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CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, Arizona.

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Sam Goldstein, Gary Johnson, Guy McLendon, Bill Redpath

Regional Representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Marc Feldman (Region 3), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), Roland Riemers (Region 6), Kevin Ludlow (Region 7)

Regional Alternates: Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Scott Lieberman (Region 4), Scott Spencer (Region 5), Daniel Hayes (Region 7), Joshua Katz (Region 8)

Not present were: Doug Craig (At-Large), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Rich Tomasso (Region 8), Ron Windeler (Region 1 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate)

Staff present included Executive Director Wes Benedict and Operations Director Robert Kraus.

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

CREDENTIALS AND PAPERWORK CHECK

Ms. Mattson reported that there have been no changes in the membership of the LNC since the November 2015 session.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Before taking up the adoption of the agenda, without objection the LNC set its pre-convention meeting in Orlando to be from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

Starting from the chair's proposed agenda:

Mr. Olsen moved to add a 5-minute agenda item at the end of New Business Without Previous Notice to discuss a party slogan; there was no objection.

Mr. Olsen moved to add a 5-minute agenda item at the end of New Business Without Previous Notice to address outreach material; there was no objection.

Mr. Olsen moved to add a 15-minute agenda item following the Counsel's Report for Nevada Assemblyman John Moore to speak; there was no objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to increase the time allotted to the Audit Committee Report from 15 to 30 minutes; there was no objection.

There was no objection to adopting the agenda as amended, which was as follows:

Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	3 minutes
Resolution of Appreciation for Senator Rand Paul (Feldman)	5 minutes

Officer Reports

Chair's Report	15 minutes
Treasurer's Report	15 minutes
Secretary's Report	15 minutes

Staff Reports

45 minutes

Reports of Standing Committees

Audit Committee (Starr)	30 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (McLendon)	15 minutes
Awards Committee (Lark)	5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Ryan)	15 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Lark)	5 minutes
IT Committee	10 minutes
Platform Committee	10 minutes
Bylaws Committee	10 minutes
Credentials Committee	10 minutes
Ballot Access Committee	10 minutes

Regional Reports

10 minutes each

New Business with Previous Notice

Add Chair Discretionary Spending to Treasurer Reports (Mattson)	10 minutes
Eliminate Routine Criminal Background Check for Employees (Riemers)	10 minutes
Require All LNC Meetings to be Held Near Headquarters (Riemers)	10 minutes
Amend Employee Bonus Policy (Riemers)	10 minutes
Hire a Firm to Redesign LP.org (Ludlow)	30 minutes
Standards for Presidential Candidates (Ludlow)	20 minutes

New Business without Previous Notice

Presentation of 2018 Convention Site Options (Mattson)	60 minutes
Selection of 2018 Convention Site (Mattson)	30 minutes
Ballot Access Funding for Montana (Olsen)	12 minutes
Party Slogan (Olsen)	5 minutes
Outreach Material (Olsen)	5 minutes

Announcements

Public Comment	10 minutes
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Set for a Time Certain:

Counsel's Report (11:00 a.m. Saturday)	30 minutes
Nevada Assemblyman John Moore (following Counsel's Report)	15 minutes

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms. Mattson noted that since the previous LNC meeting, Dr. Lark reported that he recently accepted an invitation to join the Foundation for Economic Education's Faculty Network.

The following people provided oral updates to their information:

Mr. Riemers is no longer the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Dakota.

Mr. Goldstein is no longer a candidate for Indianapolis City & County Council.

Mr. Hayes is no longer the Membership Officer of the Libertarian Party of Jefferson Parish, but he is now the Treasurer of the same organization.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SENATOR RAND PAUL

Dr. Feldman moved the following:

The Libertarian National Committee expresses its thanks to Senator Rand Paul for all his efforts to inject libertarian ideas into the Republican Presidential race. We still believe Senator Paul was the best candidate the Republican Party had to offer in the 2016 election.

Following debate, Ms. Mattson moved to postpone indefinitely. The vote on postponement was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Feldman, Johnson, Riemers

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion to postpone was adopted with a vote total of 12 – 3.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report (see Appendix A). He noted that he intends to go to Oklahoma for the petition drive signature turn-in on Monday morning. The LNC took no action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hagan had submitted January financials. The outside auditing firm had recommended that the party's FEC manual be regularly updated. He and Mr. Kraus are doing that now and will ask our FEC consultant to do so as well. Mr. Hagan fielded questions from the LNC.

Ms. Mattson noted that the budget has a proviso that "Ballot access expenditures for 2015 shall only be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee and the total expended cannot exceed the budgeted amount." She noted the Executive Committee had only authorized \$97,500 for the Oklahoma petition drive, but the actual spending is now approximately \$105,000, thus the Executive Committee ought to ratify the amount spent in excess of the authorization.

There was no objection to the Executive Committee conducting such a vote during the LNC meeting. Mr. Hagan moved to ratify the actual expenditures for the Oklahoma petition drive. The Executive Committee vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Hagan, Lark, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein

Abstaining: Mattson

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 5-1.

The LNC took no action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson had submitted a written report (see Appendix B) and supplemented with an oral update. The LNC took no action.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff had submitted a written report (see Appendix C). Mr. Benedict supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

LNC Counsel Oliver Hall had submitted a written report. He joined by teleconference to provide an oral update and field questions. The LNC took no action.

Mr. Wiener moved to add a 15-minute agenda item tomorrow at the end of New Business Without Previous Notice for consideration of a contract with presidential campaigns. The motion was adopted without objection.

PRESENTATION FROM ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN MOORE

Nevada Assemblyman John Moore spoke to the LNC and fielded various questions about his re-election campaign.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Aaron Starr, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided the board the finalized 2014 audited financials and noted that he has not received responses to his inquiries with the contracted auditing firm about the timeline for completing the 2015 audit.

At the November 2015 LNC meeting, most of the Audit Committee report had been referred to the Executive Committee to consider the Audit Committee's recommendations and provide a report to the LNC.

Issue: Moving Expenses

The Executive Committee recommended that the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (EPCC) craft a policy that any agreements to pay moving expenses for employees are to be included in that employee's employment contract, are to have a cap on the amount, and require approval by the LNC Chair for the specific expenses. The EPCC has agreed to do so, thus the LNC took no action on this recommendation.

The Executive Committee recommended that the payment of Mr. Benedict's moving expenses in 2013 and 2014 be ratified. Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC ratify those expense payments.

Ms. Mattson moved a substitute motion to direct that Mr. Benedict re-pay the party \$4,093.03 for half of his moving expenses which were paid by the party outside the terms of his employment contract.

Mr. McLendon moved to amend the Mattson motion to strike out \$4,093.03 and instead insert \$3,186.07, which is the amount that exceeded the \$5,000 target level set by the then-chair Geoff Neale in his email to Mr. Benedict.

Following debate, the McLendon amendment to the Mattson motion was adopted on a show of hands.

The vote to substitute the Mattson re-payment motion, as amended, for the Goldstein ratification motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson

Voting "no": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Abstaining: Sarwark

The substitution motion failed with a vote total of 3-12.

The vote on the main motion to ratify payment of the moving expenses was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Mattson

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 14-1.

Without objection the LNC adjourned for lunch from 12:30 p.m. until 1:17 p.m.

Issue: Payroll Allocations

The Executive Committee had recommended that the Treasurer review each month the calculation for allocating payroll and overhead, certify that the allocation figures reconcile to the time sheets, and that the payroll and overhead figures reconcile to the financial statements. Following debate, the LNC adopted this recommendation without objection.

The Audit Committee, but not the Executive Committee, had recommended that the Audit Committee spot check the monthly calculations for allocating payroll and overhead, to ensure that staff and the Treasurer understand the policy and are faithfully executing it on a rational basis. Mr. Katz moved that the LNC adopt this Audit Committee recommendation. Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Katz, Marsh, Mattson, Wiener

Voting "no": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Ludlow, McLendon, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 4-8.

Issue: Policy Violations in Staff Time Sheets

The Executive Committee had agreed to the Audit Committee recommendation that the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee review the vacation and sick time policies to determine whether they are in line with industry standards and report back at the next LNC meeting. The EPCC review of this matter is underway, and there was no sense of a need for an additional motion from the LNC at this time.

Issue: Capital Leases

The Executive Committee had recommended that the LNC decide whether the employee-executed capital equipment leases noted in the Audit Committee report constituted violations of the Bylaws and whether such contracts should in the future come to the LNC for approval.

Mr. Johnson moved that it is the sense of the LNC that Bylaw Article 10.5 requires 2/3 approval of the LNC for any capital equipment leases in excess of \$2,000 and that such future contracts are expected to be so approved.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Wiener

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Lark, Sarwark, Vohra

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-0.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. McLendon, Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, provided an oral report, highlighting some positive details of their annual report from the November 2015 meeting. He fielded questions from the LNC. The LNC took no action.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Dr. Lark, Chair of the Awards Committee, had submitted a written report (see Appendix D). He supplemented with an oral update and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

BetteRose Ryan, Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, provided an oral report on the progress of planning for the 2016 convention. (See the committee's meeting and attendance roster in Appendix E.)

She noted that Mr. Sarwark was requesting that the draft business schedule for the convention be changed to shorten the amount of time allocated to reports from the Bylaws and Rules Committee as well as the Platform Committee. The chairs of those committees were objecting to the change so Ms. Ryan requested that the LNC decide the question.

Mr. Vohra assumed the gavel so Mr. Sarwark could participate in the debate.

Mr. Sarwark moved that the LNC direct the COC to allocate 3 hours on the convention schedule for the Bylaws and Rules Committee report and 3.5 hours for the Platform Committee report.

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

Voting "aye": Bittner, Ludlow, Olsen, Sarwark

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Redpath, Wiener

Abstaining: Riemers, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 4-10.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

Dr. Lark, Chair of the EPCC, had submitted a written report (see Appendix F) and supplemented with an oral report. He specifically noted item 2 in their report regarding the note from the external audit firm that staff is not maintaining the fixed asset listing, as it is a Policy Manual violation. Dr. Lark asked that the LNC consider whether to take any action. Following discussion, the LNC took no action.

