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*CALL TO ORDER*

The meeting of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) was called to order at the Hyatt Regency Columbus at approximately 3:00 p.m. Eastern on June 26, 2014, which is one day before the national convention would begin in the same facility.

*ATTENDANCE*

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Geoff Neale (Chair), David Blau (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Mark Hinkle, Bill Redpath, Starchild, Arvin Vohra

Regional Representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Sam Goldstein (Region 3), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Brett Pojunis (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5S), Rich Tomasso (Region 5N), Dianna Visek (Region 6), Gary Johnson (Region 7)

Regional Alternates: Doug Craig (Region 2), Steve Linnabary (Region 3) Scott Lieberman (Region 4), Scott Spencer (Region 5S), Paul Frankel (Region 7)

Not attending were: Lee Wrights (Vice-Chair), Michael Cloud (At-Large), Tony Ryan (Region 1 Alternate), Audrey Capozzi (Region 4 Alternate), Michael Knebel (Region 6 Alternate)

Operations Director Robert Kraus was present to represent staff. Executive Director Wes Benedict was not present due to his wife's medical condition.

The gallery contained numerous other attendees in addition to those listed above.

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

Mr. Blau reported that he was not aware of any credentials changes since the last LNC meeting.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Pojunis moved to adopt the chair's proposed agenda.

Starchild moved to amend the agenda to allow public comment from gallery members after each general section of the agenda for up to 1 minute per person, up to 10 minutes per agenda section. The motion failed on a voice vote.

The un-amended agenda was then adopted without objection, as shown below:

<b>Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Blau)</b>	2 minutes
<b>Officer Reports</b>	
Chair's Report	5 minutes
Treasurer's Report	10 minutes
Secretary's Report	10 minutes
<b>Staff Reports</b>	10 minutes
<b>Reports of Standing Committees</b>	
Awards Committee (Lark)	5 Minutes
Audit Committee (Starr)	10 Minutes
Ballot Access (Redpath)	10 Minutes
Office Acquisition Committee Report	5 Minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Goldstein)	5 Minutes
Convention Management Committee (N. Neale)	5 Minutes
Executive Committee (Neale)	5 Minutes
EPCC (Lark)	5 Minutes
<b>Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)</b>	5 Minutes each
<b>Adjournment</b>	5:00 pm

## REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr. Blau indicated that there were no additional reports of potential conflicts of interest for this meeting, however Mr. Johnson indicated that the listing of potential conflicts of interest that was distributed by the Secretary following the most recent LNC meeting (March 2014) was incomplete because it did not incorporate the items Mr. Johnson had added while he was serving as Secretary Pro Tem at the December 2013 LNC meeting.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Neale said that since the prior LNC meeting, the acquisition of our new office space and his work on the convention have taken much of his time, and those subjects will be covered in other agenda items.

Mr. Pojunis inquired about the status of the "U Might Be" project. Mr. Neale stated that the plan is ready to go, but what is needed is the \$25,000 for developing the website. Mr. Neale also indicated that staff has made some progress on the "Libertarian Angels" project, but it also lacks funding for professional development, and staff has had many other priorities (including convention planning and moving into the new building) so they have not been able give that idea full attention. These projects were two of the four LNC-term goals adopted by the LNC during its November 2012 meeting. Mr. Neale stated that regardless of whether he is re-elected as LNC Chair, he will continue to be the champion of developing the "U Might Be" project.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hagan reported that our FEC consultant, Paula Edwards, had talked with an analyst at the FEC to determine what has to be done to remedy problems with some of our FEC filings that were discovered by the Audit Committee, in that multiple transactions for different vendors were at times being combined and reported as only being for one vendor, and in other cases the ultimate vendors for expense reimbursements were not being disclosed. Since the grand totals of our expenditures were correctly reported, we just had to file a miscellaneous report with the FEC for 2011 and 2012. We had to file amended reports for March, April, June, and September of 2013. Those have all been filed now.

Because we were able to move out of our Watergate office space sooner than previously anticipated, and because staff has had some degree of success in selling promotional materials like t-shirts and hats, Mr. Hagan moved to amend the 2014 budget as follows:

- Support & Revenue, Brand / Promotional Materials (line item #26), increase from \$700 to \$10,800
- Program Expenses, Administrative Costs (line item #40), decrease from \$342,300 to \$321,100
- Program Expenses, Brand Development (line item #55), increase from \$2,800 to \$6,600
- Update the totals and subtotals as needed

Following some debate of the Hagan motion, Starchild moved to amend the Hagan motion to add a requirement that the format of the budget reports would break out staff compensation by individual staff member, rather than combining all staff members together in a single entry. Mr. Neale ruled Starchild's motion to be out of order since it was not germane to the main motion made by Mr. Hagan.

The roll call vote on Mr. Hagan's main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Blau, Goldstein, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Olsen

Abstentions: Starchild

With a vote total of 14-1, the motion was adopted.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Blau distributed a written report (see Appendix A for the report, as later amended to correct email ballot details).

A number of sets of meeting minutes from this LNC term have not yet been approved. Alicia Mattson had obtained the drafts that existed, made the necessary updates, and used an audio recording to create minutes from the 3/1/14 Executive Committee meeting for which no draft had been distributed. In advance of the meeting, Ms. Mattson had provided the LNC with updated versions ready for their approval. The minutes so presented for approval were:

LNC meeting minutes for May 6, 2012; July 15-16, 2012; November 17-18, 2012; July 14, 2013; and March 1-2, 2014

Executive Committee meeting minutes for May 1, 2013; May 28, 2013; June 12, 2013; August 19, 2013; October 12, 2013; October 29, 2013; December 19, 2013; February 6, 2014; March 1, 2014; and June 16, 2014.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve all of the above-listed minutes, for both the LNC meetings and the Executive Committee meetings. Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Olsen

Abstaining: Blau

With a vote total of 14-1, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Mattson noted that the LNC is still missing minutes from a February 13, 2014 Executive Committee meeting, for which no draft had been distributed, and insufficient records were available for her to reconstruct it for this meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

The written staff report had been distributed in advance (see Appendix B). Since Mr. Benedict was not present, Mr. Kraus fielded questions regarding it.

Mr. Tomasso asked if the LNC had received any reports detailing the performance of fundraising letters within the past quarter. Mr. Kraus indicated staff hadn't had a chance to compile that but could do so later. Mr. Tomasso inquired whether we have made any progress on previously suggestions of A/B testing with fundraising letters, but Mr. Kraus said he wasn't aware of any. Mr. Wiener (from his service on the Advertising and Publications Review Committee) was aware that on one fundraising letter this year, two groups were sent letters with different first paragraphs, but there was no discernable difference in their financial effectiveness.

On inquiry from Mr. Wiener, Mr. Kraus indicated that we had been quite successful in gaining a large number of new life members by noting that the rate for life membership was about to increase.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

Awards Committee Chair Dr. Lark had distributed a written report in advance (see Appendix C), and offered to answer any questions; there were none. Dr. Lark thanked staff member Eric Dixon for his assistance in creating the audio/visual materials that will be used for the awards presentations during the convention.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Chair Aaron Starr reported that the 2013 audit is complete, and the audited financial statements will be included in the delegate binders for the convention. He distributed the draft management letter and the draft letter on internal controls from the outside auditors. In the audit letters, the CPA firm indicated that they had not noticed any items that rose to the level of deficiencies. They did note some lingering weaknesses with items they had noted in the 2012 audit. These letters had just been received while Audit Committee members were in transit to this meeting, and even the Audit Committee hadn't yet had opportunity to review them, ask questions, or request any corrections. Mr. Starr indicated that the outside auditor had, due to the convention deadline, completed some portions of the audit before the Audit Committee realized it was underway, thus the Audit Committee didn't have as much input for this audit as it did for the previous year.

Mr. Starr noted that we currently provide financial disclosures of income and expense by function (affiliate support, ballot access, brand development, campaign support, litigation support, etc.) For the future he would like for us to include additional information to further break down those functions into natural accounting categories as well (salaries, rent, printing, etc.) to provide more useful details. GAAP seems to be moving in that direction as well, and it may eventually be a GAAP requirement for all non-profit organizations. Mr. Starr indicated that if he serves on the Audit Committee again, he will work with staff on the chart of accounts to facilitate that type of reporting.

Mr. Starr fielded questions from the board about the letters and recommendations.

Mr. Starr inquired about the new whistleblower policy that was added to the employee manual, what the source of it was, and whether the LNC had approved it, as it was different from the one that the Audit Committee had recommended. Dr. Lark, as chair of the Employment Policies and Compensation Committee, indicated that committee had placed some draft boilerplate material into the employee manual, but that subject needs to be addressed more fully at a later time by the LNC. Dr. Lark hopes to discuss these subjects with our legal counsel and with someone with experience in employment law for Virginia.

Mr. Starr noted that the Audit Committee had also provided starter material for a document retention policy, and that needs continued development.

## BALLOT ACCESS

Mr. Redpath had submitted a written ballot access action report in advance (see Appendix D) and provided a few updates. Rob Sarvis has now been certified for the ballot in Virginia as the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate. We have an Iowa candidate (Lee Hieb) for governor who is believed to have a good chance of attaining the required 2% of the vote to retain ballot access for 2016, but the process is not yet complete to place her on the ballot, and he may ask the next LNC for a small amount of assistance for the ballot access drive.

Two donors have been found to donate \$5,000 to the ballot access drive to help our Kentucky candidate for U.S. Senate get onto the ballot.

Mr. Redpath asked Paul Frankel to explain developments in Alabama. Mr. Frankel explained that the Alabama Secretary of State has indicated that our 16 party candidates there for county-wide and county commission offices can be on the ballot, but our 6 state legislative candidates and the one U.S. House candidate would have had to submit separate petitions, which interpretation contradicts past practice in Alabama. The state party is discussing with Richard Winger the potential for a lawsuit.

Last week the Illinois affiliate turned in over 43,000 signatures for their ballot access petition. On the Monday following the adjournment of the national convention, they will find out if they have been challenged. Within 7 days, anyone in the state can challenge the signatures for almost any reason. They were not challenged 2 years ago, but 4 years ago the Republicans did challenge more than half of our signatures and 10 of our petitioners, and they also challenged the Constitution Party and Green Party petitions at that time.

Doug Craig, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, reported that he just learned they will have a candidate in a 2-way race for an office in which our candidate has previously earned over a million votes, and they hope to repeat that performance this year.

## OFFICE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Blau noted that we have moved our headquarters office out of the Watergate building and into the new office space in Alexandria, VA. The minimal build-out is done; the needed new furniture has been procured. We were able to negotiate with the seller for us to keep a few of their small appliances. Mr. Benedict has indicated that his parents enjoy landscaping and may be willing to help with that. Local occupancy codes had required us to put in emergency lighting and a few other things to get our operating permit.

## CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Convention Oversight Committee Chair Sam Goldstein reported that one of their tasks was to contemporaneously publish a list of volunteers who are being compensated for their volunteer services. This list is located at the convention registration desk (see Appendix E for the final version). The volunteers had purchased convention packages, and their compensation (approved by the Convention Oversight Committee) was upgrades to higher-level convention packages.

Because we have in the past had difficulty getting reports about the performance of past conventions, Ms. Visek made a motion (which was amended without objection to be) that staff and the Convention Management Committee compile and report to the LNC by October 1, 2014 the results of the 2014 convention, including, but not limited to:

- 1) package sales and counts
- 2) expenses of the convention by category
- 3) number of hotel guest rooms booked
- 4) a profit and loss statement
- 5) a listing of volunteers and the amount and nature of any compensation each received

During debate of the motion, Mr. Neale indicated that the Party should demand from the hotel some sort of refund for various difficulties the convention planners had with the hotel's performance.

Mr. Neale volunteered to just make the text of the Visek motion a directive from the chair rather than asking the LNC to pass it, but the maker of the motion wanted the LNC to address it, and the motion had already been stated to the board.

Following debate, the vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Blau, Craig, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Hinkle

Abstaining: Neale

With a vote total of 14-1, the motion was adopted.

## CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Neale reported that he had developed spreadsheet tools for what-if calculations for convention finances and to track the actual status based on known sales, known expenses, etc. As of Monday morning, his calculations show this upcoming convention will be "in the black", based on the numbers known at this time which are not



final. He indicated that past history suggests that if you're "in the black" prior to the start of convention, you're in good shape from a financial risk standpoint.

