



# Minutes for LPKY Annual Convention

## March 19-20, 2016

**Chairman David Capano Called the meeting to order at 10 AM March 19, 2016.**

**1. Nominations to political office: Hearing None, Closed.**

**2. Nominations to ex-com:**

Ken Moellman nominated: Mark Gailey to at-large; Bryan Short seconded

Dave Capano nominated: Dan Hull to at-large; Ken Moellman seconded.

Hearing no others, nominations closed.

**3. Nominations For Delegates to national convention:**

Joe Redmon: David Capano, Bryan Short, Ken Moellman, Chris Dillingham, Kyle O'Donnell; Mitch Rushing seconded

Mitch Rushing: himself, Chris Roberts; Capano, seconded

Cristi Kendrick: herself, Josh Brotherton, Chris Robinson, Amy Robinson, Gregory Nunn, Jennifer Nunn, Arthur Vanwinkle, Joshua Gilkin; Mitch Rushing seconded.

Ken Moellman: Easton Sanders, Joe Redmon, Mark Gailey, John Crumb, Dan Hull; David Capano, Seconded

Dave Capano: Bryden Lacefield,; Kyle Sweeney, seconded

Bryan Short: Austin Harney; Kyle Sweeney, seconded

Dave Capano: James Bozeman; Mitch Rushing, seconded

Dave Capano: Marsha Foster; Bryan Short, Seconded

#### **4. Secretary's Report: Cyrus Eckenberg**

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

State Party: \$2967.74

Paypal: \$115.32

Owes to D3, and Campbell Co.:

Anticipated Convention and April disbursements: \$500

Which Leaves: \$2142.74+\$115.32

#### **6. Legal Update: Ken Moellman**

#### **7. Training: Parliamentary Procedure**

Dave Capano motioned to Recess: Hearing no objection, Motion Passed.

Bryan Short motioned to amend the agenda to conclude the Procedure training at 11:40 NOON, and Begin the Treasurer/Secretary training at 11:40 TWO O'FIVE. And to conclude at 11:55 TWO TWENTY. Present the membership report at 11:55 TWO, ending at 12:00 TWO O'FIVE. To move the rules committee to 2 PM TWO TWENTY, and Platform to 3:30. Ken Moellman seconded.

Ken Moellman motioned to question the ruling of the chair; Cristi Kendrick, Seconded.

Ken Moellman motioned to call the question; Kyle Sweeney seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote

The motion to question the ruling of the chair fails by voice vote.

Ken Moellman motioned to modify the time to end training at Noon, membership report at 2, ending at 2:05, rules committee at 2:20. Kyle Sweeney seconded.

Motion passed without objection.

The main motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ken Moellman called for the orders of the day.

#### **8. Parliamentary Procedure Training: David Capano**

Membership report: Bryan Short

Straw poll results: Johnson: 14,  
Mcafee: 2  
Feldman: 1  
Peterson:1

Ken Moellman moves to suspend rules of agenda to allow Chris Weist to speak. Mitch Rushing seconded. Passes without objection.

Lawsuit report: Chris Weist

Ken Moellman moves to amend the agenda by moving the schedule back Ten Minutes

Treasurer/ secretary training:

### **9. Chair and Vice-chair Training: David Capano**

### **10. Rules report: Cyrus Eckenberg**

Cyrus Eckenberg moves that first section be accepted as read. John Crum seconds.

Ken moellman moves that recess be taken for 10 minutes to allow rules report to be reviewed by attendees. Dave Capano seconds. Passes without objection.

Ken Moellman moved to substitute his article vii proposal for the motion on the floor.

John Crum moved to object to the consideration of the question. Passed by voice vote

Motion of rules report convention amendment to article vi passes by voice vote.

Cyrus Eckenberg moved that the amendment to treasurer duties to remove fundraising be accepted as written, John Crum seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Cyrus Eckenberg moved to accept amendment to article vii conventions. Kyle Sweeney seconded. Failed by voice vote.

Cyrus Eckenberg moved to accept proposal to end dual office holders in 2017. Ken Moellman seconded.