IT COMMITTEE

Mr. Goldstein reported that the IT Committee has no report for this meeting. Mr. Goldstein noted that since the November LNC meeting they have confirmed that Raiser's Edge will not provide us the donor credit card information for our monthly pledgers to facilitate us transferring them to another system.

Mr. Goldstein indicated the committee has not met since November, as he has had difficulty getting cooperation from the committee members to schedule meetings. During discussion it was noted that the LNC Chair has power to appoint the members of that committee, and Mr. Sarwark indicated he would not be inclined to repopulate the committee unless the LNC requests that he do so.

Mr. Marsh moved that we dissolve the IT Committee by deleting the Policy Manual provisions establishing it.

Mr. Katz moved a substitute to instead direct the Chair to review the membership of the IT Committee and replace members as deemed necessary.

Following debate, the vote on the motion to substitute the Katz motion for the Marsh motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Marsh

Abstaining: Goldstein, Sarwark

The motion to substitute was adopted with a vote total of 13-1, making the Katz motion the main motion.

Voting on the Katz motion, now the main motion, was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Goldstein, Katz, Sarwark

The main motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-0.

The following LNC members volunteered to serve on the IT Committee: Feldman, Ludlow, Olsen

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Ms. Mattson, Chair of the Platform Committee, provided an oral report. She noted that the 2014 bylaw change which resulted in more states being represented on the committee has made it difficult to schedule a meeting around the home-state conventions of all the committee members. As a result the committee will be meeting in St. Louis over Easter weekend (March 26-27). She fielded questions.

BYLAWS & RULES COMMITTEE

M Carling, Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, reported the committee has adopted 22 proposals so far, and he fielded questions. The committee intends to conduct a survey on the proposals soon. Aaron Starr, as a member of the committee, inquired whether the LNC felt that such surveys are valuable, and the general consensus was supportive.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Gary Johnson noted things are proceeding well with the committee. Their first meeting will be onsite the day prior to the start of the convention.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Redpath had submitted a written report (see Appendix G). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. Due to the LNC financial constraints, Mr. Redpath noted he intends to contact presidential campaigns and indicate in advance to them that they will need to help with ballot access if they want to be on the ballot in all 50 states this year. The LNC took no action.

Mr. Redpath moved to amend the agenda to set today's 2018 Convention Site Selection presentation for a time certain at 5:00 p.m. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend the agenda to move Regional Reports to be the last item of business before adjournment. Dr. Feldman moved a substitute to instead remove Regional Reports from the agenda. The Feldman substitute failed on a voice vote. The Goldstein motion was adopted by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

ADD CHAIR DISCRETIONARY SPENDING TO TREASURER REPORTS

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

2.03.15 Treasurer's Reports

No later than 45 days after each calendar quarter, the Treasurer shall prepare a quarterly Treasurer's Report to be mailed to any sustaining member who either was a delegate at the most recent regular convention or requests such report.

No later than the end of each calendar month, the Treasurer shall prepare a monthly Treasurer's Report to the LNC reflecting the Party's financial position and the results of its operations through the previous calendar month. [The monthly Treasurer's Report shall include a listing of the year-to-date expenditures of the Chair's discretionary funds.](#)

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

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Hagan, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 14-0.

ELIMINATE ROUTINE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR EMPLOYEES

After initial discussion, Mr. Katz moved to postpone this agenda item until tomorrow after the selection of the 2018 convention site to allow Mr. Riemers time to craft precise wording of the motion he wished to offer. The motion to postpone was adopted without objection.

REQUIRE ALL LNC MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS

Mr. Riemers moved to add a provision to the Policy Manual that all LNC meetings be held in the Washington, D.C. area (with exception of the meetings held at national conventions), with the allowance that the LNC may override the rule by a majority vote.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Johnson, Riemers

Voting "no": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Lieberman, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath

Abstaining: Sarwark, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 2-12.

AMEND EMPLOYEE BONUS POLICY

Mr. Riemers moved that we re-negotiate existing employee contracts to ensure that they would not grant employee bonuses for future bequest revenues not solicited by the employees.

Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order because the LNC cannot unilaterally amend the one already-executed contract that has revenue-based bonus provisions.

PRESENTATION OF 2018 CONVENTION SITE OPTIONS

At 5:00 p.m., the LNC took up the agenda item for presentation of 2018 convention site options.

Ms. Mattson presented a short-list of bids obtained by the Convention Oversight Committee working with Helms Briscoe for the 2018 convention. The bids were from:

Harrah's, Atlantic City, NJ
Renaissance Glendale, Glendale, AZ
Arizona Grand Resort, Phoenix, AZ
Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA
Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Goldstein moved to remove the Harrah's, Atlantic City property from consideration; there was no objection.

Mr. Hayes moved to remove the Arizona Grand Resort from consideration. Mr. Wiener moved to postpone the motion until the agenda item tomorrow for continuation of the same subject. The postponement was adopted by a show of hands.

Without objection, at 6:04 p.m., the LNC adjourned to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 21.

The meeting was called back to order on Sunday, February 21 at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Vohra arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. McLendon moved to add a 5-minute agenda item to be taken up immediately to discuss contacting Ron Paul about speaking at the 2016 national convention. There was no objection.

CONTACTING RON PAUL

Mr. McLendon inquired whether there was any objection to the idea of Ron Paul as a speaker at the 2016 national convention, understanding that the Convention Oversight Committee schedules the speakers and would need to approve any arrangements should Dr. Paul agree. There was no objection.

HIRE A FIRM TO RE-DESIGN LP.ORG

Mr. Ludlow spoke about a need to use professionals to redesign LP.org as soon as possible.

Mr. Goldstein moved to appoint Kevin Ludlow to chair a Website Redevelopment Committee with two other Party members of his choosing from this body. The committee is appointed with power to execute contracts on behalf of the Libertarian Party for redesigning the LP.org website for an amount up to \$10,000 plus any additional funds raised for this specific purpose.

Mr. Olsen moved to amend as follows:

Move to appoint Kevin Ludlow to chair a website redevelopment committee with two other Party members of his choosing from this body. The committee is appointed with power to execute contracts on behalf of the Libertarian Party for redesigning the LP.org website for an amount up to \$10,000 ~~plus any additional funds raised for this specific purpose~~ plus an additional \$10,000 moved from the ballot access budget.

Following debate, the vote on the Olsen amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Ludlow, Olsen, Riemers, Wiener

Voting "no": Feldman, Johnson, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Lark, Sarwark

The amendment failed with a vote total of 6-8.

Mr. Riemers moved to amend such that no money would be spent until \$10k is raised for the project. The amendment failed by a show of hands.

The vote on the un-amended main motion from Mr. Goldstein was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Johnson

Abstaining: McLendon, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-1.

STANDARDS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Mr. Ludlow spoke about the importance of protecting the Libertarian Party brand. The LNC took no action.

SELECTION OF 2018 CONVENTION SITE

The LNC took up the postponed motion from yesterday to eliminate the Arizona Grand from consideration for the 2018 convention. The motion was adopted with a show of hands.

Mr. Redpath moved to eliminate the Hyatt Regency Bellevue from consideration. Following debate, the motion was adopted with a show of hands.

Mr. Goldstein moved to select the Renaissance Glendale for the 2018 convention.

Mr. Redpath moved that rather than voting for/against one particular site, the LNC choose the 2018 site by casting votes for either the Renaissance Glendale or the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. The LNC agreed to that alternate procedure without objection, dispensing with Mr. Goldstein's pending motion.

Following debate, the vote for the 2018 convention site was as follows:

Renaissance Glendale: Johnson, Mattson, Olsen, Riemers, Wiener

Hyatt Regency New Orleans: Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McLendon, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Abstaining: Katz

With 10 of 15 votes, the Hyatt Regency New Orleans was selected for the 2018 convention.

Ms. Mattson moved to approve the Renaissance Glendale for the 2020 convention, provided that they can make an offer comparable to that made for 2018 on an acceptable date.

Following debate, the Mattson motion failed on a show of hands with a 7-8 vote total.

ELIMINATE ROUTINE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR EMPLOYEES (cont...)

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Riemers moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

2.09.4 Hiring and Termination

The Chair shall appoint and employ the Executive Director with the approval of the LNC, subject to the right of the LNC to discharge the Director at any time by majority vote. The Chair shall provide advice and consent to the Executive Director on the appointment, employment, and termination of all LPHQ personnel.

~~The office of the LNC shall conduct a credit and criminal background check prior to offering employment to any prospective employee.~~

~~Employees and candidates for employment shall be obligated to notify the Chair, Executive Director and Employment Policy and Compensation Committee of the full details of any arrest or conviction of crimes punishable by imprisonment, or of any personal financial problem, including involuntary liens or any filing for personal bankruptcy.~~

~~The office of the LNC shall not employ any person who has been convicted of a crime against property or person, unless with the approval of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee. The Chair shall promptly disclose to the LNC as a confidential employer-employee matter that such approval has been given. The LNC may override such approval, but the motion shall not reveal confidential details.~~

The office of the LNC shall not discriminate based on criminal or moral background, unless it is recent and also reasonably relates to the appointment or employment. The office of the LNC shall not routinely do criminal background checks.

The office of the LNC shall not allow any employee with a recent history of financial problems, including involuntary liens or who has filed for personal bankruptcy, to handle money or negotiable instruments, access donor information, approve or negotiate purchases with contractors or suppliers, or prepare accounting records, unless with the approval of the Chair and the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee. The Chair shall promptly disclose to the LNC as a confidential employer-employee matter that such approval has been given. The LNC may override such approval, but the motion shall not reveal confidential details.

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

Voting "aye": Johnson, Riemers

Voting "no": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Wiener

Abstaining: Sarwark, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 2-12.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

BALLOT ACCESS FUNDING FOR MONTANA

Mr. Olsen moved that \$3,722.02 of ballot access funds be encumbered to be used for funding candidate filing fees for candidates for Governor and U.S. Representative of Montana for the 2016 election.

Following debate, Mr. Redpath moved to postpone the motion to an email ballot. The motion failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 6-9.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Mattson, Olsen, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Feldman, Marsh, Redpath, Riemers

Abstaining: McLendon, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 10-4.

