

-- DRAFT -- **Minutes**
Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon
General Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2022 6:00 pm

Chair Cherie Harbour convened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and physically at the Newport Visual Arts Center.

Leadership Transition Update

Chair Harbour announced that she had been appointed chair of the Lincoln County Democrats Central Committee after the resignation of former Chair Michael Gaskill. She noted that members of the Executive Board will need to be voted upon and that nominations were due in October in order to vote in January. She invited members to consider nominating themselves to serve. The positions are Chair, Vice Chair, or Treasurer, and Secretary, several of which may not have incumbents.

Chair Harbour described her activities since taking on leadership. The first priority was confirming and formally notifying candidates of endorsements voted upon by the Central Committee in August. There was a quick turnaround required because the candidates had to file to have LCDCC endorsement appear in the voters' pamphlets. Chair Harbour communicated with the Precinct Committee Persons / Coordinated Campaign Committee to reorganize leadership and continue its work. She noted that Gaskill's experience is valuable as a campaign organizer and that he is still participating as a committee member. Chair Harbour introduced Lisa Spence as the new chair of the Coordinated Campaign Committee.

Chair Harbour consulted with the state Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) throughout the transition and attended their training on complying with State Elections Commission regulations and reorganization.

The minutes of April 27, June 22, July 27, and August 24 2022 were all approved without objection.

Treasurer Wendy Girard provided her report.

Chair Harbour explained the endorsements, that 10 candidates had accepted LCDCC's endorsements. There was a question about the vote on the initiatives and it was noted that they were never discussed in a general meeting. Secretary Carol Shenk explained that there was notice of the upcoming vote on the initiatives and that the vote was conducted among the voting members according to the LCDCC bylaws.

Chair Harbour introduced the idea of rotating general meetings throughout the county, while keeping the virtual option for those who cannot drive the distance. There was general agreement in favor of this idea. Newport City Councilmember Cynthia Jacobi suggested holding meetings in different locations only once per quarter, but keeping most meetings in Newport. Steve Crandall noted that the issue of traveling to meetings had been the reason for forming satellite clubs. It was agreed that we would continue meeting

in the Newport Visual Arts Center for the remainder of the year, and everyone was invited to suggest alternate locations.

Secretary and Acting Vice Chair Carol Shenk described the ad campaign and postcards indicating our slate of endorsed candidates. She explained that Publicity and Fundraising Chair Eliot Sekuler had arranged for ads to appear in print and digital media and also had negotiated prices for production of unstamped postcards for mailing by volunteers and bulk-mailed postcards. He had also arranged for press-releases to be sent out when the slate of candidates was established. There was concern over the large format of the unstamped cards and the overall advertising plan.

Coordinated Campaign Committee Chair Lisa Spence spoke about upcoming training and canvassing events, as well as the process for distributing postcards for volunteers to address and mail.

Everyone was invited to sign up for different committees, either as leaders or participants.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.