Mr. Goldstein reported that Nancy Neale had approached him with a dilemma. There are two entertainers she has scheduled for convention events, and they've been offered compensation: Elizabeth Gentner (an opera singer) for up to \$500, and an emcee for up to \$250. Both of those individuals are on the Ohio delegate list, and the current Policy Manual Section 2.03.4 says that we cannot compensate anyone who is a convention delegate. Mr. Goldstein indicated his belief that they are relatively new party members, and they have no intention of running for internal office.

At the request of Nancy Neale, Mr. Goldstein made a motion (as amended without objection) to make an exception to Policy Manual Section 2.03.4 to allow compensation for Elizabeth Gentner for up to \$500 for opera singing and to another delegate up to \$250 for emcee services. The compensation shall be dependent on the two delegates agreeing not to run for any national party office.

Following debate, the vote on the main motion as amended was follows:

Voting "aye": Blau, Goldstein, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Wiener

Voting "no": Starchild, Visek

Abstaining: Vohra

With a vote total of 13-2, the motion was adopted.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Neale noted that the Executive Committee discussed becoming part of the Our America Initiative lawsuit against the Commission on Presidential Debates, and they had voted to do so. The lead attorney on that is having medical problems, but any decisions about the lawsuit will be up to Our America Initiative.

Mr. Redpath inquired about the health status of LNC legal counsel Gary Sinawski. Mr. Neale replied that he had attempted to contact him about 6 weeks ago, but Mr. Sinawski has been in and out of intensive care, has recently received a pacemaker, is now out of intensive care but is not yet ready to take phone calls. Ms. Visek suggested that since he is the lead attorney on the Illinois ballot access lawsuit, we may need to look for a backup option if needed. Mr. Blau volunteered to ask around his law office to see if one of his colleagues could make a referral to someone with election law experience.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

EPCC Chair Dr. Lark had submitted his written report (see Appendix F) in advance and offered to field any questions, but there were none.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

With an adjournment scheduled for 5:00 p.m., the regional reports were without objection skipped at 4:53 p.m. so as to proceed to announcements and public comment. See Appendix H for the written regional reports.

## ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements and public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. Eastern.

Minutes drafted and submitted by: Alicia Mattson

## Secretary's Report

### Credentialing

I have received no changes to the credentials since the March meeting.

### Email Ballots

The following email ballots took place since the March meeting:

1. On April 1, 2014, Chairman Neale moved (ballot 2014-02):

*To permit Dianna Visek to act as a paid petitioner in 2014 in Illinois, pursuant to Section 2.04, subsection 3 of the Policy Manual (pertaining to related party contracts).*

Voting aye: Blau, Goldstein, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Lark, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Vohra, Wiener.

Voting nay: Craig (for Kirkland), Olsen.

Superseded alternates: Lieberman (aye).

Abstaining: Starchild, Wrights.

This motion passed 11 to 2 on April 11, 2014.

2. On May 12, 2014, Mr. Hinkle moved (Cloud, Kirkland, Vohra co-sponsored; ballot 2014-03)

*That in LNC Policy Manual, Section 2.05 Membership Policies that the following changes are made:*

1. *Section 2) Association Levels - change "Until the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Prior to August 1, 2014".*

2. *Change in the same section "Effective after the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Effective August 1, 2014".*

3. *Section 3) Life Membership Status - change "Until the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Prior to August 1, 2014".*

4. *Section 3) Life Membership Status - change "Effective after the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Effective August 1, 2014".*

5. *Section 4) Benefits - change "Until the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Prior to August 1, 2014:".*

6. *Section 4) Benefits - change "Effective after the LNC takes occupancy of a purchased building:" to "Effective August 1, 2014".*

Voting aye: Cloud, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener.

Voting nay: Goldstein, Lieberman (for Pojunis).

This motion passed 11 to 2 with one abstention on May 22, 2014.



3. On May 26, 2014, Mr. Olsen moved (Pojunis, Starchild, Vohra co-sponsored; ballot 2014-04):

*Whereas the primary purpose of the LNC in delegating its authority to an Executive Committee is to enable the Executive Committee to respond promptly to events and conditions which require immediate and/or urgent attention; and*

*Whereas the membership of the party is entitled to know how all of its officers and representatives stand on all matters concerning the operation of the party, and especially the disbursement of funds, to the largest degree reasonable;*

*Therefore, it is resolved that section 1.01, sub-section 3, of the Policy Manual is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to the reference sub-section:*

*This delegation of authority is made solely as a means for the LNC to act promptly in such cases that immediate action is necessary to reduce or avoid a potential harm or to gain or enhance a specific benefit. Unless otherwise specifically excepted elsewhere in this manual, the Executive Committee shall not conduct business:*

- *for which there is no need for immediate or urgent action, or*
- *which could have otherwise been considered by the entire LNC without potentially incurring harm or losing benefits.*

Voting aye: Olsen, Starchild, Vohra.

Voting nay: Goldstein, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Lieberman (for Pojunis), Neale, Redpath, Visek, Wiener, Wrights.

Abstaining: Tomasso.

This motion failed 3 to 12 with one abstention on June 5, 2014.

#### Policy Manual

I have updated the Policy Manual to reflect the changes made since the March meeting. The binder should contain two copies of the new Manual, one clean copy and one copy showing mark ups.

#### Conflicts of Interest

I have received no formal reports of additional conflicts of interest since the March meeting.

#### Minutes

I have prepared the minutes for several past EC meetings. I wish to thank Jim Lark, Alicia Mattson, and Chuck Moulton for their collaboration in preparing minutes from several other past EC meetings and one LNC meeting. I have reviewed the minutes not initially prepared by me, and found them to be substantially accurate.

All sets of minutes should be in the binder. I intend to move that each of these minutes be adopted as official, and uploaded to the LP website as soon as reasonably practicable.

**See the following 13 pages for the staff report**

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## Staff Operational Report

Prior to LNC meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Submitted June 12, 2014, by Wes Benedict, Executive Director

Section 4.01 of the Policy Manual includes:

- *Monthly, provide a Membership Report*
- *Monthly, a Financial Report to the LNC (upon approval by the Treasurer).*
- *Two weeks prior to a scheduled LNC meeting, provide an Operational Report to include input from key staff members and a summary of staff personnel changes.*
- *At the LNC meeting following a general election, make a best effort to provide a summary of all elected Party officeholders.*

Monthly membership reports and financial reports have been submitted to the LNC separately from this report.

### **Staff Personnel Changes**

No changes since the last LNC meeting.

### **Other items**

- Moving to the new office has taken a lot of staff time, but the move has gone quite well overall, and should result in significant cost savings. I'd like to give special recognition to Robert Kraus for his amazing work assisting with getting the documents for closing in order, getting us out of our Watergate lease 3 months early (big savings), getting the new office remodeled with new walls, paint and electrical work, arranging pest control, janitorial services, scheduling the movers, occupancy licensing, new bulk mail permits and more. Wow!
- Preparing for the national convention has also taken a lot of staff time as expected.
- We're taking steps to roll out the new membership levels plan. The second customized email announcing the upcoming change brought in over \$9,000 within the first seven hours. We'll be announcing the new plan by mail as well. This was something staff (including myself), were very resistant to implementing due to the administrative burdens of making the changes, but we're making them happen and raising significant funds in the process. I'm feeling much better about this now that funds are coming in as a result. I do hope the next LNC will be open to some tweaks in the language that staff may propose to make it more understandable to the public and insiders as well.

## **LNC Political Director Activities Feb 13 – June 12, 2014**

Regular activities: Candidate support and recruitment, media interviews, writing of blogs and news releases, addressing ballot access issues, posting Facebook memes to LP.org.

Lists attached:

- LP mentions in major media
- Blogs, news releases, and print material published by LP headquarters

Kicked off and hosted first nine episodes of new radio show, *Libertarians Working for You* on Voice America, featuring 18 Libertarian candidates running for office this year. In May, trained Aaron Vohra to take over hosting of show. Continue to support show and lining up of candidates as needed.

Helped write April and June issues of *LP News*; February, March, April, and May issues of *Liberty Pledge*

Wrote June house fund-raising letter “Voter Demand...”

Made contact with the following Libertarian candidates and prospects this period in support of their campaigns. Included responding to inquiries and questions; giving campaigning, messaging, media relations and fundraising advice; helping to connect to volunteers:

Sent survey email to all elected Libertarians. Corresponded one-on-one with: Joshua Katz, CT, Erwin Haas – MI, Todd Grayson – OH, Brett Bittner – GA, Matt Schutter – PA, Brooke Harris – NY, Kim Hawk – FL, Nick Taiber – IA, Richard Burke – OR, Brian Holtz – CA, Levi Tappan – AZ, and Roger Fritz – IA.

Spoke to or corresponded via email with the following Libertarian candidates and candidate prospects:

Adrian Wyllie - FL, Andrew Horning - IN, Arvin Vohra - MD, Baron Bruno, CA, Bill Slantz - MO, Bill Wohlsifer campaign - FL, Bruce Majors - DC, Care (Carolyn) Clift campaign – AK, Chad Monnin - OH, Charlie Earl - OH, Daniel Lewis - TN, Danny Bedwell - MS, David Macko – OH, David Moran - WV, David Patterson - KY, Davy Jones - WV, Dorit Goikhman - NJ, Dustin May - AK, Ed Olesh - WV, Ed Rankin campaign - TX, Eric Eberly - OH, Frank Gilbert – AR, Gigi Bowman - NY, Greg Tlapik – MO, Gregory Adrianoff - HI, Jack Seaman - ND, James Carr - VA, Jeff Blunt - TX, Jeff Carson - VA, Jeremy Walters - SC, Joe Baratelli - NJ, Joey Robinson - MS, John Buckley - WV, Joseph Parambo - WY, Joshua James - TN, Keen Umbehre campaign - KS, Leigh LaChine - AL, Leo Dymowski - MD, Leon Weinstein prospect - CA, Lucas Overby - FL, Marc Harrold - VA, Matthew Hess -CO, Michael McDermott - AK, Michael Ray - WV, Mike Fellows - MT, Pranav Badhwar - DC, Ray Netherwood -FL, Richard Prawdzienski - OK, Rob Lapham - TX, Rob Sarvis - VA, Roger Paxton

campaign - AR, Roger Roots – MT, Roger Snyder - MI, Sean Haugh - NC, Sharon Hansen – IL, Shawn Quinn - MD, Steve Newton - DE, Tom Coyne - WV, Tresa McAlhenney - KS, Wesley Canteen campaign - NC, Xavier Draper - VA, William Winter (prospect)

Other candidates and prospects attempted to reach: , Jeff Davis-HI, Jim McDermott - AK, Matthew Solodow, Matt Schumaker - FL

Wrote three blast emails to all Libertarian candidates with advice on recruiting volunteers, fundraising, researching government data, and talking points on key Libertarian issues.

Built campaign websites for Libertarians Richard Prawdzienski (Gov. in Oklahoma) and Leo Dymowski (for AG in Maryland)

Sent candidate recruitment email to LP CA members

Lined up elected Libertarians panel and candidates to speak at LP National Convention.

Compiling key Libertarian Solutions and talking points for federal candidates: Completed since last period: , War on Drugs. , Restoration of Fourth Amendment, Military bases – domestic and overseas, costs, First pass analysis of spending levels of major federal programs

Continued participation with DC-based organizations pushing for restoration of the Fourth Amendment / anti-surveillance. Latest project: *Reset the Net* on June 5.

Presented *Who's Driving* at Alabama and West Virginia conventions.

Led approximately five online sessions of *Who's Driving* with candidates using Google Hangout.

Miscellaneous help with admin, wikis, affiliate support.

Helped move office to Alexandria.