PARTY SLOGAN

Mr. Olsen moved that the Libertarian National Committee hereby adopts the phrase "Minimum Government, Maximum Freedom" as the official slogan of our party to be used consistently as part of our branding program.

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

Voting "aye": Johnson, Mattson, Olsen

Voting "no": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, McLendon, Redpath, Riemers, Vohra, Wiener

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 3-12.

OUTREACH MATERIAL

Mr. Olsen moved that the LNC Chair is requested to direct staff to produce outreach materials for use by the national office and all Libertarian National Committee affiliates concerning the following topics: the economy (regulation, national debt, crony capitalism, Federal Reserve), civil & property rights (justice system, civil forfeiture, police violence), the War on Terror, gun rights.

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

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Katz, Riemers

Abstaining: Ludlow

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-2.

CONTRACT WITH PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Wiener moved to adopt the presidential campaign contract shown in Appendix H, but with the following amendment:

3(c)(ii):

Upon signing this Agreement, the Candidates and Campaign Committee shall promptly provide to the LNC their "campaign" lists, i.e., their most current lists of contributors, inquiries and volunteers and the mailing and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of those persons, and their "media" lists, i.e., their most current lists of media contacts and the mailing and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of those persons. [This requirement shall only apply to names on those lists which were obtained after the Candidates announced that they were seeking the LP nomination.](#) The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall provide to the LNC promptly as and when they are received, and at least weekly, any additions or updates to those lists. The Candidates and Campaign Committee intend that these lists shall be added to and merged with the lists owned and maintained by the LNC, so that the LNC shall have the unrestricted ownership and use of the lists in the future in order to advance the interests of the LP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Candidates shall retain a limited license to use those lists following the Campaign for their own ~~personal noncommercial~~ use [insofar as such use does not conflict with Libertarian Party objectives.](#)

3(c)(5):

The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall direct all inquiries [about the Libertarian Party](#) from interested voters, media representatives and others, to telephone numbers, mailing and e-mail addresses and persons designated by the LNC.

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

Voting "aye": Katz, Ludlow, Mattson, Wiener

Voting "no": Bittner, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Marsh, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Sarwark

Abstaining: Goldstein, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 4-10.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 Representative Norm Olsen had submitted a written report (see Appendix I), and he supplemented with an oral update to identify the potential Montana candidates for whom the LNC earlier agreed to pay filing fees. (Ron Vanderbender for Governor, Ted Dunlap for Secretary of State). There were no questions.

Region 2 Representative Vicki Kirkland had submitted a written report (see Appendix J), and Region 2 Alternate Ed Marsh orally summarized its highlights. There were no questions.

Region 3 Representative Marc Feldman had submitted a written report (see Appendix K), and he supplemented with an oral update. There were no questions.

Region 4 Representative Dan Wiener and Region 4 Alternate Scott Lieberman had submitted written reports (see Appendix L). Mr. Wiener orally summarized the highlights. There were no questions.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report from his region (see Appendix M) as well as a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix N) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix O). He and Mr. Redpath fielded questions about Pennsylvania ballot access plans.

Region 6 Representative Roland Riemers indicated that news for his region had been previously covered. There were no questions.

Region 7 Representative Kevin Ludlow provided an oral report. He noted that Texas is likely to lose its ballot access for 2018, due to legal changes that impact the judicial races they typically use to retain their status.

Region 8 Alternate Joshua Katz had submitted a written report (see Appendix P), and he supplemented with an oral update. There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements and public comments, the LNC adjourned without objection at 12:52 p.m.

Chair's Report - 11/15/15 - 2/20/16

- Gave a number of interviews, including the Stacy Petty show, RT International, Dimitri Vassilaros, Liberty Talk Radio with Joe Cristiano, CBC Radio, the Adam Thompson Show, and others.
- Recorded video State of the Union response on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
- Calls, meetings, and written correspondence with major donors.
- Wrote columns in LP News.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

Secretary's Report

For February 20-21, 2016 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session:

- November 14-15, 2015 LNC session – auto-approved on December 13, 2015
- December 7, 2015 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on December 22, 2015
- December 11, 2015 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on December 25, 2015
- January 6, 2016 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on January 21, 2016
- February 1, 2016 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on February 17, 2016

The Policy Manual has been updated to reflect the changes made by the LNC in its November 14-15, 2015 meeting.

The above records are being promptly posted to the website by our staff.

There have been no changes in the membership of the LNC since the November 2015 session.

I informed state chairs of their delegate allocations for the 2016 convention on November 27, 2015, which met the bylaws deadline of November 30, 2015 for that notification.

I have almost finished updating the Delegation Chair's Manual for the 2016 convention. It will be distributed to state chairs well in advance of the convention for their reference.

At the end of 2015 I updated my archive of affiliate bylaws by either pulling a fresh copy from their website or contacting their officers and requesting a copy. The officers are sometimes cooperative. I have something on file for all but one state, which lost its bylaws before I created the archive, though I'm not certain whether all of them are current.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The following state appointments have been made to the Credentials Committee: Ben Bachrach (FL), Scott Pettigrew (OH). CA has not yet made its appointment, to my knowledge.
- The following state appointments have been made to the Platform Committee: Matt Cholko (VA), John Fockler (OH), Jim Fulner (MI), Roy Minet (PA), Darryl Perry (NH), Debbie Schum (AK), Jason Weinman (NV), Nathan Wilson (GA). Virginia also named Bo Brown as an alternate.

The web page showing the members of each committee has been updated to reflect these appointments.

No email ballots were completed since the November 14-15, 2015 LNC session.

See the following 12 pages for the Staff Report

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Staff Reports

February 20-21, 2016 Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Phoenix, Arizona

Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Wes Benedict

Membership and financial reports are submitted separately by Director of Operations Robert Kraus.

Staff

We've made no staff changes since the last meeting.

Salaried and hourly staff:

- Wes Benedict — Executive Director
- Carla Howell — Political Director
- Robert Kraus — Operations Director
- Casey Hansen — Member Services Manager
- Nick Dunbar — Special Projects

Staff contractors:

- Bob Johnston — Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist
- Andy Burns - State Affiliate Support Specialist
- Lauren Daugherty – Special Projects
- Elizabeth Brierly –Assistant Editor; helps with various publications

Other contractors used on a regular basis:

- Paula Edwards – FEC Consultant
- Mat Thexton – membership renewal calls
- Denise Luckey – graphic design
- Collin Daugherty—graphic design
- Oliver Hall – Special Counsel
- There are more contractors we use on a semi-regular basis that are not detailed here for things such as cleaning services, HVAC repair, general maintenance, tech support, legal help, ballot access petitioning, and other things.

Major Projects

- Deploying new logo branding, ballot access, training, and new convention website.

LNC Political Director & LP Communications Report

Nov 10, 2015 – February 17, 2016

Prepared by Carla Howell

Projects and one-time activities:

- Overseeing PA ballot drive. Initial planning and phoning of key members in progress.
- Organized and managed second offering of “LP Activist Training by Libertarians for Libertarians” in Burlingame, CA. Very positive feedback. 22 registrants and overall low cost.
- Wrote articles for and edited *LP News* February issue; Elizabeth Brierly on layout, writing and assistance editing.
- Compiled, edited November, December, January and February issues of *Liberty Pledge*. Elizabeth Brierly did layout and assistance editing.
- Spoke to students at The Washington Center in January and addressed Norquist’s Wednesday Morning Group

Regular activities:

- Support state chairs and key state activists in candidate recruitment; recruit individual candidates when opportunities arise
- Write, format, send emails via iContact, usually compilations of recent blogs, press releases and important announcements. With Elizabeth Brierly, have maintained rate of bi-weekly emails for several months.
- Write and issue news releases
- Edit and write blogs. Bob Johnston oversees. Have maintained frequency of blogs at approximately five per week.
- TV, radio and print interviews – book interviews and do ones that Nick Sarwark doesn’t do.
- Assist with state ballot access, lawsuits, petitioning issues as needed.
- Research and develop talking points for candidates and media interviews
- Coach candidates and lead sessions of Who’s Driving
- Correspond with elected Libertarians
- Attend DC-area events and keep in contact with key libertarian organizations and allies on specific issues, e.g., represent.us (non partisan “anti-corruption”)

- Oversee posting of Facebook memes to LP.org
- Miscellaneous admin: e.g. update/create iContacts lists, ensure cross-posting content to FB/Twitter; help maintain candidate contacts spreadsheet and list of candidates to cover; misc. LP.org updates
- Take miscellaneous phone calls and occasionally meet with walk-in visitors at headquarters
- Maintain relationship with VoiceAmerica to maintain LP show *Libertarians Working For You* for free.