Dave Capano moved to amend proposal to strike 2017 and replace with 2018. Chris Dillingham seconded. Passes by voice vote.

Motion as Amended passed by show of hands,

Cyrus Eckenberg moves to accept special convention dates amendment. Mitch Rushing seconded. Fails by show of hands.

Chris Dillingham moves to recess for 5 minutes. Ken seconds. Passes by voice vote.

Ken moves to extend time for rules and bylaws items by 15 minutes. Mark Galey seconded. Passes by voice vote.

Cyrus moves to accept convention date language change from 45 days to 60 days. Gailey seconds.

The question was called.

Fails by show of hands.

Ken Moellman moves to have his article vii proposal accepted as written. Mark Gailey Seconded.

John moves to recess for 5 to allow time to read it. Ken Moellman seconds. Motion passes without objection.

Kyle Sweeney moved to extend time by 5 minutes, Cristi seconded. Motion passes without objection.

Kyle Sweeney proposes amending language of section i, b, iv to range of dates. Dave Capano seconds.

Chris Dillingham moves call question, Will Allender seconds, passes by voice vote

Fails by show of hands,

Ken moves to strike 2,3,4 from same section. Kyle seconded. Called question. The motion passes by show of hands.

Chris Dillingham moves to refer to rules committee. Amy Robinson seconds.

Will Allender calls question, Matt Durbin seconds. Passes by vote.

Motion passes to refer to rules committee for further review.

Ken Moellman moves to adjust agenda to vote delegates next, deferring platform discussion. Cristi Kendrick seconds.

Question called. Motion passes by voice vote.

## 11. Delegate Elections

Dave Capano calls for delegate speeches

Ken moves to limit debate to one minute per candidate. John Alander seconds. Motion passes by voice vote

Kyle sweeney motions that we recess for 5 minutes.

Delegate slate:

Dave Capano	Bryan Short
Ken Moellman	Chris Dillingham (alt)
Kyle O'Donnell (Alt)	Mitch Rushing
Chris Roberts (not attending)	Cristi Kendrick
Josh Brotherton	Chris Robinson
Amy Robinson	Gregory Nunn (alt)
Jennifer Nunn (alt)	Arthur Vanwinkle (Declined)
Joshua Gilpin (alt)	Easton Sanders
Joe Redmon	Mark Gailey (alt)
John Crum (alt)	Dan Hull (alt)
Bryden Lacefield	Austin Harney
James Bozman	Marsha Foster (alt)

The vote was taken, and counted. The results are as follows:

Primary Delegates:	Alternate Delegates:
Capano	Harney
Bozman	Sanders
Brotherton	O'donnell
Rushing	Gilpin
Moellman	Foster
Short	Dillingham
C. Robinson	Crum
Kendrick	Hull
Lacefield	Gailey
Redmon	G. Nunn
A. Robinson	J. Nunn

## 12. Platform committee:

Bryan moves to accept democide plank as written. Kyle Sweeney seconds.

Dillingham moves that century be added. Amy Robinson seconds.

John Crum Called question. Will Allender 2n Motion passes by voice vote.

Question called. Democide plank passes by voice vote.

Will Allender moves to accept plank 2, taxation without representation. Chris Dillingham seconded.

Question called. Passes by voice vote.

Will Allender moves to accept plank 3, Farm to table agriculture. Kyle Sweeney seconds.

John Crum moves to amend first sentence of tomorrow section, Kyle Sweeney seconds.

Motion passes by voice vote

Bryan Short moves to amend language of fruits and vegetables. Dave Capano seconds.

Passes by show of hands.

Motion Passes by voice vote.

Matt Durbin moves to extend time until platform debate concludes. Kyle Sweeney seconds.

Passes by voice vote.

David Capano moves to recess for 5 minutes, Bryan Short seconds. Passes by voice vote.

Bryan Short moves to adopt Ballot Access plank as proposed. Matt Durbin seconded. Passes by voice vote.

Bryan Short moves to adopt religious law motion as proposed. Matt Durbin seconded.

