

LPIA State Central Committee Meeting Minutes  
2023 Convention

Date: February 17th, 2024

Time: 8:30am

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn - Mercy Campus, Des Moines, Iowa



**Agenda:**

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- Welcome
- Credentials Committee Delegate Report (Nathan)
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes (2023 Convention)
- Treasurer's Report (Nathan)
- Audit Committee
- District Convention (District Rep/Alt Convention)
- Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee Report (Jules)
- Platform Committee Report (Austin Rodgers)
- Statewide SCC Election
- National Delegate Elections
- Adjourn Business Meeting/Recess for lunch

**Meeting called to order (8:30am):**

- Jules Cutler, Chair, Presiding. Quorum established 8/10 in attendance. Clyde Gibson, Secretary, Recording Minutes.

**Meeting Minutes:**

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**Welcome (8:37am):**

- Chair welcomes delegates.

**Credentials Committee Delegate Report (8:37am):**

- 88 Caucus Goers
- 35 Convention Delegates

**Approval of Agenda (8:39am):**

- Chair asks for Motion to Approve Agenda, Robert Fairchild motions, Seconded, No Discussion, Motion passes, Agenda approved unanimously. (8:40am)

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Convention (8:40am):**

- Tabled until after Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer's Report (8:42am):**

- Treasurer's Report Slide Appended
- Discussion Related to Ethics Board Filings

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Convention Continued (8:52am):**

- Rick Stewart Motions to Approve previous convention minutes, Seconded, No Discussion, Motion Passes unanimously.

**Audit Committee Report (8:54am):**

- Committee Report by Jeremiah Wiegert. Audit committee determines all financial affairs are in order.

**Chair's Report (8:58am):**

- Chair discusses voter registrations and other data. See Appendix A for Slides.

**District Conventions (9:00am):**

- Split into separate Districts.
  - District 1
    - 8 Delegates
    - Nominees Nicholous Glubba for Rep, Elected, Dan Anderson for Alternate
  - District 2
    - 7 Delegates
    - Nominees Greg Fischer for Rep, Elected, Fred Perryman for Alternate
  - District 3
    - 14 Delegates
    - Nominees Ryan Kurt, Jeni Kadel, AJ Fisher for Rep. Elected AJ Fisher as Rep and Jeni Kadel as Alternate
  - District 4
    - 8 Delegates
    - Nominees John Ewing for Rep. Elected, Robert Fairchild for Alternate

**Constitution (9:25am):**

- Quorum: 36 Delegates, 19 for Majority. 33 Required to change Constitution.
- Preamble to Constitution re-added to Constitution.
  - Thomas Laehn motions to re-insert missing Preamble, Seconded, Motion passes unanimously. (9:27am)
  - "Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Iowa, or the laws of the State of Iowa."
- General punctuation corrections
  - Rick Stewart motions to correct general punctuation throughout the Constitution, Seconded, Motion passes. (9:30pm)
- Capitalization of the word Party
  - Jeni Kadel motions to Capitalize the word "Party" throughout the Constitution, Seconded, Motion passes unanimously (9:31pm)
- Thomas Laehn Motions to Strike "four" from Article V, Section 1, Paragraph a, Seconded, Discussion, Motion passes (9:33pm)
- Article V, Section 4 – Changes to Suspension of SCC members
  - Ed Wright motions to insert the words "A suspended member shall be notified via certified mail with proof of mailing." After the first sentence of Section 4, Seconded, Discussion, Motion passes (9:43pm)
  - Ed Wright motions to strike the words "three days of notification" and insert the words "five (5) business days of the mailing of the notice", seconded, discussion, Motion Passes (9:44pm)
  - Rick Stewart motions to strike the words "three-fourths" and insert the words "two-thirds", seconded, Discussion, motion passes. (9:48pm)
- Rick Stewart motions to strike the words "as prescribed by the Bylaws" and insert the words "Party Membership" to Article VI, Section 2, Seconded, Discussion, Motion Passes unanimously (9:51pm)
- Ben Held motions to insert the words "of the Article" to the end of Article IX, Section 3, seconded, discussion, motion passes unanimously (9:53pm)
- Nick Gluba motions to insert the word " Convention" to the end of the title of Article X, seconded,