Press Releases this period

- Why John Kasich is Unfit to be President
- Republican presidential candidates refuse to talk about the toughest issue: cutting government spending
- Libertarian Party: The Only Presidential Choice for Liberty Still Standing
- Nevada State Assemblyman John Moore Joins Libertarian Party
- Maine official knocks Libertarians off ballot; LP fights back
- Open Letter to Muslim Republicans
- Ds and Rs cement No Child Left Behind while claiming eased regulations
- Libertarians say stop reckless Middle East interventions, honor freedoms of innocent Muslims
- LP to New York: Cease and desist your rigged state lottery ; leave fantasy sports alone

Blogs this period

- Alabama and Mississippi LP host Presidential debate February 27
- LNC Meeting February 20-21, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ new
- Simple convention registration instructions
- Activist Blitz fights for Libertarian solutions in Maryland
- Illinois LP wins lawsuit to strike unconstitutional ballot access restriction
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Phil Gray, Rhett Smith, Ruben Corvalan, and Roland Rangel
- Dr. James Lark addresses Virginia Tech students
- LP Political Director Carla Howell discusses State of the Union on RT TV
- Will they all waste their votes?
- Austin Petersen interviewed on Stossel show
- Ron Paul: No one for libertarians to vote for in Republican or Democratic primaries
- Oklahoma, South Dakota & Connecticut ballot access
- 2016 State Conventions
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Heather Marcus, Mark West, Thomas Howell, and Cecil Anderson

- Claire Ball for comptroller seeks government transparency
- Austin Petersen interviewed by TruthInMedia
- Connecticut LP wins court case to overturn ban on out-of-state petitioners
- Seaman to run again for the US House in North Dakota in 2016
- Minnesota LP selects new Executive Director
- Former West Virginia statewide candidates running again this November
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Adam Hutchison and Lily Williams new
- Historic Dates of Interest to Libertarians
- Earlybird discount extended to Jan. 24 for LP Activist Training in Calif.
- Libertarian Response to State of the Union Delivered by Chair Nicholas Sarwark
- LP Chair Nicholas Sarwark interviewed on Liberty Talk Radio
- Texas Libertarian staff quash forced primary bill
- Former Colorado LP chair announces bid for US Senate
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Mark Miller and Rich Purtell
- LP Chair Nicholas Sarwark interviewed on RT TV
- Exclusive interview: Gary Johnson calls 2016 a "tipping point"
- U.S. Supreme Court Won't Hear Libertarian Case over Discriminatory Voter Registration Forms
- LP Political Director Carla Howell discusses Oregon protest on RT TV
- Sputnik features LP chair Nicholas Sarwark's comments on violence in Syria
- Michigan repeals straight-ticket device
- Gov. Gary Johnson Announces 2016 Candidacy For President on Cavuto
- Vermont LP on the ballot for 2016
- Reflection on 2015 and thanks to LP members from Chair Nicholas Sarwark
- LP files lawsuit over Connecticut residency requirement for petitioners
- Newsweek on McAfee running for LP nomination
- Harry Browne's New Year's Resolutions for Selling Liberty Effectively
- Libertarians Working For You show, on ending college subsidies with Anton Chamberlin
- 101 potential candidates file in Texas
- McAfee will run for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination
- Early Christmas gift to LP
- North Carolina LP will have 18 candidates on the 2016 ballot
- LP Activist Training by Libertarians, for Libertarians - February 12-14 in San Francisco
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Dr. Mary Ruwart, Jeff Sanford, and Dr. George Phillies
- Oklahoma update
- Update News and Observer covers the North Carolina LP
- News and Observer covers the North Carolina LP
- LP Activist Training By Libertarians, For Libertarians October 16-18 in Alexandria, VA

- Libertarians Working For You show, on foreign policy
- Florida Libertarian success! Major deregulation of vehicles for hire industry
- LNC chair on CBC radio show on guns and gun control
- Stripping Rights Away with the Terror Watch List
- Kentucky LP files lawsuit over definition of a political party
- 2015 election results and 2016 Presidential ballot access map
- Fall 2015 Libertarian Vote Totals
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Carla Howell and Adam Hutchinson
- Georgia LP candidate wins runoff election
- Two potential Georgia LP US Senate candidates for 2016
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Claire Ball and Jason France
- Georgia LP candidate in two runoff elections on December 1
- Serious help needed for Oklahoma petition drive
- Ohio LP asks sixth circuit to invalidate ballot access law
- Recount filed for LP Indiana candidate
- LPIN candidate, only six votes behind, considering a recount
- Forbes: Two former Dem, GOP presidential candidates-turned-Libertarian sought end of marijuana prohibition before Bernie Sanders
- Phil Anderson declares 2016 candidacy for US Senate in Wisconsin
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Sean Haugh and Jordan Hansen
- Libertarian on Stossel show Sunday at 5pm ET
- LNC Meeting November 14-15, 2015 in Orlando, FL
- Libertarians Working For You show features Carl Loser and Steven Nielson on the elections

LP Media coverage

Below is a partial list of national LP media interviews and covered LP press releases. Does not include state affiliate or candidate-specific coverage, LP mentions where we were not interviewed, or interviews that Chair Sarwark or others booked without LPHQ involvement:

- 2/11 Carla Howell in Al Jazeera report on political outsiders filmed at LPHQ
- 2/1 Jim Lark on RT TV commenting on Sanders, Clinton campaigns
- 1/25 Carla Howell on RT TV re: Rand Paul
- 1/22 Chair Sarwark on Dimitri Vassilaros podcast
- 1/19 Carla Howell on Al Jazeera
- 1/14 Chair Sarwark on Liberty Talk Radio
- 1/12 - Chair Sarwark on RT TV
- 1/12 - Carla Howell on RT TV
- 1/12 Chair Sarwark - SOTU response
- 1/8 Carla Howell on Press TV - Trump in Vermont
- 1/7/16 Carla Howell on WBSM, New Bedford

- 1/4 Jim Lark on RT TV on sentencing of Hammonds in Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon
- 1/4/16 Carla Howell on RT TV - Hammonds ranchers protest in Oregon
- 12/28 Chair Sarwark on Sputnik re: Syria
- 12/20 Carla Howell on Dimitri Vassilaros podcast
- 12/10 Augusta Free Press picked up LP press release on Obama's ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)
- 12/9 Carla Howell on RT TV
- 12/8 Chair Sarwark on CNC
- 12/2 Carla Howell on Liberty Talk Radio
- 11/25 Chair Sarwark on Adam Thompson Show
- 11/24 Fox News email interview re: Caitlyn Jenner
- 11/16 Carla Howell on WBSM New Bedford, MA

Director of Operation's Report – Feb 2016

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. As part of our effort to have accurate data – Casey tests all emails on new and renewed memberships by sending them all a quick “thank you, your membership card has been mailed” email every Monday. Bad emails are then removed from the database.

There are still a number of states that use the old formatted dump which is very cumbersome. We continue to reach out to those states to switch to the updated format which is much easier and simpler to use.

We also plan on running a US Postal Service National Change of Address update on our records within the next few weeks. These will cover the 50k of the most recent inquires, active and lapsed members.

Building Fund

There is \$4,491 in the restricted building fund account as of 01/31/16. We plan on making an additional principle payment of at least \$4,000 by end of this month which should bring our mortgage down to \$457,900.

In terms of maintenance, we have had no major or unexpected expenses the last few months. As planned we did the re-filming and cleaning of our windows in late Nov at a cost expected to be under \$1,750.

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 remain VERY tight despite and the last two months we’ve been below the reserve requirement. As of 01/31/16 we had a reserve of \$32,621 against a target of \$44,125.

As of 02/16/16 we now are up to \$40,500 in unrestricted cash on hand.

Thank you!

Robert



Affiliate Development Specialist Report

Submitted by Andy Burns for the period October 2015 - December 2015

Partner States Progress

Connecticut (start: Late July)

Moderate progress has been made in Connecticut. We're continuing to work on training with NationBuilder. Some assistance with presidential petitioning efforts.

Fundraising

Baseline metric - 2014 funds raised: \$1,119.51. Average monthly revenue: \$93

- Previous fundraising total for Aug 1 - Sept 30: \$955. Average monthly revenue: \$477
- Fundraising total for Oct 1 - Dec 31: \$896. Average monthly revenue: \$298

Marketing

- Created splash page for website with the "[I Am Libertarian - LPCT](#)" video

California (start: Early Sept)

Progress has been slower in California as I am waiting on their webmaster to finish up their new website. While I have tried to speed along the process they are wanting to do it on their own(I came into the process halfway through). As this is a fundamental step to getting them on a growth trajectory, my involvement is limited until it is complete. A fundraising letter was sent with moderate success. Plans are underway to have the party back at the State Fair in 2016.

Fundraising

Baseline metric - 2014 funds raised \$26,232. Average monthly revenue: \$2,186

- Previous fundraising total for Aug 1 - Sept 30: \$1,860. Average monthly revenue: \$930.
- Fundraising total for October 1 - December 31: \$7,350. Average monthly revenue: \$2,450.

Wrote a 2016 goals fundraising template letter which we tailored to LP California. Raised \$3,070 in total.

Membership Mailer: 50 mail-in responses,

Memberships: \$1,200
Additional Donations: \$925
Monthly Pledges: 2 @ \$10/month
Online contributions: \$945

Marketing

- Getting the party back to the state fair, in planning stages. July 10-26. I am attending a portion of it to assist.
- Helped revise county invitation postcard mailer.

Washington State (start: Oct 1)

Significant progress has been seen in Washington State. Their leadership has been very responsive and together we have built a new website, installed CiviCRM to properly manage data, and started raising funds. They are taking initiative with the site/CiviCRM and training is going well. Plans are underway to have the party back at the State Fair in 2016.

Fundraising

Baseline metric - 2014 funds raised \$ 15,073. Average monthly revenue: \$1,256.

Fundraising total for Oct 1 - Jan 13: \$6,220. Average monthly revenue: \$1,777.

- Initiated the idea of a New Year's Resolution Fundraiser and helped with the implementation. <http://lpwa.org/letter-from-the-chair-2016-new-years-fundraiser/>. Email, phone and Facebook campaign. Designed Facebook ad. Raised \$4,420 in 10 days. Jan 1 - Jan 10.

Website /Database

- Completed roll-out of new LPWA.org in mid-November using Wordpress
- Installed, configured, imported contacts into CiviCRM. Previously they had only Excel spreadsheets and the membership tracking was disorganized and incomplete.
- Installed email service CiviSMTP to send emails. Previously they did not send emails professionally. They are planning to average 1 per week. They have sent 10 since Dec 26th (New Year's Fundraiser had 6).
- Training Vice-Chair Zack Banks on Wordpress and CiviCRM. He now has the knowledge and is executing the editing of the site, imports into CiviCRM, mass emails, general use of CiviCRM. Some training remains. He will train others as necessary.

Marketing

- Getting the party back to the state fair, in planning stages. September 2-25. I am attending a portion of it to assist.

Note: Virginia, South Dakota and North Carolina are no longer "partner states". Work continues on building a new Virginia website and assisting South Dakota on an as-needed basis. I am now looking for a few additional states to work with.

Web Graphics, Printed Materials, New State Logos

LIBERTARIAN
Party of Washington

You Can Be a Libertarian Candidate and Give Voters a Choice
Pick Your Level

BASIC

Are you running to give voters an alternative choice?
Minimal Time.

