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Alabama 188

Louisiana 127

Mississippi 69

Oklahoma 103

Texas 991

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1478

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**Oklahoma**

<http://www.oklp.org/>

"Officers

Seth Schuyler

Clark Duffe

Steve Long

Currently, the Secretary position is vacant."

The website provides no contact information for the party or officers.

I have one email only contact for the chair wheedler@gmail.com which has responded on rare occasion.

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That's more than I am going to sit and copy and paste here so I'll just list the officers.

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National Vice Chair Lee Wrights is also District 24 Chair of Texas

National Chair Geoff Neale also lives in Texas

**PARTY BUILDING ACTIVITIES BY REGION REP JOHN JAY MYERS AND ALTERNATE PAUL FRANKEL**

John ran a very active race for US Senate in Texas ...from his website  http://johnjaymyers.com/

"We raised $15,000, traveled to East, West, and Central Texas, ran almost 600 TV ads, passed out 6000 flyers and  door hangers, distributed 400 yard signs all over the state, and received 161,000 votes. "  ( 2.1% -  <http://www.lp.org/blogs/staff/libertarian-us-senate-results>)

He has also been one of the two people most instrumental in modernizing and extending the reach of the national  LP's social media communications. Additionally, he is also active in LNC discussions.

As for me...since the last LP meeting in July I have:

\* Gathered several thousand signatures to get us on the ballot in Maryland, Alabama and West Virginia

\* Managed teams of petitioners in these and other states, and referred petitioners to other drives I could not get to

\* Provided consulting for the success of our national petition drives

\* Been probably the most active participant in LNC discussions (although I am just an alternate and don't normally  get a vote)

\* Been one of the people doing the most to keep open lines of communication between the LNC and interested  party members

\* Posted numerous articles at Independent Political Report and other outlets reporting on the progress of the LP and other alternative parties and independent candidates

\* Helped put up signs for Gary Johnson

\* Ran campus information tables several days, handed out literature and bumper stickers, scored quizzes

\* Went to various state, local and campus meetings and invited others

\* Been active in numerous online fora for LP and allies

**ELECTION RESULTS AND STATE PARTY NEWS**

Alabama

R

 M. Romney

60.7% 1,252,453

D

B. Obama (i)

38.4% 793,620

I

G. Johnson

0.6% 12,283

I

J. Stein

0.2% 3,382

I

V. Goode

0.1% 2,961

Unfortunately, we did not have any other candidates on the ballot. Johnson was listed as an independent (the only  other state where he was on the ballot where this was the case was Tennessee). The last time we had ANY candidate on the ballot listed as a Libertarian was a single State House candidate in 2006. The last time we had

significant numbers of candidates on the ballot listed as Libertarians was 2000 and 2002. Libertarian presidential candidates in 2004 and 2008 were also listed as independents. This lack of ballot access had been the biggest problem for the Alabama LP. We have by far the highest barrier for retention in the nation - 20% in a statewide

race, twice as hard as any other state. We also have a 3% petition requirement, which is second highest nationwide (behind Oklahoma, another state in our region).

In significant ballot measure results:

Mandatory health care coverage rejection  YES 59%-41%

Alabama had some other party building since the last report. At that time we had reached a nadir of party activity and organization, with most of the committee having resigned or become inactive, no outreach activities taking place and the chairman feeling overwhelmed and not getting any significant help from anyone. Subsequent to that we had a state convention, elected a new slate of officers, held a number of outreach booths at public events, put out Johnson signs, completed the 2012 petition drive (funded by national) and started on 2014 (self-organized), had our best presidential results ever,   have grown our facebook page "likes" quite a bit, have local groups in the works, and so on.

Note from State Chair Mark Bodenhausen: “ "Record turnout, over double what we did in 2008 [p: for president].

(Ballot Access) Lawsuit against state not going well, summary judgement not given, state wants a trial. Deposition of myself scheduled for Friday. Dan Johnson thinks we will have better time in the 11th Circuit Court."

**Louisiana**

Adrien Monteleone via State Chairs email list:

"We broke at least 12 records here tonight folks!! (you can find them posted at

[louisianalibertarian.net](http://louisianalibertarian.net/))

I'm sure the rest of you are seeing some similar 'success.'

We didn't get our 5%, but certainly, this was the most successful Presidential

campaign ever.

Attached are our results.  All are partisan races.

There are also two victories not listed here.  We've elected two aldermen for

the villages of Sykes and Atlanta in Winn Parish by virtue of them filing

"unopposed."  (they are multi-member districts with 3 each to be elected,

however in Sykes, only 2 filed for office, and in Atlanta, only 3 filed.  So

their names were not printed on the ballot, and all were "deemed" elected.

These are the first two public officials to be elected by the LP in Louisiana.)

We're going to take a breather, and then start focusing on our 2013 local

races and building our parish organizations.”

Secretary/Acting Treasurer Reed Ebarb via email:

“This year, we elected 2 Libertarians to public office. We ran congressional candidates in 5 out of 6 Congressional Districts who combined, received more than 124,000 votes.