- discussion, motion passes unanimously (9:54pm)
- Ben Held motions to insert the words “to the National Libertarian Party Convention” after “Delegates and Alternate Delegates” in Article X, Seconded, Motion passes unanimously (10:00am)
- Dan Anderson motions to strike the words “as prescribed by the Bylaws” in Article X, seconded, Discussion,
  - Jacob Stevens calls the question, Motion fails. (10:03am)
- Ben Held Motions to strike the word “the” and insert the words “any other” before “responsibilities” and strike the words “Articles V and VIII” and insert the words “this Constitution” in Article XII, Seconded, Discussion, Motion passes. (10:07am)
- Robert Fairchild motions to strike the word “Executive” and insert the word “Central” to the title of Article XVI, seconded, Discussion, motion passes unanimously (10:08am)
- Thomas Laehn motions to remove parentheses in Article X title and section, Seconded, Discussion, Motion Passes unanimously (10:10am)

#### **Bylaws (10:13am):**

- Quorum: 37 Delegates, 19 for Majority and to change Bylaws
- Global Changes
  - Robert Fairchild motions to insert the words “, hereinafter “SCC”, ” after the first mention of State Central Committee and strike the words “State Central Committee” and insert the word “SCC” for the throughout the Bylaws, seconded, discussion, motion Passes (10:16am)
  - Robert Fairchild motions to strike the word “Chair” and insert the word “Chairperson” throughout the Bylaws, seconded, motion passes (10:17am)
  - Jeni Kadel motions to correct Punctuation throughout Bylaws, seconded, Motion passes unanimously (10:18am)
- Rick Stewart motions to insert the word “and” before “learn” in Bylaw I, Section 2, Seconded, Motion passes unanimously (10:20am)
- Thomas Laehn motions to strike the word “State” and insert the word “District” in Bylaw I, Section 5, Seconded, Motion passes unanimously (10:21am)
- Geilesha Kurfman motions to insert the word “District” before “Representatives” in Bylaw I, Section 5, seconded, Discussion, motion passes (10:23am)
- David Davis motions to insert the words “At Large” before “Representatives” in Bylaw I, Section 6, Seconded, Motion passes (10:24am)
- Thomas Laehn motions to insert the words “and members of all the standing committees” after “Members” in Bylaw II, Section 4, seconded, discussion, motion passes unanimously (10:26am)
- Jeni Kadel motions to insert the words “by a simple majority” after “SCC” and strike the last sentence of Bylaw II, Section 5, Seconded, Discussion,
  - Geilesha Kurfman motions to amend the motion to insert the words “of attending scc members” after “by a simple majority”, Seconded, Discussion, Amendment passes. (10:34am)
  - Motion Passes (10:34am)
- Thomas Laehn motions to make the last sentence of Bylaw III, Section 9 into sub section “d”, Seconded, Discussion, Motion passes (10:36am)
- Greg Fischer motions to strike the last two sentences of Bylaw VI, Section 3 and insert the words “The SCC may establish additional limitations on eligibility as consistent with the widest and fullest Libertarian representation at the Caucus.”, seconded, discussion, Motion passes (10:49am)
- Ben Held motions to insert Section 2 to Bylaw VII. The text to read “Section 2. If an affiliate is not formed or a County Chairperson has not been elected in a county, the District Representative of the respective county shall serve as the interim chairperson and representative for the matter of the county caucus and coordination with the local election officials. If no District Representative or District Alternate is available, the Chairperson of the Party may appoint an interim County Chairperson until the County Central Committee members elect a new Chairperson.”, seconded, discussion,
  - Clyde Gibson motions to amend the motion to strike the word “County” before “Caucus” and insert the word “Precinct” before “Caucus”. Original motion accepts amendment. (10:56am)
  - Thomas Laehn motions to amend the motion to strike “Precinct Caucus” and insert the words “Precinct Caucuses in that county.”, seconded, discussion, motion passes unanimously (10:57am)

- Motion Passes (10:58am)

