**Libertarian Party of Georgia**

**Executive Committee Meeting – February 12, 2024**

**Present:** Chairman Gerred Bell, Vice Chairman Brian Allen, Secretary Zane Placie, Treasurer Alex Moldenhawer, David Barker, Scott Boykin, Doug Craig, Warren Cunningham, Ryan Graham, Andrea Holt, Mitchell Johnson, Colin McKinney, Mark Mosley, William Richards, Victoria Salvia, Jim Sheehan, Zach Varnell, Laura Williams

**Absent:** Christine Austin, Danny Dolan

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia was held virtually over 8x8 on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:01 PM.

Martin Cowen gave an update on the activities of the Libertarian National Committee.

Zach Varnell resigned as Vice Chairman. Zane Placie moved to suspend the Policy Manual to elect Brian Allen to fill the vacancy immediately, which was adopted.

Zane Placie moved to promote the draft minutes of the 2024 Annual Convention to official status, which was adopted.

Mark Mosley gave an update on ballot access issues and Public Service Commissioner races.

Treasurer Alex Moldenhawer presented the proposed 2024 budget. Brian Allen moved to adopt it. The motion was adopted after debate.

Brian Allen moved to adopt *A Resolution to Support the Defend the Guard Act*. The motion was adopted.

Brian Allen moved to adopt *A Resolution to Acknowledge and Act in Accordance with the Stated Purpose of the Libertarian Party of Georgia*. The motion was adopted.

Ryan Graham moved to send an email calling for electors (with a nomination period to end Friday, February 16), and hold a special called meeting of the Executive Committee for the sole purpose of nominating electors on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 PM. The motion was adopted after debate.

Chairman Gerred Bell delivered the Chairman’s report. During the report, he moved to appoint the following Committee Directors:

* Affiliate Support: Elizabeth Gallimore
* Bylaws: Jeffery Shull
* Candidate Support: Christine Austin
* Communications: Zach Varnell
  + Social Media: Jake Green
* Convention: Steve Phillips
* IT: Danny Dolan
* Membership: Gretchen Brocard
* Platform: Christine Austin
* Outreach: Elizabeth Gallimore
* Policy: Brian Allen

The motion was adopted after debate.

Brian Allen assumed the Chair while Gerred Bell made a motion to amend the Policy Manual. After amendment, the motion was to amend Section 3.1.4 to read:

The Committee Director shall be appointed by the LPGa Chair and approved by the Executive Committee as required by the LPGa Bylaws. The Director shall be appointed following each regular Convention.

Unless explicitly specified in the Committee Description, the Chair of each committee selects members of their own committee. A current list of committee members shall be made available to the Executive Committee at all times.

The Committee shall be allowed to conduct business as soon as either all positions are filled or after the second regular Executive Committee meeting after Convention, whichever comes first.

The motion was adopted after debate.

Brian Allen delivered the Vice Chairman’s report.

Elizabeth Melton delivered the Executive Director’s report.

Zane Placie delivered the Secretary’s report. Since the previous Executive Committee meeting, there was an e-ballot on Brian Allen’s motion to endorse John Turpish in the special election for House District 125. The e-ballot was opened January 9, 2024, and closed January 11, 2024. Ballots were cast by Zane Placie, Brian Allen, Mark Mosley, Warren Cunningham, Danny Dolan, Mitchell Johnson, Zach Varnell, Doug Craig, Colin McKinney, Amber Howell, David Barker, Jack Aiken, and Jim Sheehan. The motion was adopted by a vote of 13 in favor and none against.

Alex Moldenhawer delivered the Treasurer’s report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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|  | **Libertarian Party of Georgia, 2024 Budget** | | | | 2024 Net: | $ 131.21 |
|  | **2022 Actuals** | **2023 Actuals** | **2024 Totals** | **% Change** | **$ Change** |  |
| **Revenue** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5100 Membership Income** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5101 Membership** | 9,496.02 | 7,030.34 | 8,787.93 | 25.00% | $ 1,757.59 |  |
| **Total 5100 Membership Income** | **$ 9,496.02** | **$ 7,030.34** | **$ 8,787.93** |  |  |  |
| **5200 Pledge Income** | 5,431.34 | 8,802.40 | 9,682.64 | 10.00% | 880.24 |  |
| **5300 Donation Income** | 6,516.84 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5310 Unrestricted Donations** | 3,446.83 | 4,148.12 | 4,977.74 | 20.00% | 829.62 |  |
| **5340 Refunds Given** | -5.00 | -204.25 | 0.00 | -100.00% |  |  |
| **5399 Donation - Restricted/Other** | 1,570.75 | 1,109.25 | 1,331.10 | 20.00% | 221.85 |  |
| **Total 5300 Donation Income** | **$ 11,529.42** | **$ 5,053.12** | **$ 6,308.84** | 24.85% |  |  |
| **5500 Convention Income** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Convention** | 4,600.00 | 12,960.60 | 8,000.00 | -38.27% |  |  |
| **Total 5500 Convention Income** | **$ 4,600.00** | **$ 12,960.60** | **$ 8,000.00** | -38.27% |  |  |
| **5600 Special/Other Income** | 1,121.79 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5620 Event Income** | 2,849.87 | 2,578.66 | 3,094.39 | 20.00% | 72%\* |  |
| **5630 Interest Earned** | 0.56 | 123.89 | 123.89 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **5699 Other/Misc Income** |  | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 5600 Special/Other Income** | **$ 3,972.22** | **$ 2,752.55** | **$ 3,268.28** | 18.74% |  |  |
| **Total Revenue** | **$ 35,029.00** | **$ 36,599.01** | **$ 36,047.69** | -1.51% |  |  |
| **Gross Profit** | **$ 35,029.00** | **$ 36,599.01** | **$ 36,047.69** | -1.51% |  |  |
| **Expenditures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6000 General and Administrative** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6100 Administrative/Office** | 1,005.31 | 2,395.14 | 2,395.14 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6110 Office Supplies** | 34.22 | 34.16 | 134.16 | 292.74% |  |  |
| **6120 Postage** | 525.75 | 317.83 | 317.83 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6130 Government Fees** | 30.00 | 115.00 | 115.00 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6140 Membership Supplies** | 199.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6160 Insurance** | 325.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total 6100 Administrative/Office** | **$ 2,119.28** | **$ 2,862.13** | **$ 2,962.13** | 3.49% |  |  |
| **6600 Salaries/Stipends** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6610 Executive Director** | 14,718.19 | 16,692.51 | 16,700.00 | 0.04% |  |  |
| **6630 Payroll Expenses** | 250.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total 6600 Salaries/Stipends** | **$ 14,968.19** | **$ 16,692.51** | **$ 16,700.00** | 0.04% |  |  |
| **Total 6000 General and Administrative** | **$ 17,087.47** | **$ 19,554.64** | **$ 19,662.13** | 0.55% |  |  |
| **6200 Financial Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6210 Processing Fees** | 3,163.80 | 4,016.24 | 4,016.24 | 0.00% |  | \* Processing fees could increase by up to a few hundred dollars more if members increase |
| **ChargeServiceFee** | 208.43 | 89.85 | 89.85 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6210 Processing Fees** | **$ 3,372.23** | **$ 4,106.09** | **$ 4,106.09** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6220 Bank fees** | 1.47 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6200 Financial Expenses** | **$ 3,373.70** | **$ 4,107.03** | **$ 4,107.03** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6300 Telecommunications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6310 Phone/Internet** | 47.96 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6311 Conference Calls** | 21.78 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6320 Website** | 338.13 | 264.69 | 264.69 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6330 Email Hosting** | 928.90 | 50.54 | 50.54 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6300 Telecommunications** | **$ 1,336.77** | **$ 315.23** | **$ 315.23** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6400 Special/Other** |  | 687.40 | 687.40 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6420 Events** | 990.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6440 Podcast hosting** | 180.00 | 234.00 | 234.00 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6400 Special/Other** | **$ 1,170.00** | **$ 921.40** | **$ 921.40** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6500 Rent** | 684.85 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6700 Outreach** | 221.91 | 241.64 | 241.64 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6730 Advertising** | 1,334.61 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6735 Advertising - Restricted Funds** | 1,605.71 | 743.20 | 743.20 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6730 Advertising** | **$ 2,940.32** | **$ 743.20** | **$ 743.20** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **6740 Fundraising** | 860.28 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total 6700 Outreach** | **$ 4,022.51** | **$ 984.84** | **$ 984.84** | 0.00% |  |  |
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| **6800 Convention Expenditures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6810 Convention Expense** | 4,368.61 | 11,288.53 | 6,000.00 | -46.85% |  |  |
| **Total 6800 Convention Expenditures** | **$ 4,368.61** | **$ 11,288.53** | **$ 6,000.00** | -46.85% | -$ 5,288.53 |  |
| **6999 Other/Misc.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6900 Legal & Professional Fees** | 8,054.38 | 125.85 | 125.85 | 0.00% |  |  |
| **Total 6999 Other/Misc.** | **$ 8,054.38** | **$ 125.85** | **$ 125.85** | 0.00% |  |  |
| **7000 Political Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7100 Affiliate Support** | 1,358.89 | 1,446.31 | 3,000.00 | 107.42% |  |  |
| **7200 Officer's Fund** |  |  | $ 400.00 |  |  |  |
| **7210 Officer's Mileage** | 40.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7320 Candidate/Campaign Initiatives** | 250.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7400 Political Outreach** | 113.54 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7420 Political literature** | 52.75 |  | $ 400.00 |  |  |  |
| **Total 7000 Political Expenses** | **$ 1,815.18** | **$ 1,446.31** | **$ 3,800.00** | 162.74% | -$ 2,353.69 |  |
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| **Total Expenditures** | **$ 41,913.47** | **$ 38,743.83** | **$ 35,916.48** | -7.30% |  |  |
| **Net Operating Revenue** | **-$ 6,884.47** | **-$ 2,144.82** | **$ 131.21** | -106.12% |  |  |
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**A Resolution to Support the Defend the Guard Act**

*Whereas* on January 28, 2024, the Libertarian Party of Georgia adopted *A Resolution to Call for Defend the Guard Legislation* at its regular annual convention; and,

*Whereas* the resolution calls upon the Georgia General Assembly to enact legislation to prohibit the Georgia National Guard and any member thereof to be released from the state into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has declared war pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution, and only for the express and explicit purposes enumerated in the Constitution: to “execute the Laws of the Union,” repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection; and,

*Whereas* on February 7, 2024, Senate Bill 462, also known as the Defend the Guard Act, was introduced in the Georgia General Assembly; and,

*Whereas* the Defend the Guard Act as introduced would amend Title 38, Chapter 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to state that the Georgia National Guard and any member thereof shall not be released from the state into active duty combat or combat support operations unless the United States Congress has passed an official declaration of war or has taken an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 15 of the United States Constitution to explicitly call forth the Georgia National Guard and any member thereof for the enumerated purposes to expressly execute the laws of the union, repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Libertarian Party of Georgia supports the passage of the Defend the Guard Act.

**A Resolution to Acknowledge and Act in Accordance with the Stated Purpose of the Libertarian Party of Georgia**

*Whereas* it is within the purview of the Annual Convention to direct the Executive Committee as stated in Article IV, Section D of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Georgia; and,

*Whereas* on January 28 the 2024 Convention body adopted *A Resolution to Direct the Executive Committee to Acknowledge and Act in Accordance with the Stated Purpose of the Libertarian Party of Georgia*; and,

*Whereas* the resolution directs the Executive Committee to acknowledge our obligations according to the stated purpose of the Party and to execute those responsibilities to the best of our ability, explicitly recognizing our fiduciary responsibility on behalf of the membership of the Libertarian Party of Georgia according to the statutory requirements for board members of a non-profit organization; and,

*Whereas* the resolution further directs the Executive Committee to safeguard physical and intangible assets (including such intangible assets as ballot access, membership databases, and membership goodwill), increase the number of affiliates and support the growth of existing affiliates, continually work to expand the membership and reach of the Party, communicate regularly with the membership, hold annual conventions at a time and place that maximizes membership participation, act in accordance with membership wishes to maintain their goodwill, keep accurate records, keep legal filings up to date, and recruit and support candidates to ensure the Party meets the minimum requirements to maintain state-wide ballot access; and,

*Whereas* the resolution further directs the Executive Committee to establish clear goals and plans for fulfilling each of the above stated objectives and report on the success of each goal at the 2025 State Convention;

*Therefore, be it resolved,* that the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia:

1. acknowledges our obligations according to the stated purpose of the Party; and,
2. shall execute those responsibilities to the best of our ability; and,
3. explicitly recognizes our fiduciary responsibility on behalf of the membership of the Libertarian Party of Georgia according to the statutory requirements for board members of a non-profit organization; and,
4. shall establish clear goals and plans for fulfilling each of the stated objectives in *A Resolution to Direct the Executive Committee to Acknowledge and Act in Accordance with the Stated Purpose of the Libertarian Party of Georgia*; and,
5. shall report on the success of each goal at the 2025 State Convention.