Our number of registered Libertarians has increased by more than 2,000 over the past year to more than 6,800. We aim to have more than 10,000 by the end of 2013. We are right now targeting the more than 100 offices up for election in 2013 in Louisiana. We hope to get more people elected to office in Louisiana and run many more small campaigns.

We continue to employ an Executive Director to help run day to day operations. We have applied for non-profit shipping status with the postal services to get a smaller mailing rate and we have also sent out over 1,000 fund-raising letters over the past few months. The activity of the Libertarian Party of Louisiana has exploded over the past year and due to some hard work on the part of state officers, the party has gone from being nearly inactive to being well run machine with activity on the state and local level.

Now that the election is over, we will not be taking a break but will instead be focusing on elections in 2013 and getting geared up for the 2014 elections. Our ballot access remains to be one of the best situations in the country and we see no major issues regarding ballot access in the near future.

As mentioned before, we are continuing to increase the number of registered Libertarians to make it harder for the legislature to even try to take ballot access from us. We have several party activists in North Louisiana that are interested in driving north to help Arkansas with their petition drive when they decide to launch it. Louisiana is no longer an inactive state party and is on the rise as one of the more active state

affiliates in the South. --Reed Ebarb, LPL Secretary and Acting Treasurer

From the State Party Website: New Records

Total votes for all candidates - all races in a single election

142,452

Total votes for all U.S. House Candidates in a single election

124,477

Total votes for Presidential Electors

Gary Johnson & James P. Gray — 17,975

Highest percentage for Presidential Electors

Gary Johnson & James P. Gray — 0.92%

Total votes for any candidate

Randall Lord — 61,586

Highest percentage for any candidate

Randall Lord — 24.87%

Total votes for U.S. House District 2

Caleb Trotter — 6,408

Total votes for U.S. House District 4

Randall Lord — 61,586

Highest percentage for U.S. House District 4

Randall Lord — 24.87%

Total votes for U.S. House District 5

Clay S. Grant — 20,519

Highest percentage for U.S. House District 5

Clay S. Grant — 7.84%

Total votes for U.S. House District 6

Rufus Holt Craig, Jr. — 32,200

Our registration is through the roof, we've raised more money in the last few  months than in the previous 5 years combined, we have 3 organized parishes  with about 10 more in the works, and we now have a paid executive director -  things are looking up!

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In Liberty,

Adrien Monteleone - Chairman

Libertarian Party of Louisiana"

Via Politico.com

(1st district no LP)

2nd District

100.0% Reporting

Winner C. Richmond (i) Dem 55.2%  158,184

G. Landrieu Dem 25.0%  71,761

D. Bailey GOP 13.5%  38,748

J. Larose GOP 4.0%  11,329

C. Trotter Lib 2.4%  6,778

3rd District

100.0% Reporting

\* C. Boustany (i) GOP 44.7%  139,113

\* J. Landry (i) GOP 30.0%  93,524

R. Richard Dem 21.5%  67,058

B. Barrilleaux GOP 2.5%  7,907

J. Stark Lib 1.2%  3,764

4th District

100.0% Reporting

Winner J. Fleming (i) GOP 75.3%  187,783

R. Lord Lib 24.7%  61,586

5th District

100.0% Reporting

Winner R. Alexander (i) GOP 77.8%  203,483

R. Ceasar NPA 14.4%  37,635

C. Grant Lib 7.8%  20,519

6th District

100.0% Reporting

Winner B. Cassidy (i) GOP 79.4%  243,594

R. Craig Lib 10.5%  32,200

R. Torregano NPA 10.1%  31,014

Key: Incumbent (i), Run-off \*

NPA - No Party

**Mississippi**

 M. Romney GOP 55.5%  674,302

B. Obama (i) Dem 43.5%  528,260

G. Johnson Lib 0.5%  6,408

V. Goode CST 0.2%  2,531

J. Stein Grn 0.1%  1,534

B. Washer RP 0.1%  969

1st District

100.0% Reporting

Winner A. Nunnelee (i) GOP 60.7%  178,594

B. Morris Dem 36.7%  107,938

D. Bedwell Lib 1.2%  3,413

C. Potts RP 0.8%  2,265

J. Bourland CST 0.8%  2,243

4th District

100.0% Reporting

Winner S. Palazzo (i) GOP 64.3%  173,576

M. Moore Dem 28.5%  77,041

R. Williams Lib 6.4%  17,262

R. Claunch RP 0.7%  2,012

"The State Party continues to build coalitions with Campaign 4 Liberty, Young Americans for Liberty, and the  liberty minded groups within the Tea Party. We will be establishing 3 more county affiliates within the next few  weeks and we continue to see more and more interest in our State Party. The Libertarian Party of Lafayette County

meets weekly and has had tremendous success with its Outreach efforts on the Ole Miss campus.

