)
  - o Strike-out "State" before "Central Committee"
  - o No Discussion
  - o Text After Amendment:
    - "The District Central Committee shall consist of the Chair of each County in the Congressional District. The District Committee shall."
  - o Passes unanimously. (11:50am)
- Nathan Kleffman appointed Chairman pro-tem of Constitution/Bylaws/Rules Committee by Ed Wright (11:53am)
- Bobby Fairchild Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaw I, Section 1, Seconded (11:54am)
  - o Strike-out word: "lead" before "the State"; Insert words: "propose to" before "the State"; Strike-out word: "on" before "the strategic"; Insert words "a plan for" before "the strategic"
  - o Strike-out word: "may" before appoint; Insert word: "shall" before appoint; Insert words: "within thirty days" at the end
  - o Strike-out words: "He or She may" before issue; Insert words: "The Chair shall" before issue
  - o Discussion
  - o Jules Ofenbakh Motions to Insert words "statewide SCC after "open". Seconded, No Discussion, Passes (11:58pm)
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - "Section 1. The Chair of the State Central Committee will propose to the State Central Committee a plan for the strategic direction of the organization and ensure that the direction is properly documented and communicated throughout the organization. The Chair may create and appoint new positions upon demonstration that the function or position is out of the scope for any current position. The Chair shall appoint individuals to any vacancy of an open statewide SCC position within thirty days. The Chair shall issue directives clarifying the operation or policies affecting the party operations or procedures. All appointments or directives made by the Chair shall be approved by simple majority vote of the State Central Committee and may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the State Central Committee. The maximum term of any committee appointment shall be no longer than the term of the committee which made the appointment. Appointees may be eligible for reappointment via a simple majority vote of the new State Central Committee upon start of the new cycle. Service contracts, such as the Executive Director contract, shall be honored per terms of contract."
  - o Main motion passes (12:00pm)
- Bobby Fairchild Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaws I, Section 4 (12:01pm)
  - o Insert word: "monthly" before "financial"; Strike-out "at least annual reports" before "to the Membership"; Insert words: "at least an annual convention report"
  - o Insert words: "The Treasurer shall have full access to any systems or reporting to independently complete ethics filings and monthly financial reports." at the end.
  - o Discussion
  - o Text After the Amendment:
    - "Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Party and shall deposit the same in such bank or banks as have been designated by the State Central Committee

and shall disburse said monies upon order of the State Central Committee. He or she shall make complete monthly financial reports to the State Central Committee, and at least an annual convention report to the Membership. He or she shall perform all duties required of his or her office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer shall have full access to any systems or reporting to independently complete ethics filings and monthly financial reports.

- o Passes (12:04am)
- Motion to Recess for Lunch, Seconded, Passes (12:05am)
- Reconvene Meeting/Call to order (Ed Wright) (1:09pm)
- Moment of Pause in Memory of past libertarians (Ed Wright) (1:10pm)
- Bylaws Continued (Ed Wright) (1:12pm)
- Nathan Kleffman Motions to consider the entire Proposed Treasurer section amendments as one Motion, Seconded, Fails (1:13pm)
- Austen Rodgers Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaw II, Section 7, Seconded (1:15pm)
  - o Insert word: "within" before "60 days"; Strike-out "before" before "the annual"; Insert word: "after" before "the annual"
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - "Section 7. The State Central Committee shall establish an annual budget within 60 days after the annual convention."
  - o Passes unanimously. (1:17pm)
- David Green Motions to For the Chair to Only read the "Text After Proposed Amendment" section to reduce time spent on each Bylaw Amendment, Seconded, Passes unanimously (1:21pm)
- Jacob Stevens Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaw IV, Section 3, Seconded (1:24pm)
  - o Insert words: "or electronic payments. Records of electronic payments shall be made available on a secure internet-accessible file storage location, with access shared to all members of the current State Central Committee and the Audit Committee." at the end.
  - o No Discussion
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - "Section 3. All disbursements shall be made solely by check or electronic payments. Records of electronic payments shall be made available on a secure internet-accessible file storage location, with access shared to all members of the current State Central Committee and the Audit Committee."
  - o Passes unanimously (1:25pm)
- Jeni Kadel Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaw IV, Section 4, Seconded (1:26pm)
  - o Insert words: "Regular statements from such depository shall be made available on a secure internet-accessible file storage location, with access shared to all members of the current State Central Committee and the Audit Committee." at the end
  - o Discussion
  - o Nathan Kleffman Motions to Amend: Strike-out word: "Regular" before "statements"; Insert word: "All" before "statements", Seconded, Amendment to Motion Passes unanimously (1:30pm)
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - "Section 4. The State Central Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds from such depository. All statements from such depository shall be made available on a secure internet-accessible file storage location, with access shared to all members of the current State Central Committee and the Audit Committee."
  - o Main Motion Passes unanimously (1:31pm)
- Renea Thompson Motions for the Proposed Amendments to Bylaw IV, Section 5, Seconded (1:32pm)
  - o Substitute Paragraph
  - o No Discussion
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - "Section 5. An Audit Committee shall be appointed by the State Central Committee at the first scheduled meeting after the State Convention. The Audit Committee will consist of a chair and additional committee members excluding the officers of the State Central Committee. The Audit Committee shall regularly verify LPIA fiscal assets with treasurer reports and filings required by the State of Iowa. A full report of these audits shall be

provided prior to each regularly held State Convention.”