- File Paperwork
- Basic Website With Quality Headshot
- Answer Key Surveys
- Redirect Volunteers and Media

ENGAGED

Want to go the next level? Actively engage voters and change hearts and minds? *5-15 hrs/wk.*

- File Paperwork
- Full Website, Active Social Media
- Answer Key Surveys, Respond to Media
- Some Fundraising \$100 - 1000
- Forums, Block-walking (local campaign)

ALL-OUT

Want to go all-out? Run a high-visibility, high-impact campaign that recruits lots of volunteers, grows the LP, and maximizes your votes? *20-40 hrs/wk.*

- File Paperwork
- Full Website, Active Social Media
- Frequent Public Appearances
- Serious Fundraising \$10 - 200K
- Walk District (non-stopwork)
- Campaign Team

Go to LP.org/run-for-office to get started!

Candidate recruiting graphic for website/Facebook

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Pick Your Level

BASIC

Are you running to give voters an alternative choice?

ENGAGED

Want to go to the next level? Actively engage voters and change hearts and minds?

ALL-OUT

Want to go all-out? Run a high-visibility, high-impact campaign that recruits lots of volunteers, grows the LP, and maximizes your votes?

Candidate recruiting web banner

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON

WWW.LPWA.ORG

3x7 vinyl banner template for outreach events

LIBERTARIAN
Party of Washington

Facebook profile picture template

REALIZE YOUR TRUE POWER.

JOIN TODAY! LPWA.ORG

Facebook ad graphic template

LIBERTARIAN
Party of North Dakota

LIBERTARIAN
Party of West Virginia

LIBERTARIAN
Party of Alabama

LIBERTARIAN
PARTY OF COLORADO

LIBERTARIAN
Party of Washington

peace, prosperity, freedom

WWW.LPWA.ORG

Vertical retractable banner template for outreach events

Other Items

- Created Wordpress site for Alabama (lpalabama.org) with CiviCRM.
- Created Wordpress site for North Dakota (www.lpnorthdakota.org). Using Google forms for now, possible transition to CiviCRM. The host they choose did not configure with CiviCRM so we have to wait 60 days to transfer the hosting.
- Virginia has been moved out of being a partner state to solely focusing on creating a new website. Working with Bonnie Scott on this project. It is taking longer than I would have liked but there is significant content migration required to move over to a new domain and onto a new CMS platform.
- [Email template](#) designed with the work of web development volunteer, Richard Stovall. Using in CT, SD, WA. Made available for states to use.
- Currently developing a "[splash page](#)" for the Wordpress sites for first-time visitors to drive signups and contributions.
- Modified set of [social media/web icons](#) for uniform look.
- Engaged 13 web development volunteers and created a "Web Development for Liberty" group. I currently work with 3 on a frequent basis. The rest can be tapped for future volunteer work if needed.
- Refined and added graphics to [CiviCRM import instructions](#) for affiliates to successfully use the monthly national data dump.
- Working with Michael Pickens on synergies between Kerbel presidential campaign and growing the LP. e.g. Kerbel's campaign videos are being rebranded for states to use. Currently CO, CT, and WA have this [video](#).
- Further expanded google drive repository. Created www.lp.org/affiliate-resources page to enable easier access.
- Gathered [best practices on petitioning](#) (mainly from national LP, LP Illinois and my experience) and put into resource guides for internal and external use by state parties.
- In process of gathering institutional knowledge from LPNC and adapting to national for dissemination among affiliates.
- Answer several questions from states; distribute branding guidelines.

Some Unsolicited Feedback From State Party Activists

Thank you for selecting the LPWA as a recipient of Andy's services in his role with the LP. He has been instrumental in the improvement of our website and establishment of our database. His expertise has saved us several thousand dollars that we don't have to spend on this. I can't say enough about his vision, persistence and patience. Great choice Nick.

Zack Banks

Vice Chair, Libertarian Party of Washington

I just wanted to thank you for all your help you've done with the state website. It's been huge and brought us to a legit level!

Gavin Keefe
Director of Region 6
Libertarian Party of Washington

Thanks for all your help with the site. You got me a million miles down the road and I was totally not expecting this much support. Big relief.

Tony Mangnall
Chair, Libertarian Party of North Dakota

Andy, thanks so much for taking out so much time to walk me through the intricacies of the monthly data-dump. It was very helpful!

John Buckley
Secretary, LPWV

It[The mailer] seemed to work well! We've received back over 50 forms to date and seen an increase of web donations. I would love to have a copy of the template for our records.

Thank you again for your help on the mailer!

Emily Tilford
Treasurer, Libertarian Party of California

2016 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 15, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
Chair, 2016 Awards Committee

The members of the Awards Committee are Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, and Roland Riemers. The Committee members were elected by the LNC during the November 2015 meeting.

In early January the Committee selected Dr. Lark to serve as chair. On Jan. 17, Dr. Lark submitted an article to run in the upcoming issue of *LP News*. The article provides information about the awards, and requests that LP members submit nominations to the Committee by 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 4.

The names of the previous recipients of the Adams, Paine, Henry, and Jefferson Awards, along with the names of the Hall of Liberty members, are enclosed below in Appendix 1. There is consensus among Committee members that since these awards represent the highest honors presented for service to the Libertarian Party, the LP.org website should feature a page that lists these names, along with photographs and brief biographies.

Mr. Knedler indicated that he would like to see a motion/request at the next LNC meeting concerning this matter. His comments concerning this matter are enclosed below in Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1: 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: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

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: Hardy Macia

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: Sharon Harris

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: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty:

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

APPENDIX 2: Comments by Kevin Knedler:

As a member of the LP Awards committee and a former member of the LNC, I would like to ask for a motion/request to be placed at the next LNC meeting, regarding the LP national awards. The Hall of Liberty is the highest award available from the LP. Induction is not meant to be easy and the group honored so far, is small. These are people who went well beyond the call of duty and made a lasting impact on the LP and the libertarian movement. The LNC policy for the awards were approved in May 2012 but there was a plan (my intent) to recognize these recipients—which I did not push for after I left the LNC. I would like to suggest recognition of the Hall of Liberty inductees (with photo, short bio, month and year inducted, etc.) in two forums: One would be a specific tab or page on the lp.org site (“National LP Award Recognition”) and the other would be space dedicated on a wall in the National LP office for the same. There should be a short description of the award in the heading. This gives much deserved recognition, but also will illustrate to the general public our 40+ year fight for freedom.

I would also like to address the other awards given for activism (Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Paine). I urge consideration that this also be added to the lp.org web site only. I’m only suggesting we list the inductee name, year of award, with the description of the award. One idea would be to have four columns and then list the winners, in order by year awarded, with the heading of each to include the award description. Keep it simple for the web site.

Thank you for any consideration to this request.

Kevin Knedler
LP Awards Committee member
Former member of the LNC 2010-2012
Former Chair of the Ohio LPO 2007 – 2015

Convention Oversight Committee
Meeting Dates and Attendance Roster for February 20-21, 2016 LNC Meeting

	Capozzi	Hayes	Kirkland	Marsh	Mattson	McCurry	Ryan
11/13/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12/03/15	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
12/17/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
01/07/16	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
01/21/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
02/04/16	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Committee Chair BetteRose Ryan will be present at the meeting to deliver a report.

**Convention Oversight Committee
Recommended 2018 Convention Hotel Bid**

Facility Name	Hotel California
Address	On a dark, desert highway
General Impressions	This could be Heaven, or this could be Hell Candle-lit ambiance Voices in the corridors Such a lovely place
Guest Rooms and Meeting Space	Plenty of room at the Hotel California
Proposed Dates	Any time of year, you can find it here
Reception Space	Dance in the courtyard
Hospitality Restrictions	No wine since 1969
Guest Room Amenities	Mirrors on the ceiling Pink champagne on ice
Dining Space	In the Master's Chambers
Misc Notes	You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave

EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 15, 2016

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

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Brett Bittner, Joshua Katz, and Jim Lark. The members were appointed to the Committee by Nick Sarwark on Nov. 15, 2014.

1) At this time, the EPCC is preparing various motions concerning issues of staff performance, many of which were raised in the report of the Audit Committee. In particular, the EPCC is preparing motions regarding vacation policy and related issues, “snow days” when local governments declare a state of emergency, leases and capital expenditures, segregation of duties (e.g., separation of accounting and depositing tasks), and contractual provisions concerning moving expenses.

The EPCC will distribute these motions to the LNC as soon as possible. If the motions are distributed in time for careful consideration prior to the upcoming meeting, and if some of the motions clearly enjoy strong support as of the call to order, the EPCC will request consideration of those strongly-supported motions during the meeting.

2) Section 2.03.06 of the LNC Policy Manual reads as follows:

Fixed Assets

Staff shall maintain a listing of fixed assets and update it monthly to record any additions or disposals. Depreciation shall be recorded monthly on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets.

In the review of the LNC’s internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of “best practices” that the staff has not maintained the listing of fixed assets in the manner required by the Policy Manual.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC consider what action (if any) to take in this matter.

3) In the review of the LNC’s internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of “significant deficiencies” that as of the end of 2013, the LNC’s FEC Policies and Procedures Manual had not been updated since 2006.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare an updated version of this manual. In addition, the LNC should develop a process for the regular review and updating of this manual.

4) In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "significant deficiencies" that the LNC has not established a document retention/destruction policy, and recommended that such a policy be established.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare such a policy.

5) Section 2.03.07 of the LNC Policy Manual reads as follows:

Time Sheets and Expense Allocation

Each employee shall submit a timesheet at least once per pay period to reflect the number of hours worked, allocating such time to corresponding categories specified in the annual budget. Time sheets shall be reviewed and approved prior to employee time being entered in the payroll system. Payroll costs for each employee shall be allocated to expense categories in proportion with approved time. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated payroll costs.

Where appropriate, an expense shall be allocated to one category. Expenses that benefit more than one category or that are general administrative in nature shall be allocated to a general administrative account in the general ledger. Those expenses shall then be allocated on a monthly basis to expense categories in proportion to the allocation of payroll costs. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated general administrative costs.

Monthly financial statements shall separately report allocations of payroll and overhead to corresponding categories.