Cristi Kendrick proposed amending to remove "today". Kyle Sweeney seconded. Passes by voice vote.

Passes by voice vote

Bryan Short moves that plank 6 be adopted as presented. John Crum seconded

Bryan Short proposes amendment to add "escheat", Will Allender seconds. Passes by voice vote.

Kyle Sweeney proposes amendment, Cristi Kendrick seconds. Passes by voice vote.

Passes by voice vote.

Bryan Short moves that plank 7 be adopted. Kyle Sweeney seconded.

Kyle O'Donnell moves to remove tax language. Amy Robinson seconded. Motion fails by show of hands.

Motion fails by voice vote.

Amy Robinson moves to adjourn, Kyle Sweeney seconded.  
Passes by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

**Chairman David Capano Called at 10:30 AM March 20, called a recess until quorum achieved.**

**Convention adjourned at 1 PM March 20, 2016**

This report was prepared by Cyrus Eckenberg, Secretary

Special thanks to Chris Dillingham for his assistance.

## Appendix i: Constitutional Amendments

### Libertarian Party of Kentucky Rules Report for 2016

Prepared by Cyrus Eckenberg, Secretary.

The Rules Committee was not convened during the 2015-2016 year. However, pursuant to the duties of the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, the Secretary has prepared this report of proposals to amend the Constitution of the party. These proposals were given to the secretary by members of the LPKY in good standing. They are presented below with only minor changes for the sake of consistent formatting.

### Amendment Proposal: Convention Planning

#### ARTICLE VI: PARTY ORGANIZATION

##### Section 8. Other Committees

##### A. Standing Committees

##### v. Convention Committee

**a. The State Chair shall be the Convention Committee Chair, who shall appoint all Convention Committee members, limited to voting members of the party.**

**b. The Convention Committee shall choose the criteria for Annual Convention venues and send the criteria, along with instructions on how and by when to submit an Annual Convention bid, to all District Party Chairs no later than July 1st of each year. Convention venue criteria may change from year to year.**

**c. The Convention Committee shall submit a convention venue report to the Executive Committee by December 1st. The report shall include a ranked list of venue recommendations, their estimated costs, and any other relevant information. The report must include all venues submitted as bids from District Chairs.**

**d. The Convention Committee shall assist in the planning and organization of any events to be held at the Annual Convention as directed by the Chair.**



**e. The Convention Committee shall meet no less than once per month between September 1st and the Annual Convention.**

## **Amendment Proposal: Fundraising Committee**

### ARTICLE VI: PARTY ORGANIZATION

#### Section 1. Party Structure

D. An Executive Committee consists of the following positions

d. Executive Committee Treasurer, who shall be responsible for

~~4. Supervising and coordinating fundraising efforts of the Party, and act as coordinator for fundraising events, both with the Party from which it was chartered and all affiliate Parties; and~~

#### Section 8. Other Committees

A. Standing Committees

ii. Finance Committee

e. The Finance Committee is responsible for dues collection, fund-raising and accounting for Party funds.

#### **vi. Fundraising Committee**

- a. **The Chair of the Fundraising Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from among the members of the Executive Committee of the Party no later than 60 days after the annual convention.**
- b. **The Fundraising Committee is responsible for organising and supervising the fundraising activities of the party.**

## **Amendment Proposal: End dual office holders in 2017**

## ARTICLE VI: PARTY ORGANIZATION

### Section 2. Qualifications to Serve

E. No person may serve on more than two Executive Committees within the Party, except as the representative from an affiliate Party on the Executive Committee of the chartering Party, as defined in this document. **Starting at the close of the State Party Annual Convention held in 2018, no person may serve on more than one Executive Committees within the Party, except as the representative from an affiliate Party on the Executive Committee of the chartering Party, as defined in this document.**

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# 2015/2016 LPKY Platform Committee Report

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### **Plank #1 - State Sponsored Murder**

Today: Governments should not kill people. Democide or 'death by government' is state sponsored murder and was the leading cause of death in the 20th century; it should not be in the 21st century. In the circumstance that the state is complicit or enables the termination of life of civilians, those state sanctioned actions shall be condemned as democide and government actors held judicially accountable .