Danny Bedwell, chair

Libertarian Party of Mississippi

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**Oklahoma**

Oklahoma was one of only two states that did not have Gary Johnson on the ballot. Since the other state, Michigan, has a write-in option, Oklahoma will be dead last in votes for Johnson with zero.

This marks the third  presidential election in a row that Oklahoma has not had a Libertarian Presidential candidate on the ballot, and  there is no write-in option. No other state has ever missed having an LP Presidential candidate on the ballot for  three elections in a row since the LP started. This is also the third election in a row in which Democrats and  Republicans have been the only candidates on the Oklahoma ballot for president - a dishonor shared by no other  state this time, and the first time since 1964 that any state has been so bereft of presidential choices for that many elections in a row.

(In duopoly news, Oklahoma was the single most lopsided state for McCain in 2008, and this year was not much different, going for Romney by about 2-1.....so it's clearly very important to keep other parties and candidates from "spoiling" this heated race).

Along with another state in our region, Alabama, Oklahoma is the only state that had no candidates at any level  with any parties other than Democrats or Republicans - although Alabama had some independent president  candidates (including Johnson listed as an independent) while Oklahoma had some independent non-presidential

candidates (including some LP endorsed independents).

As with Alabama, this lack of ballot access has obviously hurt party building efforts in Oklahoma.

By contrast, Mississippi and Louisiana have some of the easiest ballot access in the country. Texas is one of the hardest petition states, but it has a relatively easy retention requirement, and thus the LP has been on the ballot without having to petition in Texas for decades (except that they had to petition in 2004, which we succeeded in).

Oklahoma state elections officials double crossed the LP into delaying our ballot access lawsuit against the unconstitutionally early petition deadline until after the election, by misleading our attorney into believing that they would accept the state nomination by Americans Elect of Gary Johnson despite objection from the national Americans Elect which desired to have no candidate. They then did not list Johnson, siding with the national AE leadership over the state contrary to what they said they would do. We did not win relief on the Americans Elect issue in the courts. The lawsuit over the deadline will proceed, but won't do us any good for the 2012 election.

The Libertarians running as independents in Oklahoma this time:

Robert T. Murphy

US House 5

Richard Prawdzienski

State Senate, 41st

In the US House race:

Winner J. Lankford (i)(R)

58.7% 153,421

T. Guild (Democrat)

37.3% 97,359

P. Martin (Independent)

2.1% 5,380

R. Murphy (Libertarian running as Independent)

2.0% 5,162

In the State Senate race:

CLARK JOLLEY (REP) 27,417 79.4%

RICHARD PRAWDZIENSKI (IND) 7,112 20.6%

In significant ballot measure news, Affirmative Acton ban won 59%-41%

**Texas**

<http://lptexas.org/libertarians-on-the-rise-in-texas>

Tuesday's election results showed significant gains for the Libertarian Party in Texas.

With 1,139,564 votes, Libertarian presidential candidates, Gary Johnson and Judge Jim Gray more than DOUBLED the 2008 vote total of Bob Barr and Wayne Root.

For the first time ever five Libertarians in Texas receive over 1 million votes:

Jaime O. Perez, Railroad Commissioner- 1,122,792

RS Roberto Koelsch, Texas Supreme Court- 1,280,886

Tom Oxford, Texas Supreme Court- 1,030,735

Mark W. Bennett, Court of Criminal Appeals- 1,326,526

William Bryan Strange- Court of Criminal Appeals- 1,313,746

[PAULIE: That's 5 of 7 nationwide, with the national presidential ticket and one PSC race in Georgia being the other ones]

Previously, only William Strange ever achieved 1 million Libertarian votes in Texas.

Lillian Simmons achieved 30% in her race for Texas House and David Kinney in Hockley County had a very competitive race for sheriff receiving 2,479 votes for nearly 42% of the vote.

In Lago Vista a Libertarian, Ed Tidwell, won his seat on City Council against a longtime incumbent.

Throughout Texas, Libertarian votes have spiked.  For example, Travis County vote totals saw the following increases from 2008 to 2012:

President

2008: 1.23%

2012: 2.72%

121% increase

Straight-party LIBERTARIAN

2008: 1.34%

2012: 1.93%

44% increase

Best 2-way Statewide

2008: 37.15%

2012: 44.77%

20% increase

Best 3-way State Rep

2008: 4.29%

2012: 5.26%

23% increase

Tax Assessor

2008: 5.17%

2012: 6.91%

34% increase

Despite the confusing redistricting fiasco and attempts by the legislature to impair the Libertarian Party or remove candidates from the ballot, Tuesday's results show the party is getting stronger and is gathering more public support.

"The Libertarian Party of Texas is clearly not just treading water; we are on the rise," says Pat Dixon.  "We are motivated and have already launched our campaign for 2014."

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Full Texas results: see attachment.

Presidential:

R

Winner M. Romney

57.2% 4,555,799

D

B. Obama (i)

41.4% 3,294,440

L

G. Johnson

1.1% 88,110

G

J. Stein

0.3% 24,450