

Region 6 Report

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Idaho

We have four candidates running for legislative seats and one running for governor.

Our “Philosophical Libertarian Brunch” continues going strong into its seventh or eighth year – memories are foggy on just how long we’ve been at it. One to two dozen ‘seekers of liberty’ have gathered to break bread and discuss the philosophical roots of libertarianism with prepared presentations on the second Saturday of every month. It’s been one of the most successful activities we’ve ever attempted.

Iowa

I'm guessing our State Chair, Keith Laube, will be Iowa's primary respondent to this.. I'm scrambling to Campaign for US House, Iowa #3.. just got excluded from IPTV debate as my qualifying Poll was insufficiently "independent" (I paid for it).. definition /usage of terms were not provided.. a battle to be engaged for debate inclusion. I'll have a Debate Watch Party, hopefully get a little attention. www.wright2014.org
After 6 years as Chair, this is my first Candidacy. Our candidate for Iowa Governor, Dr. Lee Hieb, is actively campaigning..I think she'll get well over the 2% required for recognition as a "Party" in Iowa. We have 10 very active campaigns, the most active campaigns I've seen here in Iowa. About 4,000 Iowans are now registered to vote as Libertarian, up more than 35% over last year.

Yours in liberty,

Ed Wright

Vice Chair, LPIA

We have 12 candidates this year in Iowa, which is the most in more than a decade. Candidates have been busy with parades, radio shows, campaign events, and distributing signs. Many candidates are working together to use available resources to coordinate events. Iowa has lots of towns and lots of parades. It is great to be in parades where there are parade entries by 2 Libertarian candidates. We are getting respect from voters and voters are responding to something besides D or R. Lee Hieb is our governor candidate and she is getting good name recognition statewide. She has been a guest on radio shows that air statewide. I am very confident that she will easily get 2% of the vote so the Libertarian Party of Iowa could become a major political party.

Our only setback has been that we have not been invited to debates. I am not sure what percentage of the voting population views these TV debates or read the newspaper articles afterwards.

The number of registered Libertarians in Iowa keep increasing, as noted by Ed. We now have over 4,000 registered "L" which has steadily increased from the 1,600 we had two years ago. It would be wonderful to keep doubling the number of registered L's every 2 years. I think the candidates in 2014 will help a lot.

Keith Laube
State Chair, LPIA

North Dakota

As for North Dakota, we have been busy work on this Fall's election. We expect to receive a record number of Libertarian votes and to easily get more then the 5% minimum we need to keep ballot status. I have also noticed a very large increase in the number of invites our candidates are getting from candidate forums. In the past they were fairly minimal and we were often resented for showing up and taking away talk time from the "real candidates."

Roland Riemers
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