## Email Transmissions, Pledge News, LP News Sent **13-Feb-14** through **12-Jun-14**

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Email	Show your love for liberty- \$14	2/14/2014
Email	LP candidates on radio, results of TDWFB, and more	2/15/2014
Pledge News	1402 PI Feb Ple	2/17/2014
Email	Tune into "Libertarians Working For You"	2/20/2014
Blog & Email	High energy outreach pays off for Lucas Overby campaign	2/24/2014
LP NEWS	V44 Issue I 2014 Feb LP News	2/26/2014
NewsRelease	Obama's military spending cuts equal military spending increases says LP	3/3/2014
NewsRelease	FL campaign shows continued growth of L votes	3/12/2014
Blog & Email	Quick Thank You	3/13/2014
Pledge News	1403 PI Feb Ple	3/17/2014
Blog & Email	2014 columbus national convention website live	3/18/2014
Email	LP Monday message: response to SOTUand convention correction	3/18/2014
Email	take poll, L's redefining US politics, Toni Nathan RIP, and more	3/25/2014
NewsRelease	Republican roots of rotten Common Core	3/28/2014
LP NEWS	V44 Issue II 2014 April LP News	3/31/2014
NewsRelease	Libertarian Party bucks trend with 11% increase in voter registration	4/2/2014
NewsRelease	LP song for the tax filing blues	4/14/2014
Email	Cast your LP vote May 6 or today	4/15/2014
Blog & Email	New LP convention speakers- register today	4/17/2014
Pledge News	1404 PI april Ple	4/17/2014
Email	Finally	4/24/2014
Email	Early-bird convention registration deadline extended	5/1/2014
NewsRelease	Tech companies announce plan to reset the net on anniversary of Snowden	5/5/2014
Blog & Email	2 OH LP candidates on ballot in Nov	5/9/2014
Email	Bad news in Illinois	5/9/2014
Blog & Email	Poll: how much should we cut federal taxes and spending	5/12/2014
Email	Early Bird Registration Ends Today! New Speakers & Entertainers Added!	5/15/2014
Email	Registration and membership questions	5/15/2014
Pledge News	1405 PI May Ple	5/17/2014
Email	'Reset the Net' on June 5, take a tax-cut poll, and more!	5/19/2014
Blog & Email	New LP hat promo	5/22/2014
Blog & Email	LP convention 4 weeks away	5/30/2014
LP NEWS	V44 Issue III 2014 June LP News	5/31/2014



## Email Transmissions, Pledge News, LP News Sent **13-Feb-14** through **12-Jun-14**

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Blog & Email	Conv. Hotel cutoff date is June 5	6/3/2014
NewsRelease	Edward Snowden, Internet's largest websites join Reset the Net	6/5/2014
Blog & Email	New HQ address and new membership plan	6/11/2014

# Media Coverage from 13-Feb-14 through 12-Jun-14

<i>Date</i>	<i>Outlet</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Subject</i>
05-Jun-14	Daily Beast	Southern-Fried Freedom Lovers Propel Libertarian Ca	High poll #s for candis in s
05-Jun-14	Reason	Libertarian Party Candidates Polling Surprisingly Well i	D. Beast article
04-Jun-14	Freedom Works radio show	n/a	LP national convention 4 w
19-May-14	press tv	Individual murders in US aren't reported by national ne	gun control
01-May-14	press tv	n/a	Obama approval rating
01-May-14	RT Radio	Wall Street Journal Poll	foreign policy
30-Apr-14	Voice of Russia	midterm election interview	midterm elections
17-Apr-14	Westmoreland Times	Libertarian Party bucks trend with 11% increase in vot	voter registration
16-Apr-14	legislative gazette	n/a	n/a
13-Apr-14	temple daily news	LP strong with youths	party growth
11-Apr-14	huff post college	Why Arizona "Religious Freedom" Movement Should	issues
08-Apr-14	al.com	Libertarian Gary Johnson once climbed Everest, but th	candidates
07-Apr-14	presstv	'Get US gov. out of way on unemployment'	national activism/interview
04-Apr-14	examiner	New poll shows Americans often in agreement with lib	political beliefs
27-Mar-14	Paul Molloy Radio Show	Carla Howell, Political Director, NLP interview	Common Core
25-Mar-14	IVN.US	libertarians can disagree with ron paul; try not to faint	policy
23-Mar-14	statesmanjournal.com	noted libertarian tonie nathan dies	tonie nathan
20-Mar-14	KVAL.com	Oregon Libertarian, 1st woman to receive electoral vot	elections/tonie nathan
18-Mar-14	coindesk	bitcoin's growing role in us politics	national policy
17-Mar-14	examiner	obama seizes on march madness to sell obamacare	federal issues
16-Mar-14	marietta daily journal	this party's military downsizing plan makes obama look	national policy
15-Mar-14	DNJ.com	libertarian gary johnson calls for eliminating IRS	candidates/issues
14-Mar-14	the denver post	2012 pres. Hopeful gary johnson to speak at LP conve	candidates/convention
11-Mar-14	westmoreland times	obama's military spending cuts equal military spending	national press release
11-Mar-14	standard examiner	political parties should pick candidates, pay for proces	candidates
10-Mar-14	presstv	us congress has done so much damage	national policy
04-Mar-14	insurancenewsnet.com	Obama's military spending cuts equal military spendin	govt spending
28-Feb-14	the global dispatch	why a 3rd party vote is not a wasted vote	voting/candidates
26-Feb-14	examiner	March 31 Obamacare deadline extended for millions	obamacare

## Media Coverage from **13-Feb-14** through **12-Jun-14**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Outlet</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Subject</i>
26-Feb-14	The Voice of Russia	Hagel proposes military budget that disguises spendin	national budget
25-Feb-14	MintPress News	Libertarians, Progressives poised to redefine american	third party
24-Feb-14	IVN	5 states with worst ballot access laws	ballot access
18-Feb-14	All Voices	Open Doors, HalfTime and the rise of the independent	candidates
18-Feb-14	Mint Press News	Philosophies Clash In Liberal And Social Anarchy's Dif	candidates
16-Feb-14	Reason	The FEC Fears the Dead Will Corrupt Politics (Throug	financial laws

# Web Content Created **13-Feb-14** thru **12-Jun-14**

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Type	Topic	Date
Blog & Email	High energy outreach pays off for Lucas Overby campaign	2/24/2014
Blog	MintPress reports L's are redefining American politics	2/25/2014
Blog	LP candidates Bowman & Dymowski on school safety and self	2/27/2014
Blog	2014 state conventions	
NewsRelease	Obama's military spending cuts equal military spending increas	3/4/2014
Blog	AZ repeals ballot access restriction under pressure from pendin	
Blog	OH R's toss top-ticket L's off ballot; LP fires back	
Blog	National news tracks impact of Libertarian Lucas Overby on F	
NewsRelease	FL campaign shows continued growth of L votes	3/12/2014
Blog & Email	Quick Thank You	3/13/2014
Blog & Email	2014 columbus national convention website live	3/18/2014
Blog	Washington Times: Libertarians struf their stuff	3/19/2014
Blog	take the poll: biggest benefit of broad-based tax cut	3/20/2014
Blog	Libertarian Toni Nathan, 1st woman in US history to receive el	3/20/2014
Blog	Battle of libertarian ballot access in OH rages on	3/24/2014
Blog	Montana supreme court blocks "top two" measure from 2014 b	3/28/2014
NewsRelease	Republican roots of rotten Common Core	3/28/2014
NewsRelease	Libertarian Party bucks trend with 11% increase in voter regist	4/2/2014
Blog	LP responds to R weekly address on unemployment, jobs traini	4/9/2014
Blog	LPNC holds first ever candidate forum for US Senate	4/9/2014
Blog	New LP stickers, 2 for 5, 20 cents in bulk	4/10/2014
NewsRelease	LP song for the tax filing blues	4/14/2014
Blog	2014 State Conventions	4/15/2014
Blog	Missouri LP places 30 candidates on primary ballot	4/16/2014
Blog & Email	New LP convention speakers- register today	4/17/2014
Blog	LP applauds Ron Paul suing IRS, calls for end of income tax	4/21/2014
Blog	W Times Gov. Gary Johnson on presidential debates	5/1/2014
Blog	OH LP loses BA lawsuit	5/2/2014
Blog	LP on Obama's low poll ratings	5/5/2014
NewsRelease	Tech companies announce plan to reset the net on anniversary	5/5/2014
Blog	VA libertarian elected to office	5/7/2014
Blog & Email	2 OH LP candidates on ballot in Nov	5/9/2014
Blog & Email	Poll: how much should we cut federal taxes and spending	5/12/2014
Blog	LP candidates calling for smaller govt on LP radio show	5/12/2014

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Type	Topic	Date
Blog	NC LP for US senate sean haugh polling 11%	5/13/2014
Blog & Email	New LP hat promo	5/22/2014
Blog	FL LP fight debt in collier county	5/25/2014
Blog	6 LP candidates on primary ballot in CA	5/27/2014
Blog	cut federal taxes and spending libertarians say	5/29/2014
Blog & Email	LP convention 4 weeks away	5/30/2014
Blog	LNC moved into new David F. Nolan office	6/2/2014
Blog & Email	Conv. Hotel cutoff date is June 5	6/3/2014
Blog	Daily Beast: Southern-Fried freedom lovers propel LP candidat	6/5/2014
Blog	Record breaking 17 LP on ballot in HI	6/5/2014
NewsRelease	Edward Snowden, Internet's largest websites join Reset the Net	6/5/2014
Blog	LP FL candidate polling over 30%	6/6/2014
Blog	Elected LP discuss serving in office on panel at LP national co	6/9/2014
Blog & Email	New HQ address and new membership plan	6/11/2014

# Director of Operation's Report

by Robert Kraus

## **Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service**

We continue to do various on going clean ups of emails and other items in the dumps. The new membership levels have been reported to the state chair's list so they are prepared for changes to the dump come August. Staff has found some of the language to be very confusing and is working with the Membership Committee and Dr. Lark to make improvements to the Policy Manual.

## **Building (Office Acquisition) Fund**

We are now out of the Watergate and into our new office. The move went very well with only the normally expected hiccups. We still need to raise about \$15,000 additional by mid July to pay for the improvements / renovations.

## **FEC Filing**

We continue to file accurate FEC reports and use Paula Edwards to complete the FEC Filing Process on a monthly basis and handle our amendments. The reconciliation and audit steps to this process continue to work to assure that these reports are correct prior to filing, and to insure that the disbursements and contributions match to our cash accounting records.

As a reminder, the FEC reports are done on a cash basis while our financial reports are done on an accrual basis as required by our bylaws which require adherence to GAAP. Therefore, our Statement of Operations will not always look the same as what is reported on the summary page of our FEC Filings.

## **Financial**

Finances are very tight due to the IL & AL Ballot Access petitioning and costs associated with moving. So far thru 05/31 we have raised \$31,755 towards Ballot Access and spent \$80,135. The majority of these funds were spent in April and May.

We would have had a very serious issue paying our bills if it wasn't for a max donation solicited by Mark Hinkle. Staff wants to thank Mark for all his efforts raising major funds over the last several years and encourages other board members to do the same.

## **Thank you!**

Robert



# Employee Tasks & Duties

## **Wes Benedict: Executive Director**

Staff hiring, evaluation and re-assignment of tasks, supervision

LNC/Chair interface

Writing and preparation of fund-raising letters & emails

Brand development

Assist with LP News

Affiliate support

Membership support

Campaign and candidate support

Office clean-up and preparation for move to new office; then organize new office

Special projects oversight: wikis, promotional items, legal, membership plans

## **Carla Howell: Political Director**

Miscellaneous meetings with, and inquires from, outside organizations

Systems evaluation, update, vendor review (iContact, LP.org, FB)

Miscellaneous issues concerning members, candidates, affiliates, donors

Writing/Editing - blog, press releases, videos, Pledge, LP News, other web content

Media inquiry responses, interviews, travel to interview

Trouble-shooting (web site, database, building, etc.)