Tomorrow: We envision a society free from the terrorism of state sponsored murder. The Constitution reserves the power to determine the definitions of murder, manslaughter and justifiable homicide to the states; therefore, any means by which

democide is employed should be immediately refunded on the federal level & delegated to the states for independent legislation.

## **Plank #2 - Taxation Without Representation**

Today: People work in one municipality, and live and vote in another. Yet they are taxed by the municipality in which they work, and have no say in how it is governed nor how it taxes its residents. Special Taxing districts are ruled by unelected boards, generally appointed by the Judge/executive or Mayor or a combination of those or other unelected members. Unelected persons have no accountability to the public and should not have authority to levy taxes.

Tomorrow: "Taxation without representation" was one of the prime issues that the American Revolution was fought over. Why would we let it continue today? We absolutely cannot support any municipality taxing anyone who cannot vote for or against that taxing body. All special district taxes should be voted by elected representatives or by the people at large who will be paying the taxes.

## **Plank #3: - Farm to Table Agriculture**

Today, anyone can sell vegetables, fruits, nuts and herbs *fructus naturales* from their backyard or commercial gardens without government interference. On the other hand, direct sales of meat from farmers to consumers is unconscionably cost prohibitive. Currently all animals slaughtered for sale for human consumption in Kentucky are subject to USDA Inspection. For small producers this is a costly impediment which requires taking the live animal to a slaughterhouse, often a hundred miles or more away. Processing of the animal can then take 2-3 weeks and the farmer must then make the round trip again. Farmers can sell whole live animals then process the animal as a favor to the customer, but the customer must own the animal and the farmer cannot charge for the processing. Consumers often do not want to buy an entire animal, particularly in the case of pigs or cattle because of the upfront costs and the amount of meat and the storage required. This produces a burden both for the producer and the consumer.

Tomorrow, meat should be direct to consumer, not for retail or commercial use, and the consumer should be informed. This will allow consumers to buy from a direct source whom they are confident in, and allow the producers to sell their produce with less overhead.

#### **Plank #4 - Ballot Access**

Today: The Kentucky Bill of Rights, Section 6 states: "All elections shall be free and equal." Kentucky's primaries are publically funded but have become biased regarding non-establishment candidates &/or minor parties.

Tomorrow: We envision a more egalitarian ballot access system, employing representative democracy to adhere to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These processes should be wholly self-funded by their respective parties.

#### **Plank #5 - Religious Law in Courts and the Legislature**

Today, many laws on the books are archaic and based solely on the religious views of the lawmakers.

Tomorrow, laws should be impartial to religion, as they are with race, gender and social status; therefore having a law based solely on a particular religion would be discriminatory to those of other religions, or of no religion. Forcing people to superficially follow the laws of a religion does nothing to further one's faith in any meaningful sense. Courts also should not base rulings on religious law, whether it be Levitical law, Shari'ah Law, or any other religious code of conduct.

#### **Plank #6 - Deprivation of Life, Liberty or Property without Due Process**

Today: Government entities, from taxing bodies, legislatures and law enforcement, regularly confiscate property and money from their citizens without due process, and by force, without even charging, much less convicting, a person of a crime. The use of civil asset forfeiture, escheat, eminent domain, as well as price and wage fixing to enforce laws circumvents constitutional protections and should be ended.

Tomorrow: The 5th Amendment to the United States Constitution states: "No person shall... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." As respect for property rights is fundamental to maintaining a free and prosperous society, it follows that the freedom to contract to obtain, retain, profit from, manage, or dispose of one's property must also be upheld. Libertarians would free property owners from government restrictions on their rights to control and enjoy their property, as long as their choices do not harm or infringe on the rights of others. For voluntary dealings among private

entities, parties should be free to choose with whom they trade and set whatever trade terms are mutually agreeable.

**Submitted to the LPKY Executive Committee**

On February 19, 2016,

By Dave Watson,

LPKY Platform Committee Chair/LPKY District 1 Chair

**Committee Members:**

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