

LPIA State Central Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: July 13, 2025

Time: 8:30 pm

Meeting Location: Public Zoom Call



SCC Attendees:

P	Jules Cutler (Chair) (Presiding)	P	Jacob Stevens (At-Large Rep)	P	Chris Hansen (At-Large Rep)
	Jeremiah Weigert (Co-Chair)	P	Nicholas Gluba (District 1)		Dan Anderson (District 1 Alt)
P	(Secretary) – Monica Hanson	P	Greg Fischer (District 2)		Fred Perryman (District 2 Alt)
	Nathan Kleffman (Treasurer)	P	AJ Fisher (District 3 Rep)		Jeni Kadel (District 3 Alt)
			John Ewing (District 4)		Robert Fairchild (District 4 Alt)

(P = Present, A = Absent)

Quorum Number:

Agenda

- **Pre-Meeting discussion** – 8:31pm. Waiting on quorum to approve minutes, members present agreed to begin discussion with guest Ken Moellman regarding CRM Switch rather than making him wait until agenda approved
 - Ken reported that as of now, he knows 2 states are leaving; 7 states are staying; he has heard nothing from other 19 states, but his gut feeling is they will hit threshold
 - Indiana & Ohio have done it as stand-alone – but that has a price tag, \$12,000 - \$16,000 to do that migration. Ken's opinion is that that's a pretty big price tag for what it is, would not recommend it for his state (KY)
 - AZ is going to stay, but might switchover later
 - NEEDS 12 states to hit 20% for rate, as presented → 11 states to break even
 - 12 or more will put money in the pot to keep everything updated, ideally to get additional development
 - Not trying to make money, but doesn't want to lose money.
 - Cost of \$50, less sales tax, is reasonable – at approximately \$4 per person per month, once you have 12 people, its better off than paying per contact
 - Goal is to get system stable; give states more control – don't have LNC saying "we're not going to let states do that"
 - LNC system has been adrift for about 3 years, the \$50 pricing probably lower than they could charge, but they want to try to get people on board, rebuild confidence in the system, get it stable
 - LNC will be locked out about 1 second after midnight on November 1
 - CRM migration needs at least 2 months – hence the need for advance notice whether you are staying or leaving
 - Question from Jacob – How long is Ken going to be running this?
 - Just upgraded hardware this July – everything is fast drive instead of SSDs
 - What happens if Ken is incapacitated? Andy Burns would reach out if Ken became unable to continue, he would be able to get all state party data out
 - Question from Jules about terms of contract
 - Ken says we might not have the most updated, he will send updated contract for Jules to review/edit
- **Agenda Approval** –8:48pm, approving agenda raised by Jacob. Greg motioned, Nick seconded – Approved unanimously

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Greg motioned, Nick seconded – Approved unanimously
 - Procedural Note for new secretary: Need to send meeting minutes to SCC@lpia.org before meetings
- **Treasurer's Report (Nathan)**
 - Nathan has newborn, and is moving to a different county. Skipping treasurer's report tonight – will request report for August
- **IT Director Report**
 - **CRM Switch - Ken Moellman** (see pre-meeting notes)
 - Ben's thoughts on CRM migration – there isn't much choice with CRM switch at this point, but Ken has really worked on this system, he doesn't see any red flags
 - Jules – Ken is sending contract; Jules is going to require a clause to allow an out if they stop providing service
 - Decision by August 31, switch happens November 1
 - Motion to fund \$50 monthly for CRM Switch – Made by Greg, then discussion ensued about amending the motion to specify after review of contract, motion rescinded by Greg
 - NEW MOTION to fund \$50 monthly for CRM Switch, pending review and approval of the contract – Motion by Jacob, Second AJ – Approved unanimously, motion passed
- **At Large Rep's Report**
 - **Jacob Stevens**
 - Going through contacts, double checking everyone who is in the system – this is ongoing, probably for the next week or so
 - **Chris Hansen**
 - Good meeting in Fayette, Nick joined us
 - Joined Johnson County meeting
 - Working with Grant on something in Independence for next month
 - Reached out to Secretary of State to find out when we can start collecting signatures – answer did not provide clear answer
 - Jules found out that you can start collecting signatures now, but if someone moves, then you lose that signature, so you need to collect more than 100 signatures per county to assure we have enough
- **District Rep's Report**
 - **District 1 (Nick)**
 - Consideration of running for governor
 - He has been trying to attend all county meetings (Boone, Fayette, Linn), driving around and talking to people (added 2000 miles to his car!)
 - Has become significantly busy lately – things are great, has promoted his sou chef at the events center, doesn't have to be as involved; 650 people laid off as of July 18.
 - Trying to get Iowa county affiliate started – contact is moving, so busy, needs to
 - Can't get ahold of anyone in any county south of him
 - Johnson County – county fair is July 19-23, prepping for that, will be there 8am-8pm every day, Jules and others are welcome to join him (this has been added to events as of tonight)
 - **District 2 (Greg)**
 - Nothing to report
 - **District 3 (AJ)**
 - State Fair → See agenda item below
 - District 3 → Thomas Laehn is signed up for 4 days
 - **District 4 (John)** → not present
- **Minutes from prior meetings publication**
 - It has come up that meeting minutes have not been uploaded to website since early 2024; Clyde is offering to assist with catching this up
 - Ben said to send the old minutes to him, he will assist

- **State Fair and Parade**
 - From AJ:
 - Only thing left to do is purchase advance admissions tickets for volunteers and 1 universal pass so he can drive in and deliver things to the booth
 - In the past we've done 30-40 tickets (4 volunteers per day, 10 day(but no parking passes
 - MOTION: to approve expenditure for 40 advance admission tickets at \$11 each, and 1 Universal Pass – Made by Nick, second Chris. Unanimous approval, motion passed.
 - Jules requested AJ to encourage participants for state fair parade
- **Filing deadline potential litigation**
 - Republicans moved the deadline to the same day as primary
 - Filing petition deadline for primary is some time in March; for general election, it is end of August
 - They moved the filling petition deadline for all non-R/D party members
 - Discussion: Do we pursue litigation, using prior litigation as template
 - \$400 filing fee for federal court
 - Question: Federal court already ruled it's a violate
 - Motion: Seek legal recourse for change in deadlines - Greg, second Nick – Approved unanimously, motion passed.
- **2026 Convention**
 - Chris wants to start working on this just after State Fair so we aren't scrambling
 - This year, the venue may be an issue – Chris will double check. If same venue available, this would be good for upcoming year
 - Jules mentioned it has to be held in February 2026, because its election year. Question whether this is necessary since LP no longer holds major party status. Discussed pros/cons of following rules even if not mandatory – general consensus after discussion is that following these rules as standard procedure would reduce possibility of procedural errors in the future
 - Question regarding follow up of prior discussion of holding conventions in alternate locations. Collateral issue raised that it is not just venue, but nearby accommodations for those who have to travel if we are changing location. General consensus is this is something that could be looked into for off-election years, but in election years, keeping location centralized will facilitate more reasonable travel distances for members from all parts of the state.
- **Next meeting schedule**
 - First Sunday August 3
 - Discussion regarding sending Zoom link in advance
- **Public Comment Discussion** – N/A
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - ~ 9:56pm – adjournment raised, motion made by Nick, seconded AJ – unanimous approval, motion passed

Additional Action Items / Notes:
