

## Agenda

Libertarian Party of Florida

Executive Committee

Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 4th, 2015

Phone conference

7:30 PM/Eastern

6:30 PM/Central

641-715-3580

624-367#

THIS CALL WILL BE RECORDED

1. Call to order 7:30pm

2. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

	[VACANT], Chair	
	[VACANT], Vice Chair	
1	James Morris, Treasurer	p
2	Char-Lez Braden, Secretary	p
3	Jared Jones, At Large 1	p
4	Matt Worley, At Large 2	p
5	Omar Recuero, At Large 3	p
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Invited Guests:

- Zachary Elijah Proscia Silva
- Augustus Invictus

3. Determination of Quorum reached

4. Approval of Agenda

vicki kirln  
unanimous

5. Approval of Minutes of the September 6th, 2015 meeting as posted

james morris  
unanimous

6. Officers Reports or Comments

- a. Secretary's Report: Char-Lez Braden
- b. Treasurer's Report: James Morris
- c. Vice-Chair Report: Lynn House
- d. Chair Report: Adrian Wyllie

- Motion to accept Jared Grifoni's resignation from LPF Rules Committee and LPF Platform Committee
- Motion to accept Adrian Wyllie resignation from LPF chair
- Motion to accept Lynn House resignation from LPF Vice chair
- Motion to accept Pete Blome resignation from LPF Region 1
- Motion to accept JD Pierce resignation from LPF Region 8

accepted without objection

9. LNC Report: Vicki Kirkland

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

**Motion:** 356

**By:** James Morris (For the communication committee)

**Text:** Remove the Solutions Facebook Group, officially known as 'Libertarian Solutions for Florida'. [SEE ADDENDUM B]

vicki

Relinquish the Solutions Facebook Group, officially known as 'Libertarian Solutions for Florida' to Lynn House with the ability to add LPF members as she sees fit with the requirement that it not be identified with the LPF directly.

Steve N. moves to move this discussion to email 2nd Jared J.

unanimous

**Motion:** 357

**By:** James Morris (For the communication committee)

**Text:** Rename Facebook group 'Libertarian Party of Florida' to 'Florida Libertarians', relinquish control. [SEE ADDENDUM C]

omar seconds

unimous

**Motion:** 359

**By:** Vicki Kirkland

**Text:** Motion to appoint Zachary Elijah Proscia Silva LPF Rep to the National Platform Committee.

2nd james

unanmous

**Motion:** 360

**By:** Steven Nekhaila

**Text:** [SEE ADDENDUM A]

omar  
unanimous nay failed  
Omar abst

**Motion: 361**

**By:** James Morris

**Text:** Section 4a. The Treasurer shall account for the amount due and disperse the affiliate's share quarterly, but only if the accumulated amount is \$50 or more. This revenue sharing shall not apply to contributions made for a specific purpose.

(1). If the collected, accumulated share for an unaffiliated county exceeds \$50.00, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve utilization of funds in excess of the \$50 minimum for affiliate formation and promotion purposes in the specific unaffiliated county from where the funds were drawn.

(2) The Executive Committee shall not authorize any expenditure that would reduce the collected, accumulated unaffiliated county funds below \$50.00 for any specific county.

matt worley

**Motion: 362**

**By:** Martin Sullivan

**Text:** I move under Section 6 to suspend the membership of Augustus Sol Invictus for violating the NAP pledge with his repeated calls for civil war.

Matt worley

**Motion: 363**

**By:** Martin Sullivan

**Text:** I move that the Executive Committee condemn Augustus Invictus for his repeated calls for war and aggression. It is clear that Augustus Invictus does not represent the core principles of Libertarianism as embodied in the Non-Aggression Principle. Should the motion pass, it will authorize the chair (or someone appointed by the Chair under Article VIII Section 2. In the standing rules) to speak to the media regarding the choice to condemn Augustus Invictus.

~~(A)~~include a strong single or series of press release that condemns the content of Mr Invictus campaign but not to specify that we do or don't support him. He has not attempted to become a certified candidate through our vetting process. To reiterate that things such as war is not in our platform, that we seek peaceful resolution to conflicts. And to reiterate that we as a party cannot legally control who runs for partisan office in Florida as a Libertarian.

Also, to be included in this statement anything else that does not reflect our platform from his campaign and not hearsay.

~~(B) The chair will be authorized to speak out against these matters and should limit direct comments about Mr Invictus to the content of his campaign and how some aspects of it do not reflect our platform.~~

matt worley

12. The next meeting will be on November 1st, 2015

13. Adjourn

matt 10:02 pm

## **ADDENDUM A**

Motion to support the All Voters Vote in Top Two Primary Elections for Congress, State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet Amendment.