Giving speeches, travel (State Events)

Convention support: email fund-raising, logistics, management, materials

Candidate recruitment, coaching, support, support literature, LP solutions, talking points

Creation of LP literature (e.g. new tri-fold brochure)

General promotion of LP candidates (e.g., new radio show)

## **Robert Kraus: Operations Director**

Help with overall maintenance of LP.org

Customer service - internal and external

Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)

Assist with mem database troubleshooting and cleanup

Supervision of Mem support Specialist

Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers

Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC

Managing lawsuits and other legal matters with the chair & treasurer

Managing our ballot access matters & petitioning w-treasurer

Affiliate support - working w-states on various things

Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ

Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee & other conv duties

Staff liaison to the Building Fund & Other Committees

Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)

Preparation of financial and membership reports

Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing
Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
General purchasing and procurement
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues & audit
Record & Attend LNC meetings (12 hrs every 4 months)
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff
Create and maintain Employee Manual
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)
Process & manage monthly gifts for direct account draft
<b>Nick Dunbar: Membership and Pledge Programs. Special Projects</b>
Data pulls for membership cards, acknowledgments and cultivation
Assist with emailblasts and support of email system
Update Board Report (Standard report which shows appeal results)
In house IT support person for servers & phones
Process monthly gifts for members & get updated info plus Pledge News
Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments for lists
Search for creative ideas to cultivate high dollar and loyal donors
<b>Bob Johnston: Member, Candidate and Affiliate Support</b>
Call Libertarian candidates to find out the information they need to run for office
Keep track of our current ballot access in each state
Compile LP candidate data and update LP.org web site
Monthly Donors: call and email those whose cards expire
Miscellaneous projects, e.g., compiling filing requirements for affiliates
Renewals: call, email and send letters to lapsed members to renew
Compile LP elected officials data and update LP.org web site
Compile election results for LP candidates
<b>Casey Hansen: Member Services &amp; Affiliate Relations</b>
Maintain Events Listing on LP.org
Create new records for people who ask for information packets
Prepare data for new membership and print letters for membership cards
Prepare information packets for new inquires
Print and mail special mail projects (annual reports, Christmas cards, etc)
Print and send membership cards to monthly pledgers
Update and maintain records in RE
Design website for state affiliates
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists
Convention and LNC Meeting Prep
Photocopy checks before deposit
Prepare daily reports and do daily cash audits
Process and cage all checks, credit cards and cash received via mail into RE

Process and cage all web transactions into RE (varies greatly)
Process refunds and contribution returns
Print and send acknowledgements of donations
Prepares email updates lists
Each month, import website recurring gift transactions into Raiser's Edge
Import new inquiries and volunteers into RE
<b>Eric Dixon: Editor &amp; Technology Developer</b>
Editor, LP News
Create and Monitoring Facebook Ads
Help w-Conv Website
Help w-Outreach Events
Monitoring the LP.org Traffic and Analytics
Post blog entries, press releases, poll and other information on LP.org
Social Media Management: Facebook, twitter, etc.
Manage email broadcast system
Prepare email blasts
Produce Video Content
<b>Molly Schwoppe: Member Services Specialist</b>
Greet visitors to the office
Produce and mail LP information packets
Address general questions and complaints from members
Answer and direct incoming phone calls
Find articles for Liberty Pledge newsletter
Generate weekly inquiries list
Maintain address and contact information for members
Miscellaneous: Filing, research, member correspondence
Monitor and sort incoming email to LP email addresses
Produce and mail LP membership card packets
Track media hits and contacts for Carla Howell
Provides customer service to state and local affiliates
Accept, open, and deliver courier packages
Accept, open, and sort mail from USPS
Assist in general office upkeep, organization, and ordering of supplies
Deposit checks at bank after they have been processed & verified
Re-check of daily deposits and cash audits
Sort and tag physical monetary contributions (checks, cc, and cash)
Put together and mail merchandise orders
Assist Casey with processing and entering contributions into RE

## 2014 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 23, 2014

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Chair, 2014 Awards Committee

The members of the Awards Committee are Michael Cloud, Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath. Mr. Cloud, Mr. Knedler, and Dr. Lark were elected to serve by the LNC during the July 2012 meeting. Mr. Redpath was elected by the LNC during the March 2013 meeting (to replace Ruth Bennett). Mary Ruwart was elected to serve during the July 2012 meeting, but resigned on April 29, 2014 due to a possible conflict of interest

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the many LP members who submitted nominations and supporting material to the Committee. There were many nominees of distinction for the various awards; we hope those who were not selected for awards this year will be nominated for future awards.

The Committee elected Harry Browne and Richard Winger to the Hall of Liberty in mid April. A story about the election has appeared in the June issue of *LP News*. The inductees will be honored in a ceremony during the national convention on the afternoon of Saturday, June 28.

In mid May the Committee selected the recipients of the Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, and Thomas Jefferson Awards. The identity of the recipients will be announced during a ceremony at the national convention on the afternoon of Friday, June 27.

Mr. Knedler deserves special commendation for his work on the Committee. In particular, he arranged for the purchase and engraving of the statues and medals that the recipients will receive. Moreover, he paid for these awards as a donation to the LP. Eric Dixon (Editor and Technology Developer at LPHQ) also deserves special commendation for his work to prepare the audio-visual material to honor Mr. Browne and Mr. Winger.

Enclosed below are the names of the previous recipients of the Adams, Paine, Henry, and Jefferson Awards, along with the names of the Hall of Liberty members. Since these awards represent the highest honors presented for service to the Libertarian Party, Committee members believe the LP.org website should feature a page that lists these names, along with photographs and brief biographies.

**APPENDIX: Libertarian Party national award recipients and Hall of Liberty members**

1996:

Samuel Adams Award: Don Ernsberger  
Thomas Paine Award: Jacob Hornberger  
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Nolan

1998:

Samuel Adams Award: Steve Dasbach  
Thomas Paine Award: Harry Browne  
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Bergland

2000:

Samuel Adams Award: Richard Rider  
Thomas Paine Award: Michael Cloud  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ed Clark

2002:

Samuel Adams Award: Bruce Baechler  
Thomas Paine Award: Richard Pearl  
Thomas Jefferson Award: John Perry

2004:

Samuel Adams Award: Jim Lark  
Thomas Paine Award: Mary Ruwart  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ron Crickenberger

2006:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Badnarik  
Thomas Paine Award: John Stossel  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Harry Browne

2008:

Samuel Adams Award: Bill Hall  
Thomas Paine Award: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark

2010:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler  
Thomas Paine Award: Rex Bell  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Bill Redpath

2012:

Patrick Henry Award: Lex Green, Travis Irvine  
Samuel Adams Award: Clyde Garland  
Thomas Paine Award: Jim Lark

Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris

Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

2014:

Patrick Henry Award: To be announced

Samuel Adams Award: To be announced

Thomas Paine Award: To be announced

Thomas Jefferson Award: To be announced

Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne (Tennessee), Richard Winger (California)

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Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: To be announced

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger

1998: Steve Dasbach

2000: Richard Rider

2002: Bruce Baechler

2004: Jim Lark

2006: Michael Badnarik

2008: Bill Hall

2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

2012: Clyde Garland

2014: To be announced

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger

1998: Harry Browne

2000: Michael Cloud

2002: Richard Pearl

2004: Mary Ruwart

2006: John Stossel

2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg

2010: Rex Bell

2012: Jim Lark

2014: To be announced

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan

1998: David Bergland

2000: Ed Clark

2002: John Perry



2004: Ron Crickenberger  
2006: Harry Browne  
2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark  
2010: Bill Redpath  
2012: Sharon Harris  
2014: To be announced

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan  
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS ACTION REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

Columbus, Ohio

June 26, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

If we lived in a nation with just election laws, we wouldn't have to pursue ballot access. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The following memo addresses petitioning opportunities for the LNC in 2014, and through 2016.

I want to thank Bob Johnston, LP of Maryland Chair and an Independent Contractor to the LNC, for his work in contacting various state parties and their Chairs, and his preparation of the table that is a part of this report, and Richard Winger and Paul Frankel for their assistance in updating this report.

We currently have statewide ballot access for 2014 in the following 32 states (plus DC): AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, ND, OH, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, VT, WV & WY. This assumes that all paperwork will be filed on a timely basis.

Current petition drive updates:

AL: The LNC spent \$12,500 on the LPAL petition drive in 2014. Because I am still gathering information on this petition drive, and Paul Frankel will be at the LNC meeting in Columbus on June 26, an oral report on this drive will be given at that time.

IL: Lex Green reports that the LPIL will file 43,992 gross signatures with the IL State Board of Elections on Monday, June 23. 25,000 valid sigs are needed to get on the ballot, which would require a validity rate of 56.83%. IL is a challenge state. If no challenge is filed by the close of business on Monday, June 30, the LPIL statewide slate of seven candidates will be on the ballot in 2014.

I (Bill Redpath) gathered 663 gross volunteer sigs in front of the main post office in Normal, IL on the Tuesday through Friday after Memorial Day. I want to thank Lex and Karen Green, and their dog, Baxter, for their hospitality at their home in Bloomington, Illinois.

IA: The LPIA has a candidate for Governor. They need 1,500 valid sigs to get that candidate on the ballot. They have 700 gross sigs now. Richard Winger thinks it will be a three-way race for Governor. If the candidate gets at least 2% of the vote, the LPIA will have ballot status in IA. If that does not occur, we will need 1,500 valid sigs in 2016 for President. This needed LNC subsidization in 2012.

KY: The LPKY has a candidate for the McConnell-Grimes US Senate race this year. However, 5,000 valid sigs (at least 7,500 gross sigs) are needed by the August 12 deadline. Only 1,000-1,500 gross sigs have been gathered so far. There is no chance for ballot retention, as that is only based on the vote for President in KY. On the Executive Committee phone call of Monday, June 16, the EC

declined to encumber funds for this drive, but directed LP ED Wes Benedict to work with LPKY Chair Ken Moellman in fundraising.

I (Bill Redpath) have made a \$100 pledge toward this petition drive, contingent on the raising of the \$10,000-\$15,000 total in cash and pledges that will be necessary for a successful paid petition drive (assuming that is done with enough remaining time to gather the sigs).

NH: The LPNH has a candidate for US Senate, but not Governor this year. A petition with 3,000 valid sigs will be necessary to get on the ballot. Rich Tomasso can update us on the progress of this petition drive. If the candidate receives at least 4% of the vote, the LP would get party status again in NH.

NM: The LPNM did not pursue a petition drive for statewide office this year because no member of the LPNM wanted to be a candidate for statewide public office.

NY: There will be a 15,000 valid sig petition for our statewide candidates (including Governor) in 2014 during a six week period from early July until late August. The Executive Committee recently encumbered \$25,000 of LNC funds to help with this petition drive. Our Governor candidate in 2010, Warren Redlich, received 48,386 votes for Governor. Gary Johnson got 47,256 votes for President in New York in 2012. 50,000 votes are needed to retain ballot status for the next four years (through the 2018 general election).

OH: Without a change to Ohio ballot access law (definition of a political party), the LPOH will lose ballot status after November 4, 2014. My understanding of what happened: The LPOH candidate for Governor needed 500 valid sigs to get on the ballot, even though the LPOH was a recognized party in OH. The sigs were gathered, but the paid petitioner was told by an LPOH member that he did not have to fill in the "Employer" line on the petitions when he signed them, as that law had not been enforced for many years. The OH Secretary of State said the petition was OK. The Republican Party found someone to challenge the petition of 500 net sigs for Governor based on this omission. This person really didn't understand what he was doing and was put up to this by the Republican Party. The person had voted in the LPOH primary. The challenge was upheld. The LPOH sued but lost in US District Court and the US Court of Appeals. Also, at the time the challenge was filed, it was too late to find a new candidate for Governor because it was too late to file as a write-in in the Primary.

OK: Richard Prawdzienski is filing as an independent for Governor of Oklahoma in 2014, so in a sense we will be "on" the ballot in Oklahoma this year. He just needs a filing fee and it isn't too high. He will be the first Libertarian on the ballot for Governor of Oklahoma in history, but without a "Libertarian" label.

PA: Ken Krawchuk got the LPPA nomination for Governor, and Henry Haller got the nomination for Lt. Governor on 2/22/2014. The results of those elections will not qualify the LPPA for the 2016 ballot. The statewide petition now has probably no more than 5,000 gross sigs. 16,639 valid sigs will be needed on the 2014 petition. The deadline is August 1, 2014. At least 20,000 gross sigs (and probably more like 25,000) will be needed by August 1. I think it is highly unlikely that the LPPA petition drive for Governor/LT. Governor will succeed this year. The LPPA will likely have several candidates for lower level offices make the ballot this year.

