



Region 3 Report

(Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

Indiana

I (Dan Drexler) personally remain committed to the BEST proposal items (<http://bestlp.org>) that were floated prior to the convention. I want our region to stay out of the Oregon mess. I want the IT committee fast-tracked so states making decisions on technology will have some direction. I would still like to see more in terms of national political positions more than national attempting to help individual candidates. Leave the bulk of the candidate support to the states and LNCC, instruct the national party to provide us the position tools, news releases and policy narratives to better equip our candidates in our races. We're in this to win elections, not serve as a political think tank.

Karl Tatgenhorst, candidate for Indiana Secretary of State has been traveling the state every moment he can, all corners. His campaign is focusing now on fundraising phone calls and candidate forum/media follow up. Mike Jasper, candidate for Indiana Treasurer is also on the road -- last week in Fort Wayne and scheduled stops in Indianapolis and Lake County coming soon.

Our federal lawsuit moves forward. The D.C. District Court rejected our request for a three judge panel and sent the case en banc to all circuit judges for consideration. We are appealing that decision, but are comfortable with the merits of the lawsuit whichever way it is heard. **The first victory was the judge determined there was merit in the case to be heard and did not dismiss it.** Bypassing the three judge panel means we do not have an immediate appeal trek to the US Supreme Court. The FEC or we would need to petition the high court depending upon how the district court rules.

We are preparing for a late September/early October newspaper mailer to go out to members and lapsed members, complete with candidate, party and membership information. We would like to see Indiana climb into the top seven membership states by spring 2015.

I have announced to our SCC that I will not be seeking another term as state chairman. While it has not been publicized much, we will begin work on possible transition leadership after the November election.

Kentucky

Republicans are trying to sue away our candidates. One successful so far, another went to hearing on 8/29 (no report of outcome) and they're trying to get county clerks to search through voter registration files even though that onus is on THEM not the clerks. I hope the clerks say no. First case lost pro se, second case using lawyer and quasi-optimistic.

Public TV created new (and shifting, and "secret") criteria for inclusion in their debate. Intention to keep to D and R only seems clear. New threshold would have eliminated every non-D/R candidate for at least the past decade. They tried to create a hurdle that would have been surmounted once, in theory, for PR purposes, but failed at that too. Oops. Lawyers involved. Not sure where this is going (campaign decision not party decision).

Ken Moellman requested assistance on a matter that will be covered during executive session on Sunday, per the Chair's draft agenda.

Michigan

I (Mary Buzuma) would like to see the IT committee fast tracked. The LPM will be changing our webmaster team in a few months and I would like to be able to give them some direction.

Michigan currently has 34 candidates on the ballot in the Nov 4 General Election. Two races mine (governor) and Jim Fulner's (US Senate) are getting some attention. A Public Policy Poll had me at 3% and with only a 1% difference between the Republican (Snyder) and the Democrat (Schauer) I maybe cast as the "spoiler." Tea Party groups are very interested in me and I have been making a lot of personal appearances at meetings over the past 2 weeks.

On October 4th the Kalamazoo affiliate of the LPM will be hosting a candidate event with former Governor Gary Johnson at the Fetzer Center. This promises to be a big media event and hopefully will add to our membership numbers.

Ohio

The Libertarian Party of Ohio drafted and adopted a resolution to define their position on the selection of Regional Representation on the Libertarian National Committee for Region 3. See image below:



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DIRECTIVE from Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio **Kevin Knedler, Chair**

The Libertarian Party National bylaw Rule 8, Section 4 addresses the election of Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, but is still open for interpretation. Therefore, the Ohio affiliate of the Libertarian Party confirms this Directive to clarify the election of the Regional Representative and Alternate.

To clarify, the Ohio LP requests a Region meeting during the LP National Convention where credentialed delegates of the Region will discuss, nominate, and vote for a Region Representative and up to two Alternates. It would be the responsibility of the Delegation leadership to advise the time and place of the meeting to all credentialed delegates of the Region.

Credentialed Ohio delegates would require a basic membership in the National Libertarian Party (LP Pledge) and the Ohio LP (per Ohio Revised Code, when party is ballot qualified).

We request that the nominated Regional Reps and Alternates also be a member of the National Libertarian Party and their home state in the Region.

This Directive will be initiated at the 2016 National LP Convention.

Chairman Kevin Knedler echoed the comments in the first paragraph of the report from the LPIN Chairman Dan Drexler.

A discussion during Saturday's Executive Session regarding ballot access issues may include experiences and actions from Ohio.

The Libertarian Party of Ohio is proud to announce its endorsement of Chad Monnin, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives, District 19.

Monnin has been a life member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio since 2010, and his campaign represents the best chance that a Libertarian will be elected to a state office this year.

A 12-year Army Veteran and business owner, Monnin has committed at least \$250,000 to his own campaign to represent the cities of Gahanna, Westerville, and New Albany (and surrounding areas).

The Monnin campaign has become aware of a recent poll that showed him a closely contested race against a Democrat and an incumbent Republican—so this is definitely a winnable race.

Monnin's race has already garnered attention from the Columbus Dispatch, which has printed articles about the unsuccessful attempt by the Republican Party to remove him from the ballot (similar to the Charlie Earl case, which is still pending in federal court) and to convince him to withdraw from the race.