**Platform (10:58am):**

- Quorum: 37 Delegates, 19 Votes for Majority, 34 for Changes to Platform
  - Rick Stewart motions to strike the word “embodies” and insert the words “is embodied”, in the Preamble, seconded, discussion, passes unanimously. (11:05am)
  - Jules Cutler motions to strike the word “other” before person and strike the words “people via government” and insert the words “nor any other entity”, Seconded, Discussion, Motions passes unanimously. (11:14am)

**Statewide SCC Elections (11:15am):**

- Chairperson
  - Nathan Kleffman nominates Jules Cutler. Close of nominations, nomination speeches, vote taken, Jules Cutler elected to Chairperson. (11:18am)
- Co-Chairperson
  - Nathan Kleffman nominates Jerimah Weigert. Close of nominations, nomination speeches, vote taken, Jerimah Weigert elected to Co-Chairperson. (11:25am)
- Treasurer
  - Jules Cutler nominated Nathan Kleffman. Close of nominations, nomination speeches, vote taken, Nathan Kleffman elected to Treasurer. (11:31am)
- Secretary
  - Jules Culter nominates Geilesha Kurfman. Close of nominations, nomination speeches, Geilesha Kurfman elected to Secretary. (11:35am)
- At-Large Positions
  - Jeni Kadel nominates Stephanie Berlin, Jules Cutler nominates Jacob Stevens, Paul Vincent nominates Chris Hanson. Close of nominations, nomination speeches,
  - Discussion related to Qualifications of office and seasoning requirements.
  - Secret Ballot results, Total ballots: (12:15pm)

Nominee	Votes	Elected
Chris Hanson	27	Elected
Jacob Stevens	25	Elected
Stephanie Berlin	19	
NOTA	5	

**National Delegates (12:30pm):**

- 11 National Delegate slots available
- Nominations: Clyde Gibson, David Davis, Nick Gluba, Jeni Kadel, Ben Held, Marco Battaglia, Paul Vincent, Stephanie Berlin, Nathan Kleffman, Rick Stewart, AJ Fisher, Ryan Kurt, Ed Wright, Jules Cutler, Jacob Stevens, Jeremiah Wiegert.
- Secret Ballot Results: (1:30pm)

Nominee	Votes	Elected
Rick Stewart	35	Elected
Jules Cutler	31	Elected
Ed Wright	28	Elected
Nathan Kleffman	25	Elected
Ben Held	25	Elected
AJ Fisher	24	Elected
Clyde Gibson	23	Elected
David Davis	21	Elected
Marco Battaglia	21	Elected
Jeremiah Wiegert	21	Elected
Jacob Stevens	17	Elected
Paul Vincent	16	

Stephanie Berlin	16	
Ryan Kurt	14	
Jeni Kadel	13	
Spencer "Kennedy" Short	13	
Nick Gluba	11	
NOTA	11	
Fred Parrymen	8	
Robert Fairchild	6	
Mario Perales	3	

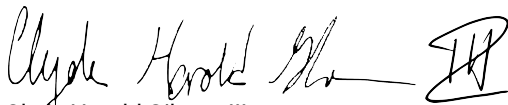
- Break for Lunch (1:30pm)
- Reconvene from Lunch (37 Delegates in attendance) (1:40pm)
- Robert Fairchild motions to add all nominees that were not elected to be nominated as Alternate Delegates. (1:42pm)
- Paul Vincent motions to open nominations to additional Alternate delegates. seconded, Discussion, motion passes. (1:43pm)
- Paul Vincent nominates Joshua Smith as an alternate delegate. Close of nominations, all nominees elected as Alternate delegates. (1:43pm)

**Judicial Committee (1:44pm):**

- Dan Anderson motions to vote for Judicial Committee members.
  - Rick Stewart nominates Ed Wright, Nathan Kleffman nominates Clyde Gibson, Nathan Kleffman nominates Ben Held, Jacob Stevens nominates Rick Stewart, Jeni Kadel nominates Spencer (Kennedy) Short, Ben Held nominates Paul Vincent, Jeni Kadel nominates Austen Rodgers, Dan Anderson nominates David Jones, Nathan Kleffman nominates Bryan Jack Holder.
  - Added slate of nine members. (1:47pm)

**Meeting Adjourned (1:47pm):**

- Nathan Kleffman motions to adjourn the Convention. seconded. motion passes, meeting Adjourned (1:47pm)



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