In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "best practices" that employee timesheets do not reflect the actual time spent in each functional area. In addition, the auditor noted that there was no evidence of review and approval of timesheets. The auditor recommended that in order to allocate more accurately the time charged to projects, employees should complete timesheets that reflect actual hours worked on the various programs and/or supporting services functions.

After receiving the auditor's statements and the report of the Audit Committee, questions have been raised by staff concerning the particulars of how the timesheets should be completed. Mr. Benedict requested that the EPCC conduct research concerning how other organizations handled timesheets and functional allocation of expenses.

After consideration of this matter, the EPCC recommends that the LNC evaluate its requirements for such information from staff, and that it provide clear guidelines to the staff concerning the reporting of such information.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

Phoenix, Arizona

February 20-21, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

The following memo addresses petitioning opportunities for the LNC in 2016.

I want to thank Richard Winger and Bob Johnston, LP of Maryland Chair and an Independent Contractor to the LNC, for their assistance in updating this report.

I will have an oral update at the LNC meeting in Phoenix, if I have any additional data.

We currently have ballot access for our 2016 Presidential ticket in the following 31 states: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, ND, OR, SC, TX, UT, VT, WV, WI & WY.

I will now address the other 19 states and DC:

AL: The LP can start a party petition anytime (39,975 valid sigs), but I presume that we will do an Independent petition for 5,000 valid sigs in 2016 after the Presidential nomination. I budget \$15,000.

CT: The Executive Committee approved a \$25,000 encumbrance for CT on 2/1/2016. The petition drive will start ASAP, likely by the time of this LNC meeting. 7,500 valid sigs in 2016 for President. In the LPCT lawsuit, we got injunctive relief from US District Court to be able to use out-of-state petitioners.

DC: I estimate a 4,600 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. I budget \$15,000 from the LNC.

IL: 25,000 valid sig petition drive for President & US Senate in 2016. Attached is the LPIL petition drive plan, in which the LPIL is requesting \$50,000 from the LNC. This less than the \$66,500 spent by the LNC in 2014.

I have committed to personal responsibility for 500 gross sigs for this petition drive. I am planning to be in Illinois from Tue, March 29 (the first day of the 90 day petition drive) to Sat, April 2 to gather volunteer signatures.

IA: 1,500 valid sig petition drive for President. This required subsidization in 2012 from the LNC. Hopefully not in 2016, and LPIA Chair Keith Laube knows that and is working to prevent that.

KY: One of only two states that depends only on the vote for President to remain on the ballot (KY 5%, WA 1%). The LPKY has filed a lawsuit that argues that because the LPKY has almost 5,000 voter registrations, it should not have to do a 5,000 valid sig petition drive to qualify for the ballot. Injunctive relief has been requested and there may be a ruling on that by March. Nonetheless, we

should plan for a possible 5,000 valid sig petition drive, starting Memorial Day 2016. I budget \$15,000 in 2016.

ME: The LPME is suing several state officials and the Secretary of State's office because they ruled that the LPME did not gather the requisite 5,000 voter registrations needed by December 1, 2015, to get party status in Maine. The LPME disagrees. We think we have a strong case to prevail in court.

But, to stay on the ballot after the 2016 election, the LPME needs to have 10,000 registered voters by November 8, 2016, who also vote in the 2016 General Election, to maintain party ballot status after the 2016 General Election.

If we get party recognition, then the LP will be listed on the voter registration forms. When the Green Party got their name on the voter registration form, their registration shot up six-fold! In other words, once our name is listed on the form, we will get the 10,000 without doing any work at all.

Green Party registration in Maine in November 2000 was 2,152 (which was just after they were recognized as a party but before their name had been put on the voter registration form). By November 2002 it was 13,272. Now it's 40,005. Pretty impressive for a small population state.

If the litigation fails, and the LPME does not qualify as a political party through the registration process, we would need to do a 4,000 valid sig petition drive starting Memorial Day, with an August 1 deadline.

MA: We will need to do a 10,000 valid sig petition drive for President after Memorial Day 2016. Deadline: August 1, 2016. Budget: \$25,000. I am working with Christina Crawford of the LPMA, who is working diligently to maximize the number of volunteer signatures and financial donations from LPMA members.

Please note that if we had party status in MA, we would not have to petition at all to get our Presidential ticket on the ballot there.

MN: A 2,000 valid sig petition drive for President after the Memorial Day 2016 weekend convention. I will plan on this being done by the LPMN.

NH: 1,500 valid sigs in each of two congressional districts (3,000 valid sigs total). I think this is going to need LNC subsidization for a drive starting Memorial Day 2016. I budget \$15,000 in 2016.

NJ: 800 valid sigs after Memorial Day 2016. Although the LNC needed to subsidize in 2012, I would hope they could do this on their own in 2016.

NY: We will need 15,000 valid sigs from early July to mid-August for our Presidential ticket in 2016. I have budgeted \$30,000 from the LNC.

However, there is a bill that would move the deadline forward to June 7 that has passed the NY Assembly (House). It would be the second earliest petitioning deadline (Texas) and would be likely be held unconstitutional. The LPNY has denounced that legislation. The NY Senate has a bill that

would set the deadline at July 26. We would have the ability to substitute candidates with the earlier deadlines.

OH: The LPOH is still in court regarding Ohio's ballot access laws. There are lawsuits in both federal and state courts as the LPOH attempts to regain ballot status in OH.

The LPOH is starting a party petition that is due in July 2016. I have told the LPOH that I will assume responsibility for 750 gross sigs, that either I gather or give money for, if I think there is a credible plan for getting a party petition done. The problem is that I do not think that the LPOH has a credible plan for completing the party petition, which requires 30,560 valid signatures by July 5, 2016. Currently, the LPOH has about 2,000 gross sigs, with about \$2,000 in the bank for this petition drive. While various people have pledged to gather about 40,000 gross sigs by July 5, I think these pledges are not credible.

I have asked the LPOH to start an Independent petition drive, as we have slotted \$10,000 in 2016 to assist the LPOH. But, that money would go to waste with a party petition, as much as I would like to see a party petition happen, without a realistic plan. Ohio permits substitution on an Independent petition, so an Independent petition can be started now.

OK: The LPOK has at least 40,593 gross sigs, and probably 1,000 to 2,000 more. 24,712 valid sigs are needed with a Tue, March 1 deadline.

On Mon, Feb 22, our only sig turn-in is scheduled to occur. LNC Chairman Nick Sarwark and Executive Director Wes Benedict will travel from Phoenix to Oklahoma City after the LNC meeting to be present for the turn-in.

PA: We are looking at a 21,775 valid sig petition drive in PA starting in February 2016. We are probably looking at an expenditure of \$70,000. The petition drive will start on Sat, March 19, which is the date of the LPPA convention, at which they will nominate several candidates for public office this year.

There may be a conference call on the evening of Tue, Feb 16 with several members of the LPPA to put a petitioning plan together to bring to the Executive Committee.

I have committed to personal responsibility for 500 gross sigs on this petition drive (I will collect sigs or donate money to the LPPA for 500 gross sigs). Roy Minet of the LPPA has agreed to match my commitment, and I am attempting to recruit others in the LPPA to match our commitments to reduce the LNC funds needed for this petition drive.

There is a ballot access bill (SB 495) in a PA Senate Committee that would base party ballot access on the number of party voter registrations. The LPPA would qualify for the ballot based on the criteria in this bill. The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Mike Fulmer, is Chair of that committee.

RI: A 1,000 valid sig petition drive. I don't think the LPRI can do this themselves. We are probably looking at an LNC expenditure of \$2,500.

SD: A party petition for 6,936 valid sigs would get us two elections (2016 & 2018), with a possibility of retaining ballot status if we get 2.5% for Governor in 2018.

Currently, the LP National office possesses 3,733 gross sigs possessed by Wes, with 151 more on the way, equals 3,884 gross sigs. Probably about 200 more gross sigs exist.

Our first petitioning contractor, Charles Tuttle, has informed us that he cannot complete the petition drive. He did not get paid for more than he collected. He collected about one-third of what he was supposed to collect and got paid about one-third of what he was supposed to be paid.

We are currently working with Lori Stacey of the SD Constitution Party, who knows several people is SD willing to petition. We are closely monitoring the situation, and we may have to have to have other petitioners go to SD to wrap this up

The deadline is Tuesday, March 29, although there may be a court ruling very soon that that deadline is unconstitutionally early, so that deadline may get pushed back.

We get multiple petition turn-in opportunities, and the first batch of sigs is about to be submitted to the SD Secretary of State for validation.

TN: 275 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. The LPTN should handle this itself. The LPTN needs to work to get this done well ahead of the deadline in 2016, and not let it go to a last day fire drill, as in 2012.

The US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently agreed with the US District Court that the TN law on how a party stays on the ballot is unconstitutional. The LPTN has a lawsuit pending in TN, and it seems likely (in Richard Winger's opinion) that it will win. The LPTN might then get on as a party in TN with no petition, something the Green Party and the Constitution Party have done in both 2012 and 2014.

Lawsuit Update from Richard Winger: "The judge has put the lawsuit on hold to see if the legislature does anything helpful. The bill would only reduce the party petition from 2.5% of the last gub vote to 1.5% of the last gub vote, but it also would let candidates who use the independent procedure have a partisan label ("Libertarian"). So we would still need to do the 275-signature petition but we would at least have the Libertarian label on the ballot. Of course if the bill doesn't pass, then it goes into court again."

VA: 5,000 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016 should have started on January 2 and ends at Noon on Friday, August 26. The LPVA should handle this itself, but it has been slowed down due a problem not of its own making. The LPVA needs to list its 13 electors on the presidential petition, with at least one elector from each congressional district. There is ongoing litigation over the majority minority 3rd Congressional District that affects the boundaries of that and four other congressional districts. The LPVA is in the process of getting the drive going and hopes to do so no later than Tue, Mar 1, which is presidential primary day in VA, with great petitioning potential that day. The LPVA is going to commence litigation against the Commonwealth of Virginia to gain the right to substitute electors, which we can legally do for any other office in Virginia.

WA: 1,000 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. The LPWA should handle this itself.

Total: Sum of 2016 petition drive expenditures: \$272,500. LNC 2016 budget has \$272,500 for ballot access expense.