- o Passes Unanimously (1:34pm)
- Jeni Kadel Motions for the Proposed Amendment to Bylaw VI, Section 2, Seconded (1:36pm)
  - o Strike-out words: “Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected in the same manner as nomination of candidates, except that; Insert words: “National Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected using multi-winner approval voting, with state delegates voting to fill a slate of nominated delegates equal to the number of national delegate slots that the LPIA is assigned by the LNC.” before “additional”
  - o Discussion
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - “Section 2. National Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected using multi-winner approval voting, with state delegates voting to fill a slate of nominated delegates equal to the number of national delegate slots that the LPIA is assigned by the LNC. Additional Alternate Delegates may be selected while the National Convention is in session by majority vote of all Delegates who are registered in attendance at the Convention. The number of delegates and alternate delegates shall be determined by the National Party.”
  - o Passes (1:52pm)
- Jeni Kadel Motions to end Bylaw changes for the day, Seconded, Passes (1:54pm)

#### **Platform Committee Report (Ed Wright) (2:00pm)**

- Jeni Kadel Motions for the Proposed Amendment to the Self Ownership Plank, Seconded (2:04pm)
  - o Substitute Paragraph:
  - o Discussion
  - o Rick Stewart Motions to Amend; Strike-out word “bodies” and Insert word “body”
  - o Clyde Gibson accepts the amendment to the Main Motion.
  - o Text after Amendments:
    - “It is self-evident that each person has the highest possible claim to the rights and decision-making power over their own bodies. No other person, group, nor people via government should interfere with an individual’s freedom of choice, insofar as that choice is not injurious to another party.”
  - o Passes unanimously (2:11 pm)
- Andrew Onsgard Motions for the Proposed Amendment to the Self-Governance Plank, Seconded (2:14pm)
  - o Substitute Paragraphs
  - o Discussion
  - o Joshua Smith calls the Question
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - “Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it. Individuals should be free to govern themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make.”
  - o Motion Passes (2:21 pm)
- Bobby Fairchild Motions for the Proposed Amendment to the Property Rights Plank, Seconded (2:22pm)
  - o Substitute Paragraphs
  - o Discussion
  - o Austen Rodgers motions to Strike-Out words: “therefore taxation is theft”, Seconded, Passes, Main motion Amended (2:26pm)
  - o Further Discussion
  - o Text after Amendment:
    - “It is self-evident that all members of society should enjoy full rights over their justly acquired property, whether that property was created, gifted, or acquired through voluntary trade. These property rights include the right to control, use, and dispose of property in any way that does not infringe upon others’ property rights.”
  - o Passes (2:30pm)
- Bobby Fairchild Motions for the Proposed New Gender Rights Plank (2:33pm)
  - o Discussion
  - o Motion Withdrawn, in order to propose a new motion.

- Jeni Kadel Motions to add Gender Autonomy Paragraph to the end of Self Ownership Plank. Seconded (2:47pm)
  - o Discussion
  - o Motion Fails (3:03pm)

### **Statewide Elections: (3:15pm)**

- Tellers Appointed: Josh Doorenbos and Joshua Smith (3:16pm)
- Speech Timer Appointed: Cara Shultz (non-delegate)
- Statewide (SCC Elections) (3:17pm)
- Chair
  - o Rick Stewart nominated Jules Ofenbakh for Chair, Seconded
  - o Nominations closed (3:25pm)
  - o Rick Stewart Nomination speech (3:26pm)
  - o Jules Ofenbakh's personal speech and Q&A, (3:27pm)
  - o Joshua Smith motions to vote by acclamation. Seconded, Passes (3:32pm)
  - o Jules Ofenbakh elected Chair (3:33pm)
- Co-Chair (3:34pm)
  - o Nathan Kleffman nominated Benjamin Held for Co Chair
  - o Nominations closed (3:36pm)
  - o Nathan Nomination speech for Ben Held (3:37pm)
  - o Renea Thompson (3:38pm)
  - o Benjamin Held's Personal speech and Q&A (3:39pm)
  - o Joshua Smith moves to vote by acclamation, Seconded, Passes (3:41pm)
  - o Benjamin Held elected Co-Chair (3:42pm)
- Secretary (3:44pm)
  - o Nathan Kleffman nominated Clyde Gibson, Seconded (3:46pm)
  - o Nathan Kleffmann's nomination speech.
  - o Clyde Gibson's personal speech
  - o Joshua Smith moves to vote by acclamation, Seconded, Passes (3:50pm)
  - o Clyde Gibson elected Secretary (3:51pm)
- Treasurer (3:52pm)
  - o Jules Ofenbakh nominated Nathan Kleffman, Seconded (3:53pm)
  - o Nominations Closed (3:54pm)
  - o Jules Nomination Speech for Nathan (3:55pm)
  - o Joshua Smith nomination Speech for Nathan (3:56pm)
  - o Nathan Speech and Q&A (3:57pm)
  - o Joshua Smith Moves to vote by acclamation, Seconded (4:00pm)
  - o Nathan Kleffman elected Treasurer (4:01pm)
- At-Large Representatives (4:02pm)
  - o Joshua Smith nominated Jacob Stevens, Seconded
  - o Marco Battagila nominated Joshua Herbert Seconded
  - o Ben Held nominated David Green, Seconded
  - o Joshua Smith's nomination speech for Jacob Stevens
  - o Nathan Kleffman nomination speech for Jacob Stevens (4:08pm)
  - o Jacob Stevens personal speech & Q&A (4:09pm)
  - o Macro Battagila's nomination Speech Joshua Herbert (4:12pm)
  - o Benjamin Held Nominating Speech for David Green
  - o Myra Matejka nomination speech for David Green (4:15pm)
  - o David Green personal speech & Q&A (4:17pm)
  - o Vote using Secret Ballot (4:20pm)
  - o Results
    - David Green 43, Jacob Stevens 38, Joshua Herbert 14, NOTA 1
  - o David Green and Jacob Stevens elected At-Large Reps. (4:21pm)

#### **Election for Governor/Lt. Governor Candidate (4:23pm)**

- Jules Ofenbakh nominated Rick Stewart for Governor and Marco Battaglia for Lt. Governor, Seconded
- Jules Ofenbakh nomination speech for Rick Stewart/Marco Battaliga (4:25pm)
- Toya Johnson nomination speech for Rick Stewart/Marco Battaliga (4:29pm)
- Marco Battaglia Personal Speech (4:30pm)
- Rick Stewart Personal speech (4:33pm)
- Q&A (4:35pm)

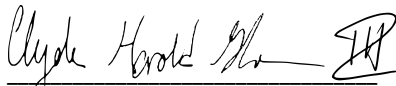
#### **Judicial Committee Elections (4:36pm)**

- Rick Stewart nominated Joseph Howe
- Nathan Kleffman nominated Ed Wright
- Joseph Howe nominated Joshua Smith
- Marco Battaglia nominated Toya Johnson
- Jacob Stevens nominated John Ewing
- Someone nominated David Davis
- Benjamin Held nominated Rick Stewart
- Nominations Close (4:45pm)
- Joshua Smith move to elect by acclamation, Passes unanimously (4:46pm)
- Jacob Stevens Motions to eliminate Judicial Committee nomination speeches, Seconded passes (4:48pm)
- Joseph Howe, Ed Wright, Joshua Smith, Toya Johnson, John Ewing, David Davis, and Rick Stewart elected. (4:49pm)

#### **National Delegate Elections (4:50pm)**

- Multi-Winner Approval Vote per Bylaws (Top 10), The LNC allotted 10 National Delegates for Iowa
- Nominations and Results
  - Rick Stewart 38, Nathan Kleffman 36, Heath Long 36, Jacob Stevens 35, Joshua Smith 34, Jesse West 30, Rick Achtziger 26, Jake Golhmann 26, Deven Wiese 25, Chris Hines 23, Jules Ofenbakh 20, Ed Wright 16, Arianna Cutler 13, Davis Davis 10
  - Nominations Closed (5:00pm)
- Those elected Delegates are: Rick Stewart, Nathan Kleffman, Heath Long, Jacob Stevens, Joshua Smith, Jesse West, Rick Achtziger, Jake Golhmann, Deven Wiese, and Chris Hines. (5:40pm)
- Marco Battaliga moves to automatically put nominees, who were not elected to be a National Delegate, as Alternate delegates, Jules Ofenbakh, Ed Wright, Arianna Cutler, and David Davis (5:42pm)
- Nominations for Alternate Delegates (5:45pm)
  - Paul Vincent
  - Jimmy Morrison
  - Dana Riecken
  - Andrew Onsgard
  - Ben Held
  - Nominations Closed (5:46pm)
- Joshua Smith moved to elect by acclamation, Seconded, Passes (5:47pm)
- Those Elected to be Alternate National Delegates are: Jules Ofenbakh, Ed Wright, Arianna Cutler, David Davis, Paul Vincent, Jimmy Morrison, Dana Riecken, Andrew Onsgard, Benjamin Held (5:49pm)
- Joshua Smith Motion to Adjourn Business Meeting (5:50pm)

Signed,



Clyde Harold Gibson III  
Secretary  
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