SD: The LP will lose its party status in SD in November, because the LPSD did not run someone for Governor this year. The LPSD did not gather the 250 sigs of registered Libertarians it would have taken to get a Governor candidate on the ballot. We would have needed 2.5% of the vote for Governor to retain ballot status. While the LP of North Dakota is running candidates and thinks it will retain ballot status after the November 4, 2014 general election, it has been reported to me that the LPSD State Committee has trouble even getting its members to meet.

TN: The LP has Daniel Lewis for Governor and Joshua James for US Senate, who are running as Independent candidates.

VA: We are awaiting word as to whether Rob Sarvis, the 2013 Governor nominee, is on the ballot for US Senate in 2014. If he does get on the ballot, and he gets at least 10% of the vote, the LPVA will be ballot qualified in VA through the November 2017 general election.

2014 Summary: Spent by the LNC in 2014: \$66,500 for IL, \$12,500 for AL, with \$25,000 encumbered (to be spent in July and August) for NY equals \$104,000. The Ballot Access expense budget for 2014 currently stands at \$120,900.

2016 Petitioning:

AL: 5,000 valid sig petition for Independent for President that cannot start until Memorial Day 2016, as there is no substitution for President in Alabama. Early September 2016 deadline.

CT: 7,000 valid sigs in 2016 for President. The LPCT is working with the ACLU to possibly litigate the out-of-state petitioner ban in CT. This drive will likely need some subsidization from the LNC.

IA: If we don't get at least 2% of the vote for Governor in 2014, we will need 1,500 valid sigs in 2016 for President. This needed LNC subsidization in 2012.

KY: 5,000 valid sigs for President in 2016, with a petition that can start to circulate the day after Election Day 2015. There is a US Senate race in KY in 2014, but ballot status cannot be gained through the results of that election.

MA: We will need to do a 10,000 valid sig petition drive for President after Memorial Day 2016. Deadline: August 1, 2016.

ME: 4,000 valid sig petition for Independent for President that cannot start until Memorial Day 2016, as there is no substitution for President in Maine.

MN: 2,000 valid sig petition for President in 2016. This needed LNC subsidization in 2012.

NJ: 800 valid sigs in 2016 for President. Unfortunately, this required LNC subsidization in 2012.

OK: Unless something changes through litigation or lobbying, this will be a 40,000+ sig petition drive. Ballot access legislation to reduce the number of signatures did not pass in 2014.

RI: 1,000 net sigs for a Presidential petition. The LPRI needed LNC help for this petition in 2012 and might in 2016.

TN: Because the TN ballot access law has been found to be unconstitutional, the LP may be a ballot qualified party in TN, just as has been the case in OH over the past few years. If not, it is 275 net sigs for a Presidential petition. The LPTN needs to work to get this done well ahead of the deadline in 2016, not let it go to a last day fire drill, as in 2012.

VA: In 2016, VA will require only 5,000 valid sigs for a Presidential petition. I do not know if this can be done totally volunteer, but the LPVA's cash minus liabilities is now up to about \$16,000. I anticipate that the 2016 presidential petition drive in VA can be done without LNC subsidization.

WA: The LPWA handled the Presidential petition on its own in 2012, and I anticipate that it will do so again in 2016.

## 2014 Libertarian Party Convention Compensated Volunteers

Per the action of the Libertarian National Committee requiring publication of a list of national convention volunteers compensated for their work, the Convention Oversight Committee and Convention Management Committee have signed contracts with the following individual:

Name	Package Upgrade
Greg Norris	Silver
Helen Norris	Silver
Christopher Gill	Bronze
Heath Richards	Gold
Bob Bridges	Gold
Mark Gloraski	Bronze
John Foekler	Bronze

This list is accurate as of 11:00am on Thursday, June 26, 2014.

Sam Goldstein, Chair  
LNC Convention Oversight Committee



## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 23, 2014

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Chair, Employment Policy and Compensation Committee

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Mark Hinkle, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath. The members were appointed to the Committee by Geoff Neale on May 9, 2013.

The EPCC has prepared a revision of the Employee Manual and submitted it to Wes Benedict and Robert Kraus in their capacities as Executive Director and Operations Director, respectively. It is our understanding that this document constitutes the first formal revision of the Employee Manual for several years. The EPCC expresses its appreciation to Mr. Benedict and Mr. Kraus for their assistance in this effort.

A copy of the revision will be distributed to LNC members. (The revision may be reformatted subsequently by the staff to improve readability.) The copy does not include forms (e.g., the non-disclosure agreement for employees) that the Operations Director may choose to include in the manual.

Please note that some material regarding the 401(k) retirement savings plan will be updated by Mr. Kraus in the near future. Since Mr. Kraus has been busy with many tasks of a timely nature, and since this material may be updated subsequently without causing problems, there was consensus among the EPCC, Mr. Benedict, and Mr. Kraus to accept the revision.

The EPCC offers the following suggestions concerning improvements to the Employee Manual and some associated issues:

- 1) While the Employee Manual contains language concerning protection of “whistleblowers,” as far as we are aware the LNC has not formally adopted a general policy regarding “whistleblowers.” The LNC may wish to adopt such a policy during the 2014-2016 term.
- 2) As far as we are aware, the LNC has not formally adopted a general policy concerning maintenance and disposal of documents. The LNC may wish to adopt such a policy during the 2014-2016 term.
- 3) While the Employee Manual was submitted to LNC general counsel Gary Sinawski for review, it has not been submitted for review to an attorney with expertise in employment law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The EPCC has sought to find an attorney with such expertise who will review the document at a reasonable cost to the LNC. So far we have not found such an attorney. We suggest that the EPCC continue this search.

To assist the LNC during the 2014-2016 term, Dr. Lark (EPCC chair) will provide a copy of this report to the incoming LNC chair, and will be available to assist the incoming LNC with information and advice regarding employment policy and compensation issues.

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## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 23, 2014

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Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Columbus should additional information become available.

- 1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am usually able to respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry. Unfortunately, the standard deviation of the response time has increased somewhat during the past three months. Fortunately, it appears this increase has not caused any problems.
  - 2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates.)
  - 3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. For example, I have provided assistance to Patrick McKnight (chair, Libertarian Party of New Jersey) concerning outreach to students in the Garden State. I am investigating opportunities for conducting campus organizing tours during the fall.
  - 4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, members of the SFL board and I have found ways for the LP to use the many services available from SFL. We must be careful in so doing because we do not wish to jeopardize the 501c(3) status of SFL.
- I am pleased to note that I shall give the keynote address to the annual SFL campus coordinators’ retreat on July 19. In addition, I have been invited to give the keynote addresses at the European Students For Liberty conferences in Paris, France on Sept. 13 and Madrid, Spain on Oct. 25.
- 5) I continue to receive invitations to speak at high schools, colleges, and universities during the school year. In addition, I am frequently asked to speak to groups of students who are studying politics and government. For example, I gave an address about the Libertarian Party on June 22 to the participants in the 2014 Congressional Seminar at American University.
  - 6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest. I am pleased to note that once again I shall address the YAL national convention at the end of July.
  - 7) As noted previously, several liberty-oriented organizations (e.g., Cato, Reason Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Foundation for Economics Education) work to coordinate their student outreach programs. I participate in meetings of representatives of these organizations when my schedule permits.

8) I am investigating options concerning advertising aimed at college-age students. In particular, I anticipate that I shall work with Robert Sarvis' U.S. Senate campaign in Virginia to advertise the Libertarian Party to students. As part of this effort, I hope to work more closely with Arvin Vohra regarding the use of social media in outreach to students.

9) I shall conduct a workshop on campus organizing at the LP national convention on Friday, June 27.

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# Libertarian National Committee

## Region 1 Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen

June 26, 2014

### Overview

- The ten affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Nine of the ten states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2014. The exception, Washington, requires only 1,000 valid signatures. Washington has obtained ballot access without assistance for several election cycles now.
- Due to the geographic nature of this region, which spans five time zones and extends from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), personal contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates is quite rare.
- This is a work in progress at the current time; look for future updates.

### Alaska

Michael Chambers, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	7,180
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	3% of register voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	2
Estimated Budget	\$3,600 / year
Web site current?	No

### Arizona

Warren Severin, State Chair

The pseudo Top Two legislation has been repealed by the republican controlled legislature. This action is considered to be the result of recognition by the Republicans that the recall would have succeed. In that case, the legislature would be prohibited by law to legislate on this issue again. So, to save the option of trying again,

the legislation was repealed. Thus, the republican controlled legislature can try again and it is presumed that they will. This issue is not over yet in Arizona.

Number of Libertarians	25,845
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	Registration >= .65% of active registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2014	13
Estimated Budget	\$12,000 / year
Web site current	No

## Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

For Jeffery Orrok, Norm Olsen reports:

Colorado Libertarians have achieved their goal for the 2014 general election. There will be at least five Libertarians on every ballot in the state in November. There are some 42 candidates all told. Membership is up again, and at the recent convention all board of director positions were filled.

Number of Libertarians	24,000
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1,000 Registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	65+
Estimated Budget	\$375 / month
Web Site current?	Yes

## Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Eight candidates have been nominated and are on the ballot in Hawaii; 4 times as many as in 2012.

Number of Libertarians	68
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No, party affiliation not maintained by the state
Ballot Access Status	10% of statewide race, or petition of 0.1% of registered voters (~720)

Number of Candidates in 2014	8
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	Yes

## Idaho

Rob Oates, State Chair

Idaho's convention is taking place as I write. Look for an update.

Number of Libertarians	3,412
Method of Membership Determination	Voter Registration
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes (new in 2013, explaining the above answers)
Ballot Access Status	Maintained by running 3 statewide candidates very two years.
Number of Candidates in 2012	6
Estimated Budget	\$3,000 per annum
Web site current?	No

## Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

In 2012, the Libertarian Party of Kansas adopted a plan to become a major political party in 2014. To date, the plan has been executed flawlessly. Keen Umbehr was nominated at the April 27 convention as the party's gubernatorial candidate, and Keen's son Josh as the Lieutenant Governor candidate.

Keen is an attorney, but has pledged not to accept new cases so he can campaign full time and has grub-staked his campaign with \$50,000 of his own money. Keen is committed. Keen is aiming for 35% of the vote against an unpopular republican incumbent. Five percent is all that's required for LPKS to obtain major party status. Donate at [www.keenforkansas.com](http://www.keenforkansas.com)

### Open Carry Bill awaits Governor's signature

It's been a long campaign but it appears we finally prevailed. A bill that makes it clear all law abiding citizens have a right to openly carry a loaded firearm anywhere in Kansas awaits the Governor's signature. As is always the case, many contributed to this success.

Our most notable volunteers were Earl McIntosh, Grant Nelson, Mike Kerner, and the Johnson County Open Carry Group. We also need to credit the fine work of our two lawyers, James Nelson and Lucas Thompson. While LPKS kept the pressure on local units of government, Patrica Stoneking and the Kansas State Rifle Association demonstrated their skill navigating this bill through the legislature.



These are the high-profile volunteers but there are hundreds of others without whom this would probably not have happened: Every LPKS member who responded to our Action Alert by calling their legislator and every LPKS member who contributed to this costly campaign deserve the true credit. Without this kind of grass-roots support, we are nothing more than a impotent debating society. Thank you everyone.

## School Choice bill awaits Governor's signature

LPKS has been working since 2009 to make true school choice a reality for all Kansans. This has never been a Libertarian campaign against public education. Rather, it is recognition that not all students are alike or learn in the same manner and a one-size-fits-all solution is unlikely to serve all Kansas students well.

To make choice a reality for Kansas students, Stacey Davis researched and drafted what became known as the Kansas Education Liberty Act (KELA). Long time readers will recall we have talked about this in past missives.

As a direct result of the Herculean efforts of Davis, State Chair, Al Terwelp, and Webb Garlinghouse, KELA was introduced in the 2011 and 2012 legislature and had hearings both years. These three principle volunteers rewrote the bill for 2013 to address some of the objections expressed during the hearings. Passage of KELA as Davis had drafted it would have made school choice available to most Kansas school children.

While the school choice provision incorporated in the current school funding bill is not as we would have written it, a large part of the bill looks very much like the final, revised KELA bill. We were disappointed, but not surprised, that the new Republican leadership did not invite LPKS to participate in drafting this bill. We are fairly certain there would not have been a provision for school choice without the prior LPKS efforts.