Whereas the Libertarian Party of Florida recognizes the importance of Libertarian candidates receiving fair representation and exposure on the ballots;

whereas, the Libertarian Party of Florida is dedicated to putting an end to Florida's two party stranglehold on the ballots and ensuring third party presence in the primary elections;

whereas; the Libertarian Party of Florida recognizes the value in accepting votes from all voters, despite political affiliation of the registered voter or their selected candidate;

whereas, the All Voters Vote amendment would do away with general elections in the State of Florida on the Congressional, State Legislative, Governor and Cabinet levels, as well as allow voters to vote for candidates not members of their registered political party. In respect to the Legislative, Governor and Cabinet levels, a primary election will be held and the majority leader will be elected directly to office. In respect to the Congressional level, a primary election will be held, and the top two majority candidates will move on to a general election despite their political party; if in the future on a Federal level the law allows for general elections to be omitted in favor of majority rule primary elections then that shall go into effect. Similar amendments have already been passed in Washington, Louisiana and Nebraska as well as being on the ballot in Arkansas for 2016. The All Voters Vote amendment effectively allows all candidates equal visibility on the ballot by waiving the top two candidates in favor for a majority vote in a primary election including all candidates. By including all candidates in the process, voters are more open to hearing what their prospective representatives have to say, opening up the discussion for Libertarian candidates to an audience more receptive to their message. As the two major parties become more moderate, independents are polarized and younger voters continue to reject the two party system, the All Voters Vote initiative allows voters to express their vote without having to cater to the top two candidates allotted to them by the two party system. There is currently a push to pass similar amendments in several States including South Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Illinois, Maine, Alaska, Colorado and Nevada — in addition to Florida.

## ADDENDUM B

### **Motion: Removal of ‘Solutions’ Facebook group**

**Action:** Remove the Solutions Facebook Group, officially known as ‘Libertarian Solutions for Florida’.

**Purpose:** To streamline member communications and discussions

**Why:** The group is not an effective way to communicate to members, nor is it a positive atmosphere to discuss Libertarian solutions for the state of Florida. The solutions group has become a place mostly for commentary on articles with arguing mixed in + a severe lack of action. Administering the group takes time away from the communications committee members whom could be working on other tasks. It is important to note that this group has been toxic and has been building negative energy for weeks, possibly months. Members joining and onboarding are turned off by the negativity. It has become a branding problem. Additionally, many members also refuse to join Facebook and we are in fact alienating them by only communicating on Facebook.

#### **So, how will we officially communicate with members moving forward?**

We can communicate with members through the following official channels:

- LPF.org Website
- LPF Facebook fan page
- LPF Twitter
- LPF E-blast
- LPF Newsletter

#### **How can we have individual discussions with members?**

We can have direct discussions with members on our Slack chat platform. Members may sign up at <https://lpf.org/chat>. Members may then join their county channel, or other subject specific channel. Slack is a discussions platform that can be integrated with many API's. Please see the following screen shots to get an idea of how Slack works.

**Libertarian Party...** **#fl-lpf-general** Libertarian chat in the state of Florida 31

**Today**

**James Chipman** 10:20 PM  
Hello Everyone.

**Alison Foxall** 10:21 PM  
Welcome @jmorris1 @deana @vincenthannah @james\_chipman!  
and welcome @jdpierce!  
instant chat = awesome 🍷  
Feel free to join your county channel for everyone that is **@here**! for example, I'm in #lpsarasota (edited)  
#lpbroward is the most active currently  
Hey @vincenthannah, any interest in being apart of the communications committee?

**James Chipman** 10:26 PM  
Thank you, i have join Duval, lonely there.

**vincenthannah** 10:26 PM  
Sure, I'd be happy to help where I can

**Alison Foxall** 10:26 PM  
@james\_chipman: tell the Duval folks to join Slack and enter your channel. 😊

**Alison Foxall** 10:35 PM  
#firearms is an interesting channel to note

**Alison Foxall** 11:15 PM  
set the channel topic: Libertarian chat in the state of Florida

**Channel Info**

About This Channel

1 Pinned Item

**Alison Foxall** Sept 12th  
Reminder: The Communications Committee of the LPF hosts open office hours on Monday from 3pm-5pm and Wednesday from 8pm-10pm.

5/31 Members

- Alison Foxall
- James McHugh
- Jon-luc Tesky
- Matt Wild
- Omar R
- Alex Snitker
- Alex Vidal
- andy.burns
- Anthony DiPiero

Note: this image depicts the main #fl-lpf-general channel, a default channel that everyone joins when they sign up.

