

Speaker motion:

The contention caused by resurfaced video clips of Dave Smith making controversial statements has resulted in pressure from our membership to rescind our invitation for Dave Smith to participate in fundraisers and speak at the 2022 Convention. As chair of the convention committee I am charged with attempting to represent the whole of the LPPA membership and I recognize the gravity of the situation. This decision is bigger than one or even a seven person committee. This decision effects the entire LPPA. I refuse to make a unilateral decision that will affect the entirety of the LPPA but will serve to benefit only a part. For that reason, I feel the only manner in which this decision can be made is by allowing the board to make it. I therefore make a motion to rescind the invitation extended to Dave Smith to speak at our 2022 convention. I understand this will not be a fun motion to deliberate upon, and will only serve to further the divide in our state, but at this point that seems an inevitable consequence regardless of outcome.