LPKS has been the leader in educational choice in Kansas for years now. Prior to the LPKS initiative, the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice did not even consider Kansas was a candidate for educational choice. We will continue to work to expand what has been started. Interested readers will find the original KELA bill [here](#). A discussion of the school funding bill by the Friedman Foundation can be found [here](#).

Number of Libertarians	12,336
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2014	12
Estimated Budget	\$5,000 annually
Web site current?	Yes

**Montana**

Mike Fellows, State Chair

The Top Two initiative was removed from the general election ballot by the court as the initiative description exceeded the 100 word limit set by statute. It is likely that the republicans will be back. We and the Montana LP need to be prepared to fight this battle again.

Mike Fellows: "We have our first Federal debate on Saturday the 14th in Butte MT. Roger Roots and myself will be there as well. The debates will be broadcast on MT PBS the next day. The current Democratic incumbent isn't too happy with Roger I'm told. Don't know why but the Democrat doesn't want anymore debates, that include Roger, after this Montana Newspaper Association Debate. The Montana US Senate race will be an interesting race which pits the appointed incumbent John Walsh (D) and congressman Steve Daines (R). When the story comes out I can send you a copy to read. I'll probably see you at the Region one meeting or before."

Number of Libertarians	51
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No
Ballot Access Status	Qualified for 2014
Number of Candidates in 2012	9
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	No

## Utah

Mark Hilgenberg, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	8,137
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide congressional vote
Number of Candidates in 2014	12
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	Sort of

## Washington

C. Michael Pickens, State Chair

Michael Pickens was elected state chair at the May 31<sup>st</sup> convention.

Number of Libertarians	374
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No
Ballot Access Status	1,000 signatures
Number of Candidates in 2014	11
Estimated Budget	24 monthly pledges
Web site current?	No

## Wyoming

Richard Brubaker, State Chair

Four candidates nominated at the May convention in Casper.

Number of Libertarians	1,942
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2014	4
Estimated Budget	\$100 / month
Web site current?	No

## **LNC Region 2 Report**

### **FLORIDA**

There is a very important election in Florida, Tuesday, June 24th.

Ray Netherwood is running as a Libertarian for US Congress, District 19. By the time you read this report, we will know the outcome. Ray is polling very well and will also be on the ballot in November.

Lucas Overby received 5% in the special election for US Congress District 13 on March 11. Lucas will be on the ballot in November and is also polling very well. He appeared on Fox Business News last week. Florida has 2 statewide candidates: Adrian Wyllie for Governor and Bill Wohlsifer for Attorney General. There are also several State House Candidates and a State Senate candidate.

The LPF had their State Convention the weekend of May 17- 19. Chair and Vice Chair were not up this year so there was no change but they elected a new Secretary, Char-Lez Braden and a new Treasurer, James Morris.

Here are the State and national level Candidates for the Libertarian Party of Florida for 2014.

United States Representative

13 Overby, Lucas (LPF) Qualified

19 Netherwood, Ray (LPF) Qualified

Governor Wyllie, Adrian (LPF) Qualified

Attorney General Wohlsifer, Bill (LPF) Qualified

State Senator

20 Caso, Tony (LPF) Qualified

State Representative

5 Schoen, Karen (LPF) Qualified

18 Willey, Ken (LPF) Qualified

28 Perez, Franklin (LPF) Qualified

100 Recuero, Omar E (LPF) Qualified

### **GEORGIA**

I attended the Georgia State Convention the second weekend in March.

Doug Craig who had been serving as Chair was officially elected to his own term. Georgia candidates to be on the ballot in November.

Amanda Swafford Seeking The Office Of: U.S. Senate  
Website: [AmandaSwafford.net](http://AmandaSwafford.net)

Dr. Andrew Hunt Seeking The Office Of: Governor  
Website: [AndrewHunt.org](http://AndrewHunt.org)

Aaron Gilmer Seeking The Office Of: Public Service Commission District 4 Website:  
[PSC4.com](http://PSC4.com)

Jeff Amason Seeking The Office Of: Georgia House District 21 Website:  
[AmasonForLiberty.org](http://AmasonForLiberty.org)

## TENNESSEE

Tennessee held their State Convention the third weekend in March. I was in attendance. The position of Chair was not up this year so Jim Tomasik will continue as Chair. He is doing an excellent job. Tennessee nominated these candidates to be on the ballot in November.

TN Gubernatorial Candidate, Daniel Lewis  
U.S. Senate Candidate, Joshua James  
U.S. House of Representative 7th District Candidate, Leonard “Lenny” Ladner  
TN State House, 13th District Candidate, Vinnie Vineyard

The Libertarian Party of Tennessee wishes all of our candidate’s success in their individual campaigns this election year.

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Region 2 Rep LNC  
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## **Region 3 – IN, KY, OH, MI**

### Indiana

The Libertarian Party of Indiana has been quite busy. Among candidate recruitment, affiliate support, outreach events and organizational meetings, we have kept a very brisk schedule.

#### **CANDIDATES:**

We expect to field a slate of 40 to 50 candidates across the state. While we are a little disappointed with the overall numbers, I am quite encouraged by the balance of quality with these numbers. I believe it would still place our state in the top five state affiliates in the number of candidates.

Our three top-of-ticket races -- the three statewide races of secretary of state, treasurer and auditor -- have very qualified candidates. Mike Jasper is our candidate for treasurer. He is a CPA and certified financial advisor. Johh Schick is an IT consultant with years experience in corporate audits and expert courtroom testimony. He is running for auditor. Our secretary of state candidate, Karl Tatgenhorst, is an IT executive, former military and a previous small business owner. Secretary of state is our state's ballot access race and will be a large focus of our state party's efforts this year.

We have fielded a slate of eight of our nine US House seats. Donna Dunn, IN-2; Jeff Petermann, IN-2; Scott Wise, IN-3; John Krom, IN-5; Eric Miller, IN-6; Chris Mayo, IN-7; Andrew Horning, IN-8; and, Mike Frey, IN-9.

#### **FEDERAL LAWSUIT:**

In March, the LPIN joined in a lawsuit with California businessman Chris Rufer and the LNCC to sue the FEC challenging restrictions on donations to a political party. The case continues to move through the US District Court in Washington, D.C. We have a hearing scheduled for mid-July to determine if our case will be joined with a similar case filed by the RNC. I am biased, but I believe ours is the much stronger case with an emphasis on an individual donor and the impact of contribution limitations on a smaller, growing party.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We continue to knock on the door of the top ten in the nation. Our membership continues to grow and we hope to take advantage of a strong slate of candidates to eventually make it back into the LP's top ten states and remain.

#### **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

We expect to fill our 34 seats at the national convention. We currently have 38 delegates and alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Drexler  
Libertarian Party of Indiana

## Kentucky

- \* US Senate candidate petitioning. Important. Primary focus at this point. Working on obtaining pledges as discussed at recent LNC Exec Comm meeting. Now up to \$3250 of \$7500 (as discussed) as of 6/18.
- \* Local candidates - Most require only 100 signatures, and most are in the 80s for confirmed-good signatures. Should have local candidates filing in the next week or two. Have some that will win automatically as long as their petitions are good -- running for offices that no one filed for! Those will be the first partisan wins for LPKY.
- \* Working with State Board of Elections to get listed on the Voter Registration Card. Many people unaware that Libertarian is an option. Also had at least one person who tried to vote in convention at our primary for US Senate and was denied because a County Clerk had entered him wrong (due to how the Voter Registration Form is laid out). Preparing to go for lawsuit if necessary -- trying to avoid that, but we have the resources available to go for a lawsuit if necessary.
- \* Exploring possibility of Ballot Access suit in 2015, as Ds and Rs will only need 12 signatures per party to run a slate, whereas LPKY would need 30,000 minimum to run a slate. There is no party-wide ballot access mechanism other than result for US President.
- \* Preparing for National Convention - ensuring our delegation is set. 11 primary delegates and 10 alternates.

## Ohio

Looking forward to having the national convention in Columbus. First time ever in Columbus and first time in Ohio since 1973—way too long.

Charlie Earl for Governor court battle continues:

Continue to use every available avenue to get Charlie back on the ballot.

Keep in mind that he was actually certified for the ballot and then removed later.

Need 2% vote test in Ohio to keep the LP on the ballot for 2016 and also 2018.

If Charlie is not put back on ballot by court order, the LP of Ohio will most likely be removed as a party in Ohio and have to start ALL over again for ballot access with a huge petition drive.

With the laws the way they are written, probably wouldn't try again for ballot access until the 2018 election cycle which is race for Governor.

Meanwhile the court battle over SB 193 and the new election laws for minor parties continues.

The LP and other groups are challenging the removal of a primary for a minor party, which could be a violation of the Ohio Constitution.

If we win this, our party WILL be back on the ballot via SOS directives, until the Ohio Assembly can work out a better set of election rules for minor parties.

The LP in Ohio WILL have two statewide candidates for office in 2014. The LP Primary write-in campaign was successful for SOS Candidate, Kevin Knedler and Auditor Candidate, Bob Bridges. Both will be on the November 2014 ballot in Ohio. Unfortunately, neither race will help in party retention of ballot access.

The LPO State Central Committee met on May 31 for elections of the officers of the party and the Executive Committee operations team.

Elected to Central Committee Chair was Scott Pettigrew.

Elected to Executive Committee Chair was Kevin Knedler. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Sarah Matthews as ViceChair, Bryant Callaghan as Treasurer, Daryl Olthaus as Secretary, and the At-Large positions for Bob Bridges, Shantell George, and Michael Segrest.

Kevin Knedler appointed the following to Division Director roles:

Political—Bob Bridges

Communication—Sarah Matthews

Field Development—Michael Segrest

Finance—Tim Bretthauer

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Kevin Knedler

Chair LPO Executive Committee



# LNC Region 4 Report – California

by Scott Lieberman

for the June 26, 2014 LNC Meeting

1. The defendants recently filed their briefs in Rubin v Bowen, the lawsuit against the Top Two Primary in California. Later this year, the case will be before the State Appeals Court in San Francisco.

Richard Winger reports in the July 2014 issue of Ballot Access News that there have now been 111 instances in California in which a minor party member ran for federal or state office in a Top Two Primary with at least two major party opponents.

In all 111 instances, the minor party candidate was barred from the general election ballot because he or she did not place first or second in the primary.

So, if the intent of the so-called good government people who funded the Top Two Initiative was to remove all 3<sup>rd</sup> Party candidates from the General Election Ballot, they have been successful in that endeavor.

2. Libertarian voter registrations have continually increased since the 2012 General Election. The 3 counties with the highest percentages of Libertarian registrants are Trinity, Calaveras, and Sierra, all with approximately 1.3% of the voter registrations in those counties. There are 117,000 registered Libertarians in California, which is 0.66% of all voter registrations. That exceeds the Green Party registration percentage in our state, which is quite interesting for a liberal-leaning state. As usual the confusingly named American Independent Party leads all 3<sup>rd</sup> parties with 2.7% of the voter registrations.

# Region 5 North Report

This is the most geographically compact region, but each state has very different politics.

Some affiliates are showing less activity, others have renewed activism and more social functions, some engaged in charitable work. Half the affiliates have set some ambitious goals for this year.

For 2014, each affiliate (sans New Jersey) will be busy with petitioning (sans Vermont) and elections, some also have local (mostly non-partisan) races, but there are opportunities to share resources like petitioners and general LP advertizing that crosses borders.

There are always opportunities, the challenge is having the resources (time, money, people) to apply to capitalize on them. We are all small affiliates and are frugal with our resources. We may do another joint event, perhaps a candidate training. Would like more members to subscribe to the LP\_5N yahoogroup.



Recent state conventions in the Region:

New Hampshire on March 8<sup>th</sup> in Manchester.

New Jersey on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Hightstown.

Vermont on April 26<sup>th</sup> in South Burlington.

Other events of interest:

Liberty Love Fest in Rhode Island on April 5. [libertylovesfest.org](http://libertylovesfest.org)

Porcupine Freedom Festival (aka PorcFest) in Lancaster, NH June 22-29.

Several political trainings from C4L and Atlas.