**Libertarian Party...** **#lpbroward** 7

**September 23rd**

so often but that's safer IMO

**William Copps** 4:46 PM  
What kind of messages from here? Summaries of conversations or just messages about being invited to channels and such?

**Alison Foxall** 5:59 PM  
Some people will have email notifications to alert them when they were mentioned. The message will usually be referenced in the email.

**September 24th**

**William Copps** 1:12 AM  
Ahh, gotcha

**Omar R** 8:55 AM  
think MR Robot and why they met IRL

**September 28th**

**William Copps** 12:43 AM  
Well, for now, this is still pretty secure. I'm sure those email notifications can be turned off through some settings. I haven't explored it yet but still. On another note, I found my open source version of the app for linux. =D

**lpbroward** BOT 8:59 AM  
There are no events this week.

**Channel Info**

About This Channel

1 Pinned Item

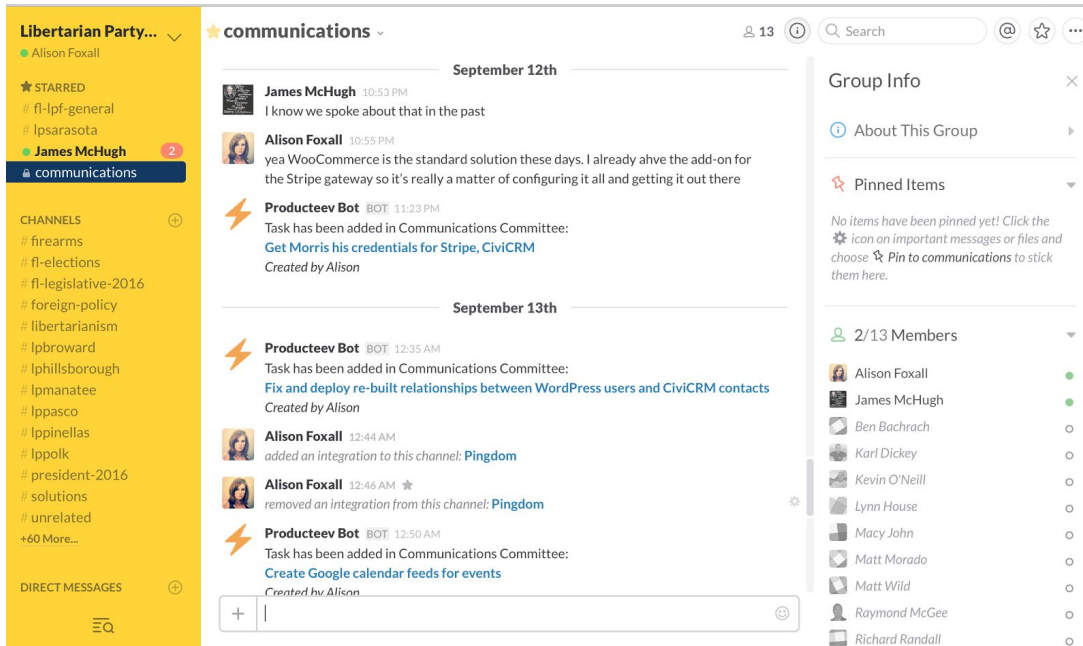
**William Copps** Sept 8th  
The Broward affiliate meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be: October 15th, 2015 at The Church of Perpetual Life located here:

2/7 Members

- Alison Foxall
- Omar R
- Alex Vidal
- Bill White
- David Wiseberg
- Oscar
- William Copps

The LP Broward channel, fairly active - #lpbroward





And example of a *private/secret* channel: the communications committee

## How can members bring up issues with the party?

In addition to direct chat on Slack, members may contact us officially through the contact forms on our website. We can create an official pipeline for their questions or comments and direct them to the right person or answer.

## ADDENDUM C

### **Motion: Rename Facebook group “Libertarian Party of Florida” to “Florida Libertarians”, relinquish control**

**Action:** Rename the group and remove LPF admins, leaving only *Neal Connor* as admin, the original creator of the group

**Positive outcomes from this action:**

- Free up time spent administering and policing comments/posts
- Remove our association with items posted in this group
- Streamline our official social media channels

**Why:** The Facebook group in question is a public group that exists as a platform hosted and managed by the LPF that is open to non-members or anyone interested in our party or just plain libertarianism. The major problem of this group are regular people associating posts or thoughts shared in the group as statements from the LPF because it is our hosted platform. By removing our name and admins, we will distance ourselves from some of the garbage that is posted. Additionally, the communications team has more important work to manage and complete than to administer facebook comments and posts. By eliminating this hindrance, we can focus on growing our fan page and streamlining the rest of our communications.