The other committee members are Richard Winger, Paul Frankel, Ed Marsh, Gary Johnson & me. The Ballot Access Committee will be on a call regarding the LPPA petition drive on Wed, Feb 17.

Bill Redpath
Chair
Ballot Access Committee

DRAFT

NOTE: This is a proposed DRAFT, which was not approved at this meeting.

AGREEMENT

(Presidential Campaign Coordination)

THIS AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") is made as of June ____, 20xx, by and between the LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation ("**LNC**"), The Presidential Candidate ("**The Presidential Candidate**"), The Vice-Presidential Candidate ("**The Vice-Presidential Candidate**") and the CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ("**Campaign Committee**"), based on the following facts:

- A. The LNC is the governing body of the Libertarian Party® ("**LP**").
- B. On May 30, 20xx, **The Presidential Candidate** and **The Vice-Presidential Candidate** (collectively, "**Candidates**") were nominated as the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, respectively, of the LP. They have formed the Campaign Committee in order to promote their 20xx general election campaign ("**Campaign**").
- C. The LNC, Candidates and Campaign Committee desire to assist one another in their respective political activities, as described in this Agreement.

The LNC, Candidates and Campaign Committee agree:

1. **The Candidates' and Campaign's Pledge.** The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall conduct the Campaign in accordance with the Statement of Principles, Bylaws and Platform of the LP, and all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. Each of the Candidates represents and warrants to the LNC that he:

- (a) Is eligible under the Constitution and applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, to run for the office for which the LP nominated him, and take office, if elected;
- (b) Has never been convicted of a felony, and to his knowledge is not currently the subject of a criminal investigation; and
- (c) Has never committed an act of moral turpitude, or any other act or omission that, while currently not known to the delegates to the LP National Convention who selected him, if publicized to them, would materially adversely affect their perception of his moral reputation, and their perception of his suitability to serve as their nominee.

(d) Desires in good faith to build and promote the LP through his candidacy.

2. Obligations of the LNC.

(a) Fundraising.

(i) The LNC shall prepare and mail two (2) fundraising letters to its members seeking support for the LNC's political activities in connection with the 20xx general election. The LNC shall spend the net proceeds of those two (2) fundraising letters to fund the fulfillment of its obligations under **Paragraphs 2(b) through (e)** below. "**Net proceeds**" means all revenues derived from the two (2) fundraising letters, after payment of all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the LNC in connection with the production and mailing of the two (2) fundraising letters, and handling responses to the two (2) fundraising letters, and an allowance equal to 10% of the total revenues received, in order to cover the LNC's overhead costs for employees, office space and equipment. The LNC shall consult with the Campaign Committee on the form and content of the two (2) fundraising letters, and if requested by the LNC, a member(s) of the Campaign Committee designated by the LNC will permit his or her name(s) to be printed as the person(s) signing the letter(s). The LNC shall not be obligated to commit funds and resources for general election political activities specified in 2(b) through (e) in addition to the net proceeds of the two (2) fundraising letters referenced above. The LNC, at its option, may from time to time make other fundraising appeals to its members or others, and apply any revenues from those appeals as it sees fit.

(ii) The LNC shall permit its mailing list of members to be used by the Campaign Committee in order to mail two (2) fundraising letters seeking support for the Campaign. In doing so, the LNC shall not be required to provide its mailing list of members to the Campaign Committee, but shall only be expected to provide limited use of the list to the Campaign Committee's mailing house, subject to such security safeguards as the LNC may reasonably impose. The mailing house shall be a third party mailing house and shall be bonded. The Campaign Committee shall, at its sole expense, prepare, produce and handle responses to the fundraising letters. The form, content and mailing dates of the two (2) fundraising letters shall be subject to the prior approval of the LNC, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(iii) The LNC may, in its sole discretion, elect to raise additional funds through direct mail, telemarketing or other methods, and apply the net proceeds to fund fulfillment of its obligations under **Paragraphs 2(b) through (e)** below. If the LNC elects to do so, the Campaign Committee shall exercise every reasonable effort to help facilitate those fundraising activities by the LNC.

(b) **Media Contact.** The LNC shall closely cooperate with the Candidates and Campaign Committee to promote the Campaign via "free" media. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall work closely with the LNC on a daily basis to schedule public media appearances, candidate travel and the promotion of a coherent, principled and pleasing political message by the Campaign and the Candidates.

(c) **Data Provision.** The LNC shall promptly provide to the Campaign Committee copies of all announcements, news releases, advertising and promotional materials and other widely disseminated materials issued by the LNC regarding the Campaign. In addition, the LNC shall keep the Candidates and Candidate Committee timely advised of news and events regarding the Campaign that come to the attention of the LNC. The LNC shall also provide to the Campaign Committee, on at least a weekly basis, the names, mailing and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of voter inquiries received via the Campaign Committee (as described in **Paragraph 3(c)(v)** below) ("**Voter Inquiries**").

(d) **Promotion.** The LNC shall promote the Campaign in *Libertarian Party® News*, to the LNC's e-mail announcement list and on the LNC's website, www.lp.org ("**LNC Website**"). The LNC may, at its option and to the extent of available funds, prepare, purchase and publish media advertising and promotional flyers and mailings supporting the Campaign. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall exercise every reasonable effort to help facilitate those promotional activities by the LNC.

(e) **Ballot Access.** The LNC shall be primarily responsible for providing ballot access for the Campaign. The Candidates and Campaign Committee understand that this is not a guarantee of 50-state ballot access, but simply the LNC's agreement to proceed in good faith to obtain ballot access for the Campaign on the ballots of as many states as reasonably possible, given all the demands on the LNC's resources. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall exercise every reasonable effort to help facilitate those ballot access activities by the LNC, including, without limitation, assisting in the promotion of signature-gathering efforts, and to the extent feasible, ballot access fundraising. The Candidates and Campaign Committee will make good faith efforts to provide legal counsel as necessary to defend ballot access or to initiate affirmative legal challenges to statutes, regulations or procedures used to deny the Candidates ballot access.

3. Obligations of Campaign Committee.

(a) **Candidates as Spokespersons.** The Candidates shall make themselves available on a full-time basis to promote the Campaign. They shall work with the LNC as described in **Paragraph 2** above.

(b) **Campaign Strategy.** The Campaign Committee shall hire a Campaign Manager to oversee its Campaign strategy during the entire course of the Campaign. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall work closely with the LNC to develop and establish a coherent, principled and politically viable Campaign strategy that is designed to promote not only the Campaign, but also the growth and influence of the LP. In developing and pursuing the Campaign strategy, the Candidates and Campaign Committee shall consult with and give serious consideration to the opinions of the LNC.

(c) **Data Provision.**

(i) The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall promptly provide to the LNC copies of all announcements, news releases, advertising and promotional materials and other widely disseminated materials issued by them regarding the Campaign. In addition, they shall keep the LNC timely advised of news and events regarding the Campaign that come to their attention.

(ii) Upon signing this Agreement, the Candidates and Campaign Committee shall promptly provide to the LNC their "campaign" lists, i.e., their most current lists of contributors, inquiries and volunteers and the mailing and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of those persons, and their "media" lists, i.e., their most current lists of media contacts and the mailing and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of those persons. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall provide to the LNC promptly as and when they are received, and at least weekly, any additions or updates to those lists. The Candidates and Campaign Committee intend that these lists shall be added to and merged with the lists owned and maintained by the LNC, so that the LNC shall have the unrestricted ownership and use of the lists in the future in order to advance the interests of the LP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Candidates shall retain a limited license to use those lists following the Campaign for their own personal noncommercial use.

(iii) The Candidates and Campaign Committee grant to the LNC the free and perpetual license to copy or reproduce, in whole or in part, any and all campaign statements, speeches, issue papers, brochures, audio, video or other literature or campaign materials prepared by them in connection with the Campaign.

(iv) The Campaign Committee shall maintain a website promoting the Campaign that contains on its home page a prominent link to the LNC Website. To the extent reasonably feasible,

Candidates agree to include “Libertarian” on all Campaign promotional materials, including signage, buttons, apparel, etc.

(v) The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall direct all inquiries from interested voters, media representatives and others, to telephone numbers, mailing and e-mail addresses and persons designated by the LNC. This shall not be deemed to require that answers to fundraising appeals by the Candidates and Campaign Committee be directed to the LNC, unless in answer to the fundraising letters referenced in **Paragraph 2(a)(i)** above.

(vi) Following the November, 20xx, general election, the Candidates and Campaign Committee shall promptly proceed to prepare and deliver to the LNC a detailed written report outlining the activities of the Campaign and its perceived successes and failures.

(d) **Reserved Functions.** The Campaign Committee shall be solely responsible, at its expense, for providing any office space it needs, creating and maintaining its own website, handling all its bookkeeping functions (e.g., check cashing, credit card charges, expense payment, Federal Election Committee report filing and accounting functions), and handling all its staffing functions (e.g., campaign manager, operations manager, website manager, candidate travel arranger, treasurer, volunteer manager, and routine (non-inquiry) mail reading and response, administrative assistants). In addition, the Campaign Committee shall raise the funds for and bear the entire cost incurred in the course of the Campaign for travel by the Candidates, telephone tolls, Internet service, office supplies, computer hardware and software, promotional materials and other goods and services. The Campaign shall, at its expense, promptly respond to all Voter Inquiries with appropriate materials promoting the Campaign and LP. The LNC shall have no obligation to perform or pay the cost of any of these functions.

4. LNC Proprietary Information. The Candidates and Campaign Committee acknowledge that all information and materials developed by or provided to the LNC and all information and materials obtained by the Candidates and Campaign Committee from the LNC in connection with the Campaign shall (subject to **Paragraph 3(c)(ii)** above) be the sole property of the LNC and must be protected as confidential and proprietary to the LNC. The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall not make any use of such property except as permitted under this Agreement and shall take all necessary precautions to prevent improper use of such property by others. Subject to **Paragraph 3(c)(ii)** above, upon termination of this Agreement, the Candidates and Campaign Committee shall promptly provide such property to the LNC and make no further use of it for any purpose. The Candidates and Campaign Committee acknowledge that any improper use by the Candidates and/or Campaign Committee of the LNC's confidential and proprietary

information would cause irreparable injury to the LNC which could not be properly compensated by monetary means.