## **Convention**

The party held its annual convention at the University of Connecticut. We adopted bylaws permitting electronic meetings, among a few other more technical changes. Joshua Kats was elected Chair, Carol was elected Secretary and Delegation Chair, Paul Passerelli was elected Vice Chair, Jo Ann Router was elected Treasurer, and Andy Rule was elected as a member of the SCC.

## **Outreach**

Our Facebook group has become a busy hub of activity, our main online presence, with member conversations and updates from party officers almost daily.

Inquiries are up from last year. We are currently seeking a new campus coordinator, since our previous one graduated, and are looking to continue to expand our outreach to the colleges and endorse candidates for student office.

## **Campaigns & Elections**

In 2013 we had one winning candidate, Joshua Katz, who placed first in a field of three in a Planning Commission race to choose two members. Katz was placed on along with the Democratic candidate. We ran a full slate in Norwich, unfortunately without winning any.

The LPCT of the 2nd Congressional District will hold its nominating convention, as required by state law, the weekend before national convention. Two candidates have declared they will seek the nomination, but the floor at the convention is open. We hold minor party status for this office and so will not need to petition.

Most of our energy this cycle is going, not towards running candidates in unrealistic races, but towards encouraging people to start looking to the 2015 municipal elections. The party will not fund any ballot access drives in this year's state election, although candidates are free to. We are also gearing up for the 2016 Senate race, since we will not need to petition for it.

In a sign of our relevance, we've been approached by 2 candidates, one for state house and one for US Congress, seeking cross-endorsements. Both have been turned down in accordance with bylaws and state law.

## **Ballot Access Lawsuit**

LPCT is working with LP National, the Green Party and the ACLU to overturn some of the more onerous provisions in state ballot access laws, including restrictions on who can and cannot petition and the recent restrictions regarding running on multiple lines.



## **Social Media**

The LPME Facebook page has more than 750 likes, up from 680 in March.

Our twitter feed, @LP\_Maine, got really active in November, with frequent tweets with news, updates and links to commentary, but has tapered off this year.

## **Convention**

We had our convention on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It was sparsely attended and Jorge Maderal was re-elected Chairman. Shawn Lavasseur will be our delegation chair to the national convention. The convention voted to authorize allotment to others in the region of any empty delegate seats Maine might have.

## **The Future**

We will be looking at new party rules in Maine which may ease the way for us to become a recognized party, devil is in the details however.



## General Activity and Outreach

We hold monthly meetups in the Boston area and we have five regional meetups established. Our Facebook (1960 Likes, up from 1100 in November) and Twitter presence grows with regular postings. The newsletter includes items of general interest and practical aspects of Libertarianism.

Libertarians are gathering signatures on an Initiative (officially known as "Petition C") to repeal the automatic inflation adjusted increases of the state gasoline tax that was enacted this summer. All details and reasons for it are at [www.TankTheGasTax.org](http://www.TankTheGasTax.org).

If anyone would like to partner or cross-advertise events, email us [partners@lpmass.org](mailto:partners@lpmass.org)

We made a huge push to have a big presence at the *Boston Pride Parade*. We marched in the parade and encouraged all our members to join.

As the only party to oppose the Defense of Marriage Act from day one, marching in pride is a natural for Libertarians. We provided T-shirts and encouraged people to bring signs. The parade was viewed by an estimated 1 Million people.

## 2014 Election Goals

We set a goal to run more LP candidates for state rep than the GOP currently has seats. Recruitment and promotion of this effort is already underway, as is our fund-raising. We already have 15 candidates for 2014. The electoral effort will be focused on the legislature rather than the executive branch. Some of our candidates have already completed their petitioning.

We are building up the list of unopposed state legislative races, the best opportunities for Libertarian breakouts. So far the list is rather long. We are also closely tracking what seats will have incumbents retiring, creating open races, that list is also growing.

We held a victory fund-raising party on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Worcester.



## Social Networks and Website

Our Facebook Group has 563 members, our Page has 314 Likes, and we have 986 Twitter followers (@LPNH). Twitter is our most active network and our Facebook group is more active every week. Our website backlog keeps growing, we need a new webmaster to take on several projects. Some people have come forward, but never reply to followups.

## Convention

We had our smallest state convention ever on March 8<sup>th</sup>, still not sure why most of the RSVPs did not show up. We nominated **Max Abramson for Governor** and **Gardner Goldsmith for US Senate** and passed a resolution supporting decriminalization of marijuana. We had a long discussion of what will be needed to run effective campaigns, including media and street teams and several campaign strategy meetings. The executive committee was authorized to accept further nominations and we will likely hold another nominating convention. We discussed running our annual Freedom Expo as a combined event with the Vermont state convention in April, since it's the same weekend.

## Local Elections

Town elections were March 11<sup>th</sup>. There are usually a few Libertarians running. No one announced a victory, but that doesn't mean we didn't win. Due to lack of interest we were not able to complete petitioning that day as planned. We will likely have to resort to paid petitioners, spending money that could have gone into campaigns.

## General Activity

The GOP and Dems are worried, we've been heavily lobbied not to run any candidates, and to even disband the party, even by former officers.

Still working on making contacts with college YAL, S4L, etc groups. Want to work with them on upcoming projects and creating internships.

Pro-liberty activity abounds across the state, Libertarians have been involved in much of it, from rejecting Common Core, lots of First Amendment activism, asset forfeiture reform, fighting state-funded Medicaid expansion, and more.

The NH House became the first to vote to legalize marijuana for all adults. Legislature also passed an anti-NSA snooping bill.

A ballot access bill lowering our threshold to 3% passed the House, the first time an easing has ever passed. It did not get through the Senate.

My hope that time off helped refresh our members was overly optimistic. If members would come forward for some hard and creative work, NH can make a national impact on Libertarian politics this year and for 2016.



## Membership

The number of registered Libertarians continues to climb, we're now at a 7-year high! We've seen a 22% growth in the last year! We are 81% larger than the Green Party.

## Activity, News and Events

We are resurrecting a show we used to run on Cable Access. *Third Point of View – Next Generation*. The shows will be much shorter and geared for YouTube viewing.

We are regularly commenting on the active political scene in the Garden State, focusing on hypocrisy in the Christie administration, such as pension reform. Our website has new articles and blog entries almost daily. Also check out some great videos and advice columns for Libertarian activists.

A lot of effort on opening up local government, from better minutes of executive sessions to opening up more closed meetings and records.

## Convention

The Convention was Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Tavern on the Lake in Hightstown. Speakers included Dr Walter Block, Dr Murray Sabrin, Dr Mary Ruwart, Dimitri Vassilaros, and Daniel Zolkinov.

Patrick McKnight was elected our new chairman. "I'm honored to be serving as the new Chair of the NJLP. I'm confident 2014 will be an exciting year for liberty in New Jersey. Thank you again to Jay for his years of hard work and leadership."

So far we have posted videos of Mary Ruwart's talks "Why Healthcare Costs are so High" and "The Future of the Libertarian Party".

We nominated three excellent candidates at the Convention: Joe Baratelli, US Senate; Steven Uccio, Mercer County Freeholder; Brian Pizza, Ocean County Freeholder.

## Candidates

The following candidates have successfully petitioned to be on the ballot:

**Joe Baratelli** of Mercerville for U.S. Senate

**Dorit Goikhman** of Morganville for U.S. Congress (6<sup>th</sup> District)

**Jim Gawron** of Flanders for U.S. Congress (7<sup>th</sup> District)

**Jeff Hetrick** for Chatham Town Council

**Steve Uccio** of East Windsor for Mercer County Freeholder

**Brian Pizza** of Forked River for Ocean County Freeholder



## Making the News

"So-called "moral obligation" bonds are neither moral, nor a legitimate financial obligation. What they are is a major fraud upon the voters! All such bonds deliberately bypass the official procedures for voter approval of government expenditures. Rhode Island can strike a major national blow against such deliberate fraud by totally refusing to ever pay for it!" --Mike Rollins, LPRI Chairman

On Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> there was a protest at the RI State House against the 38 Studios bailout. 38 Studios is one of the most shady deals that politicians have done in Rhode Island.

## Fun and Games and Liberty

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tony Jones hosted the *third* "Liberty Drinks", building on our second great event in February.

Rhode Island had the fourth annual *Liberty Love Fest* on April 5, featuring Jordan Page and Tatiana Moroz. More at [LibertyLoveFest.org](http://LibertyLoveFest.org)

## Candidates

Rhode Island Libertarians will petition for a statewide office for the first time in a midterm year in the party's history. The party will attempt to place **Tony Jones** of Wickford on the ballot for Lieutenant Governor.

Why Lieutenant Governor? Tony Jones said, "If elected, I would "serve" alone, hire no staff, take no budget, and refuse to accept a salary."

Jones said if elected, he'd spend his time advocating for the elimination of the office of Lt. Governor, which costs taxpayers roughly \$1 million per year. The Lt. Governor does not have much power to wield in state government and many argue the position has long since lived out its usefulness.

Jones is asking for support via his Web page, <http://www.lpri.us/tonyjones.html>

They need 500 signatures by July 11<sup>th</sup>.







## Local Elections

Local elections were March 4<sup>th</sup>. The VTLP worked with other groups to stop three gun-control initiatives in Burlington (#6, #7, #8). They all passed but each is vulnerable in court.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we participated in a huge RKBA rally at the capitol, at least 850 people. This was a followup to a protest a few weeks earlier against an “assault weapons” proposal. There will likely be more rallies in the future.

## Convention

Our convention was Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in South Burlington. The convention was well attended with a good level of interaction between the speakers and attendees. Attendees voted on our platform had a chance to discuss various issues facing Vermont with 6 different speakers. We nominated 3 delegates to the national convention: Bonnie Scott of Grand Isle, John Cisar of Essex, Bob Bindert of Fairfield. We usually send one delegate, so this is a welcome boost! We then had 6 great speakers:

Leroy Turner spoke about *Citizens for Property Rights* and how they intend to focus efforts this year on act 60/68 which they believe is one of the greatest threats to property rights in the state of Vermont.

Bonnie Scott spoke about activism in Vermont and the various ways Libertarians can be active in causes and liberty-minded groups that we can work with. Bonnie also spoke on using technology to give us an edge politically. Bonnie also hosts *The Woodchuck Report* on Channel 17 at 5:25pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

Shayne Spence spoke about liberty issues for youth and how to reach out to them. Shayne works with the *Ethan Allen Institute*.

Wendy Wilton spoke about threats to healthcare freedom in Vermont. Wendy represented *Vermonters for Health Care Freedom*.

Edward Garcia spoke about current threats to gun rights in Vermont. Edward represents the *Vermont Citizens Defense League*.

Rich Tomasso provided an update regarding national LP business and provided advice on how we can grow the party as well as how to run a campaign. Rich serves as our LNC regional representative.

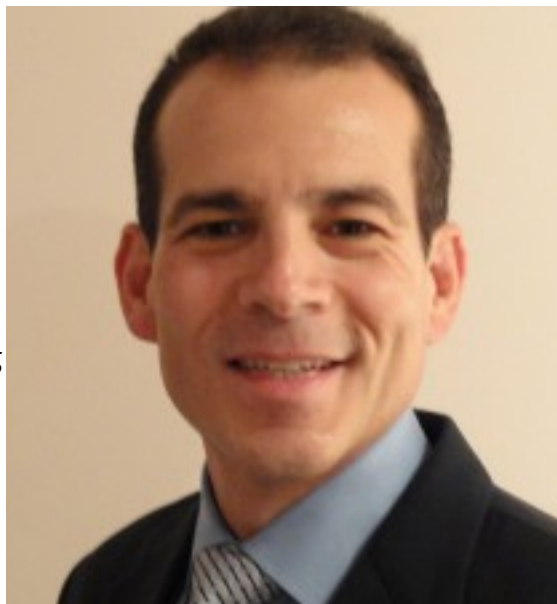
We have posted videos of individual speakers and partial transcripts on our website.

## Vermont Candidates

We have been nominating candidates like crazy! More are coming forward every month. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we held a meeting to nominate candidates for State Rep and Senate. What happened should be a positive sign for people looking for smaller government and personal freedom. As of that evening 8 candidates in Chittenden County were nominated with several more looking to get finalized in the next week.

Later that month a meeting in Essex county netted 3 more candidates. Then in early June, 3 more candidates were nominated.