**Planned Implementation:** The group will be renamed immediately. A message will be posted and pinned letting the group members know that the LPF will no longer be maintaining or administering the group and that the group will no longer be officially associated with the LPF.

# All Voters Vote Top-Two Primaries Amendment

*LPF Position:* NOT Supported

*Amendment Sponsor:* [All Voters Vote, Inc.](#)  
*Election Year:* 2016

*Ballot Title:* All Voters Vote in Top Two Primary Elections for Congress, State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet

*Ballot Summary:* Allows all voters to vote in primaries for Congress, legislature, governor, and cabinet; eliminates government funded party nominations for those offices. Candidate nominated by party appears on ballot as party's nominee; other candidates may indicate party preference. Top two vote getters advance to general election regardless of party affiliation, except state office candidate obtaining majority of votes in primary is elected; provides for election of majority winner in Congressional primary if federal law is changed.

*Narrative:* Florida is a closed primary state. This means that the purpose of primaries is for the voters of each party to identify the candidate that best represents their particular party in order to support and advance said candidate to the general election that is open to only one candidate identified from each of the other political parties.

Currently, voters choose to affiliate with a party or choose No Party Affiliation (NPA) on the voter registration form. The electorate may vote for only the candidates registered in the voter's party during a *primary* election. All voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote on issues and candidates in nonpartisan races during a primary election or in a universal primary contest.

In the *general* election, all voters, including NPAs, may vote for any of the candidates regardless of party affiliation.

The "All Voters Vote Top-Two Primaries Amendment," henceforth called "Top Two," not only permits open primaries in which the entire electorate (including NPAs) may vote in the primaries, it also permits ALL qualified candidates to appear on the primary election ballot regardless of their party affiliation.

The two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election, which will ALWAYS HAVE ONLY TWO candidates for each seat with opposition.

However, if the victor of a state race receives a majority of votes during the primary, he or she will be elected to office during the primary election and will not have to compete in the general election. This clause does not apply to federal candidates unless the federal law is changed.

Candidates on a Top Two ballot require a distinction between "party affiliated" and "party endorsed." A political party's nominee may have the party endorsed label next to his/her name. However, any candidate may choose whether or not to have his/her party affiliation listed.

According to Richard Winger, ballot access expert, California, Louisiana, and Washington have a top two system. He states that as of August 3, 2015, there were 119 instances when a member of a party other than the Republican and Democratic Parties ran for federal or state office in a top-two system, and in which there were at least two major party members running. In all 119 instances, the minor party candidate did not place first or second and, thus, was eliminated from the general election.

Winger claims that “big business interests like top-two and have funded it lavishly in initiative campaigns, especially in Oregon last year. Michael Bloomberg contributed \$2,000,000 to the top-two initiative, as did John Arnold, a Houston billionaire. But top-two still lost in Oregon 2-1. It also lost in Oregon in 2008, also by 2-1. It lost in Arizona in 2012 by 2-1.”

The intent of the legislation is to reduce polarization and to field moderate candidates. However, Winger claims that it has not done so in either Washington or California. According to Political Scientist Boris Shor, the nation’s leading expert on legislative polarization, California still has the nation’s most polarized legislature, and Washington state is 4th most polarized.

Turnout in California declined more than any other state between Nov. 2010 and Nov. 2014. In Nov. 2010 Californians had 6 parties from which to choose in each statewide election. In Nov. 2014, there was only one Democrat and one Republican on the Nov. ballot for each statewide race. California is the only state in which voters who didn’t want to vote for a Republican or a Democrat couldn’t vote at all.

According to Christina Tobin of Free and Equal, incumbents rarely lose under Top Two.

In summary, the LPF Legislative Review Committee DOES NOT SUPPORT Top Two elections because, in all likelihood:

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- only big money candidates will end up in the general election
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- Libertarians will be unlikely to appear on a general election ballot
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- although it claims that government subsidized primaries for the purpose of nominating candidates is eliminated (parties will bear the cost of a 'pre-primary", there will still most likely always be two elections (a primary and a general election) for each election cycle.
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- voter turnout and voter engagement will be severely reduced in the general election resulting in a candidate selected by a small percentage of the electorate
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- incumbents rarely lose

## ADDENDUM E

Count	Majority	2/3 Majority	3/4 Majority
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
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**motion to postpon 356**

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