On June 9, we nominated **Dan Feliciano for Vermont Governor**. Dan is a Strategy and Transformation Consultant with 20+ years experience integrating business acquisitions, leading and driving large scale business transformations, and turning around public- and private-sector businesses. Having spent his career at the crossroads of finance, operations, and technology, teaching, coaching & mentoring clients in Strategy, Finance, Operations, and financial and operational improvement, Dan is comfortable driving financial and operational improvement in large change-adverse organizations. Dan also has broad experience and a deep understanding of healthcare. This



makes him uniquely qualified to tackle Vermont's healthcare reform. Dan lives in Essex Junction with his wife and three children. [www.DanFeliciano.com](http://www.DanFeliciano.com)

## Outreach

We held our first tabling event in some time on May 16<sup>th</sup> at University Mall in South Burlington. We had 6 Libertarian volunteers helping. Several people came to check us out and get some free books and other materials we had to offer. We got at least one enthusiastic new volunteer for future events and some email signups. Volunteers also got to know each other a little better and did some great brainstorming of ideas for future events and projects to help grow the liberty movement.

Vermont Libertarians joined many other Vermonters in the 2014 Essex Memorial Day parade. While Libertarians don't always agree with our military interventions overseas, we sincerely appreciate what our military does to keep us safe at home, protect our freedoms and way of life. Several of our candidates appeared including John Cisar, Loyal Ploof, Dana Rushford, Roy Collette and Dan Feliciano with a total of 10 volunteers! It was very encouraging to see the enthusiasm of our candidates and volunteers as well as the crowd in response to our parade entry and our current efforts.

## **REGION 5S REPORT**

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 23, 2014

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on March 1-2, 2014. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Columbus should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I continue to serve as a frequent guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville, Virginia).

### **Delaware**

Scott Gesty ([gesty4congress@aol.com](mailto:gesty4congress@aol.com)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware, reports that the LPD state board held a meeting in Dover on June 7. He noted that during the meeting, the state board unanimously endorsed Joshua Duryea as the candidate for the 21<sup>st</sup> State Senate seat. Other candidates this year include Bob Wilson (7<sup>th</sup> District, Delaware House of Representatives), Steve Newton (22<sup>nd</sup> District, Delaware House of Representatives), Gordon Smith (30<sup>th</sup> District, Delaware House of Representatives), and Jim Brittingham (39<sup>th</sup> District, Delaware House of Representatives).

Mr. Gesty indicated that the LPD may participate in the Independence Day parade in Dover on July 4.

### **District of Columbia**

Ryan Sabot ([ryan.sabot@dclibertarians.org](mailto:ryan.sabot@dclibertarians.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia, reports that the LPDC held its convention on May 10. According to various reports I received from other people, nine DC residents attended the convention. Mr. Sabot, who serves as the LPDC candidate for City Council in Ward 3, was reelected chairman; Marc Scribner was elected treasurer.

### **Maryland**

Bob Johnston ([bob.johnston@live.com](mailto:bob.johnston@live.com)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report:

The Maryland Libertarian Party held its annual spring convention at Squires Italian Restaurant in Dundalk on Saturday, 5 April. Speakers included LNC at-large member Michael Cloud, LP

Executive Director Wes Benedict, LNC at-large member Arvin Vohra, and Sharon Harris, Executive Director of the Advocates for Self-Government. In addition, LNC regional representative Dr. Jim Lark was kind enough to drive up from North Carolina, where he addressed the North Carolina LP earlier in the day, to join us.

The MDLP will hold a special Central Committee meeting to nominate remaining potential candidates for the November elections. The filing period for the Declaration of Intent to run was on February 25, and candidates in Maryland who are not affiliated with the establishment parties have until August 4 to obtain their party's nomination and file the remaining paperwork to get on the ballot.

The Maryland LP currently has candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, 3 US House candidates, and 3 for county council races on the ballot.

Gubernatorial candidate Shawn Quinn is attending campaign events every week, even though it's only early June. The Maryland primary election is on Tuesday, 24 June. There will be a 3-way race for Governor, as the Green Party, one of the four recognized parties in the state, chose not to run a candidate for Governor. If Mr. Quinn gets 1% of the vote in the general election, the Maryland LP will retain ballot access through 2016.

The amount of registered voters for the Maryland LP is 13,920, as of April, 2014. One year ago, April, 2013, the party had 11,712 registered voters, an increase of 2,208 registered voters and almost 19% from the 4/13 figures.

The Maryland LP's annual summer picnic will be held on Saturday, 26 July, at the home of former state chair Dave Sten in North East, MD.

Bob Johnston  
Chairman, MDLP

## **North Carolina**

J.J. Summerell ([jjsummerell@worksiteinsight.net](mailto:jjsummerell@worksiteinsight.net)), chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, provided the following report:

LNC Report  
June 2014

1. LPNC hired a Political Director to begin organizing county affiliates, recruiting candidates and developing a plan for 2016 while he orchestrates 2014. Welcome Bjorn Pedersen.
2. We have formed an ad hoc group of 3 NC Libertarian attorneys to have a team ready for whatever legal challenges we have. Getting into the debates with Hagan and Tillis is top among these.

3. Speaking of the US Senate race, Sean Haugh has polled at 8% statewide and 19% in the Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) according to Civitas Institute, a 501©3 nonpartisan, nonprofit Republican fundraising organization in Raleigh. Yesterday, Public Policy Polling (Democratic version of Civitas) had Sean at 11% statewide. The Tillis/Hagan split is less than these with LOTS of unaffiliateds and undecideds in the mix. DC Examiner recently had an article, paraphrasing, “This Pizza Deliverer could Cost the Republicans the Senate.”
4. We made a presentation to the NC Board of Elections on the importance of including us in the Multiparty Assistance Teams. They go to nursing homes, etc, to help people vote. The NCSBE needs to recognize all three sides of the aisle!
5. Barbara Howe has formed a Platform Committee for 2015.
6. We are preparing for a major fundraising effort. More info to come soon and all ideas welcome. Fundraising will be the primary responsibility of the Political Director and myself.
7. The committee adopted this meeting schedule:
  - a. July 12 in Raleigh. Mr. Penkowski will arrange the location.
  - b. Aug. 23 in Charlotte. Mr. Dooley will arrange the location.
  - c. Oct. 4 in Durham (Satisfactions)
  - d. Nov. 15 in Wilmington. The chair will ask Mr. John Evans to arrange the location.
  - e. Jan. 10, 2015 in either Forsyth or Cumberland counties.

## **Pennsylvania**

Steve Scheetz ([cz85b@cz85b.com](mailto:cz85b@cz85b.com)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, did not provide a report.

## **Virginia**

Bill Redpath ([wredpath2@yahoo.com](mailto:wredpath2@yahoo.com)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, provided the following information:

The Libertarian Party of Virginia will have a record number of candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives this year. Will Hammer (Sixth Congressional District), James Carr (Seventh CD), Jeffrey Carson (Eighth CD), Bill Redpath (Tenth CD), and Marc Harrold (Eleventh CD) have already qualified for the ballot. The following House of Representatives candidates are still waiting to receive notification from the State Board of Elections concerning qualification for the ballot: Xave Draper (First CD), Allen Knapp (Second CD), Justin Upshaw (Third CD), Bo Brown (Fourth CD), and Paul Jones (Fifth CD). Matthew Edwards (Ninth CD) began his campaign very late and did not qualify for the ballot.

Robert Sarvis, the LPVA candidate for Governor in 2013, is the LPVa candidate for the U.S. Senate this year. We are still waiting to receive notification from the State Board of Elections concerning qualification for the ballot.

### **West Virginia**

Michael Wilson ([michael.wilson@lpwv.org](mailto:michael.wilson@lpwv.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, did not provide a report.

# **Region 7 Report.**

**Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas.**

**June 26, 2014.**

**By Gary Johnson and Paulie Frankel.**

## **Alabama.**

The annual state convention was held on Saturday, May 10, in Birmingham. Leigh LaChine was re-elected state chair. He is running for State Senator, District 20. Aimee Love was elected vice chair, Ross Lowe treasurer, and Laura Pate director of outreach.

LaChine told the delegates, "Our hard work is beginning to pay dividends, 2014 will be the first time since 2006 that a Libertarian candidate will appear on an Alabama ballot and the first time there will be multiple Libertarian candidates on the ballot in Alabama since 2002." The party has candidates for State Senate, State House, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Coroner.

Governor Gary Johnson hosted a fundraising dinner on April 9 in Birmingham at the Riverchase Country Club.

Volunteers staffed a Operation Politically Homeless booth on June 8 at the Central Alabama Pridefest at Sloss Furnace.

The party petitioned in Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Coosa, and Shelby counties to get on the ballot county by county.

The state legislature adjourned on April 3 without passing ballot access bills HB 327 and SB 70.

<http://www.lpalabama.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/lpalabama>

## **Louisiana.**

Parish Executive Committees were formed in St. Charles Parish on April 9 and Lafayette Parish on April 22.

The Terrebonne Parish Executive Committee hosted a Houma Town Hall on "Exposing Common Core for Freedom and Liberty" on March 27 at the Ramada Inn.

Candidates are running this year for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative. The party is recruiting candidates for State Representative for the 2015 election.

The State Central Committee appointed Finance Officer Clayton Sanford and Economic Development Officer Henry Herford.

<http://louisianalibertarian.net>

<https://www.facebook.com/LibertarianPartyOfLouisiana>

## **Mississippi.**

The state convention was held on Saturday, April 5, in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage Casino and Resort. Mario Barnes was elected state chair. Governor Gary Johnson and the economist Walter Block spoke.

The Libertarian Party of Harrison County cleaned up trash as part of the Adopt-A-Highway project on Highway 49 in Gulfport.

A local organization was activated in Tippah County.

Danny Bedwell and Joey Robinson are running active campaigns for Congress.

<http://mslp.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Libertarian-Party-of-Mississippi/185325954837176>

## **Oklahoma.**

The state convention was held on Saturday, March 8, in Midwest City. Steve Long was elected state chair, Zachary Knight secretary, and Jack (John) Gleason treasurer. Former State Representative Charles Key and Geoffrey J. Neale spoke.

Although the Libertarian Party is not a recognized party in Oklahoma, libertarian candidates can run for office as Independents. Former state chair Richard Prawdzienski is running for Governor.

State Senator Connie Johnson spoke February 26 to Logan County Libertarians on "Efforts to Regulate and Tax Marijuana Like Alcohol."

The state legislature adjourned on May 23, a week before the expected adjournment date. Therefore, HB 2134 did not pass, although both houses had passed it and the conference committee had agreed on the final wording. The bill would have reduced the number of signatures for a Presidential candidate in 2016 from 40,047 valid signatures to 20,023. The petition for unqualified parties would have not have needed the names of the Presidential or Vice Presidential candidates, so the party would have been able to start petitioning before they were nominated.

<http://oklahomalp.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaLP>

## **Texas.**

The state convention was Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, in Temple at the Mayborn Convention Center. Ben Swann, Michael Cloud, and Wes Benedict spoke.

The 219 delegates nominated Rebecca Paddock for U.S. Senator, Kathie Glass for Governor, Robert D. Butler for Lieutenant Governor, Jamie Balagia for Attorney General, David (Rocky) Palmquist for Agriculture Commissioner, Justin Knight for Land Commissioner, Ben Sanders for Comptroller, and Mark A. Miller for Railroad Commissioner. Kurt Hildebrand was elected state chair, Ben Farmer vice chair, Gary Johnson secretary, John Wilford treasurer.

Because the party is running statewide candidates for certain seats on the State Supreme Court and the State Court of Criminal Appeals and the Democratic Party is not running candidates for those offices, the Libertarian Party is almost guaranteed to get at least 5 percent in a statewide race and maintain ballot status. The party expects to have 132 candidates on the ballot in November.

Gubernatorial candidate Kathie Glass is traveling on her own campaign bus to all 254 counties in the state. She staged a protest against the NSA in San Antonio on May 31.

Robert D. Butler, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, staged four events in June for Jacob Lavoro, a teenager who faces 5 years to life in prison for baking marijuana brownies.

The party held campaign workshops in Houston and Fort Worth in June and will hold one in Austin in July.

<http://www.lptexas.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/LPtexas>