5. **Campaign Indemnity.** The Candidates and Campaign Committee shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the LNC from and against any claims and liabilities, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and legal costs, arising from their breach of this Agreement.

6. **LNC Indemnity.** The LNC shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Candidates and Campaign Committee from and against any claims and liabilities, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and legal costs, arising from the LNC's breach of this Agreement.

7. **Term.** This Agreement shall become effective immediately upon its signature by the parties to this Agreement, and shall terminate upon the satisfaction of the obligations of the Candidates and Campaign Committee under **Paragraph 3(c)** above. In addition to any other remedies the Candidates and Campaign Committee may have, if the LNC breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement, and fails to cure the breach within 15 days following the date the Campaign Committee gives the LNC written notice of the breach, then the Campaign Committee may terminate this Agreement. In addition to any other remedies the LNC may have, if any of the Candidates and Campaign Committee breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement, and fails to cure the breach within 15 days following the date the LNC gives the Candidates and Campaign Committee written notice of the breach, then the LNC may terminate this Agreement. In the event that a 3/4 majority of all LNC membership votes to suspend nomination of Candidates pursuant to Article 15(5) of the Libertarian Party Bylaws, then the LNC may terminate this agreement.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the agreements of the parties under **Paragraphs 4** through **6**, inclusive, of this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement, and the parties shall remain liable for any obligations arising or incurred prior to termination of this Agreement.

8. **Notices and Reports.** All notices and reports under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement) and sent by fax, electronic mail, overnight private delivery service or first class U.S. mail, with postage fully prepaid, to the addresses set forth on **Exhibit A** attached to this Agreement, and shall be effective upon receipt. Either party may change its address for notice by similar notice to the other party.

9. **Assignment; Entire Agreement; Governing Law.** Neither party may assign their interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. This Agreement constitutes

the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. All prior discussions and understandings are merged in this Agreement. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the District of Columbia applied to contracts made and to be performed in that district.

This Agreement has been signed and delivered as of the date set forth above. LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

By

LP and LNC Chair

The Presidential Candidate, Individually, and on behalf of the **Campaign Committee**

The Vice-Presidential Candidate, Individually, and on behalf of the **Campaign Committee**

EXHIBIT A

Addresses for Notices and Reports

To the LNC:

Executive Director
Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

1444 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3403

Phone: (202) 333-0008

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To The Presidential Candidate:

To The Vice-Presidential Candidate: To the Campaign Committee:

Libertarian National Committee

Region I Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen & Ron Windeler

November 9, 2015

Overview

- The nine affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Aggressive election activity has produced continued ballot access for the 2016 general election in eight (AK, AZ, CO, HI, KS, MT, UT, WY) of the nine states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2016.
- Ballot access in Washington State requires 1,000 valid signatures; a rather reasonable threshold compared to other states. Over the years, the Washington State affiliate has routinely obtained ballot access without assistance from the national committee.
- Significant increases in voters registering as Libertarian have been experienced in several of the states in the Region. This trend of several years remains strong in the region.
- 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.

Affiliate	Libertarians	How Determined	Register as Libertarian	Registered Voters	% Libertarian	Ballot Access
AK	7,486	Registered Voters	Yes	514,162	1.46%	3% of Registered Voters
AZ	25,807	Registered Voters	Yes	3,254,397	0.79%	0.65% of active registered voters
CO	32,151	Registered Voters	Yes	3,541,748	0.91%	1,000 Registered voters
HI	56	National Membership BSM	No	706,890	N/A	10% of statewide race, or ~750 sigs
KS	13,181	Registered Voters	Yes	1,705,537	0.77%	1% statewide race
MT	54	National Membership BSM	No	626,300	N/A	3% of statewide race
UT	9,288	Registered Voters	Yes	1,422,789	0.65%	2% of statewide congressional vote
WA	333	National Membership BSM	No	3,956,905	N/A	1,000 signatures
WY	1,004	Registered Voters	Yes	199,759	0.50%	2% of statewide race
	89,360		6 of 9	15,928,487		

Affiliate	Candidates 2014	Qualified 2016	Web Site Current	BSM	Cash Flow
AK	7	Yes	Yes	56	\$3,000
AZ	15	Yes	No	271	N/A
CO	46	Yes	Yes	359	\$10,000
HI	18	Yes	No	50	\$12,500
KS	10	Yes	Yes	127	\$2,603
MT	7	Yes	FB only	43	\$900
UT	11	Yes	Yes	78	\$17,000
WA	13	Not yet	Yes	310	\$10,000
WY	4	Yes	No	28	N/A
	131	8 of 9	4 of 9	1,322	\$55,103

Alaska

Rob Clift, State Chair

Arizona

Michael Kielsky, State Chair

Colorado

Nathan Grabau, State Chair

LPCO 2016 Convention March 11-13, 2016, Double Tree by Hilton, Colorado Springs, CO]

Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

Annual convention to be held on May 1 thru 2, 2016 in Salina, KS.

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

Our filing season is open and getting folks to run for office is a chore. Candidates can still just pay the filing fees and run as a Libertarian, but since we don't have that government sponsored primary people can't sure about running. Filing fees can be expensive for statewide candidates. Ronformontana.com has indicated he might run for governor again. But he'll need more donations for the filing fee and to choose a running mate. I had

another person interested in the congressional seat, so I better call that person and see what he wants to do. I'm sure I'll run for something. I wouldn't want to have to collect signatures 2 years from now. So I hope we can get 3 or 4 statewide candidates and a number of legislative candidates

Utah

Andrew McCollough, State Chair

Candidate nominating convention will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Salt Lake County Complex. Please note, that's at the County Complex.

Washington

Steven Nielson, State Chair

2016 Annual Convention: April 8-10, 2016, Embassy Suites, Sea-Tac, WA

Wyoming

Lawrence Struempf, State Chair

Annual Meeting: May 1, 2016 in Casper WY.

FLORIDA: Their State Convention will be held at the Palm Beach Airport Holiday Inn, the weekend of April 8-10. There will be a debate of the Presidential candidates on Saturday.

Florida is busy recruiting candidates for US Senate, Congress, State House and State Senate.

GEORGIA: Information supplied by Doug Craig.

There State Convention will be in Marietta, March 5th. They will have a Presidential Forum and a debate between their two US Senate candidates.

TENNESSEE: Information supplied by Ed Marsh.

They will hold their State Convention March 19th, at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. The Business Session will be held from 9am until Noon, and the afternoon Session will feature Presidential candidates and other Libertarians running for elected office.

Vicki Kirkland
Region 2 Rep

 **Region 3 Report**
(Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

Indiana

Rex Bell announced his intention to seek the Libertarian Party of Indiana's nomination for Governor in the 2016 election. In 2014 Bell ran for State Senate, winning over 10% of the vote against nominees from both major parties. In 2012 he received just under 6% of the vote in a three-way race for Indiana's 6th Congressional District.

Indiana Democrats say Republican In U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young does not have enough signatures to qualify for the May primary and they are mounting a challenge to have him removed from the ballot. An election committee hearing was scheduled February 19.

Libertarian Party of Indiana 2016 State Convention is planned for Friday, April 22-24, 2016

Kentucky

On December 4, the Libertarian Party and the Constitution Party filed a lawsuit against the Kentucky definition of a qualified party. The case is Libertarian Party of Kentucky v Grimes, e.d. 3:15cv-86. Kentucky is the only state in which it is impossible for a party to ever be ballot-qualified until it polls a particular share of the vote for President. The law requires 2% for President. No other index of support matters.

Libertarian Party of Kentucky 2016 State Convention will be held Friday, March 18-20, 2016.

Michigan

With the assistance of the National Party the Libertarian Party of Michigan was able to receive a new theme for their website. They have been working on finding a new site for years, the goal being to make sure to do everything properly and not in haste. The new site would be more user friendly and mobile friendly for years. Thanks to Ryan Patrosso & Andy Burns from National. With the new site there is a new newsletter page linked to the mailchimp mailing.

Ohio

The Libertarian Party was denied a primary election by Senate Bill 193, which also denies access to the general election. The LPO is currently arguing in state court that SB 193 violates the state constitution. A hearing on our motion for preliminary injunction is scheduled for April 5, 2016, with a ruling expected shortly thereafter.

In LPO v. Husted, a federal court case, the LPO claims the Kasich campaign and the Ohio Republican Party, among others, conspired to have the candidate for governor, Charlie Earl, improperly removed from the ballot, after his petition for candidacy had been certified officially. A judge has declared the evidence-gathering phase closed. Meanwhile, the LPO is gathering signatures as part of the Voter Freedom Drive, which would restore the Libertarian Party to the November election.

Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (2/14/2016)

The 2016 Libertarian Party of California state convention will be held April 1-3 at the LAX Hilton Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport, with a room rate of \$119/night. In addition to all the usual business sessions, there will be a Presidential candidates forum with Gary Johnson and John McAfee among others. Angela Keaton of antiwar.com will be the keynote speaker. A panel of elected Libertarians, including Susan Marie Weber (Palm Desert councilmember) and Kate O'Brien (Rancho-Simi Parks & Recreation Board) will give presentations. Other speakers will include David Nott, President of the Reason Foundation; Tim Moen from the Libertarian Party of Canada, Richard Rider of San Diego Tax Fighters, & Alexander McCobin of Students for Liberty. Early bird prices for convention packages are in effect until February 21st (ca.lp.org/2016-convention).

The California Libertarian Activist newsletter was inserted into the December issue of the national LP News, under the direction of Editor Elizabeth Brierly. It went to state and national California LP members. A Libertarian Party Activist Training workshop was held in the San Francisco Bay area on the weekend of February 12th – 14th (tinyurl.com/zpprd9w).

The California Executive Committee met on January 24th in Monrovia. A contract with the hotel for the state convention was signed. A membership recruitment letter went out to current and former national members, which generated a net profit and fifty new members. ExCom members from northern California attended by videoconference. Emily Tilford resigned as Treasurer, and Gale Morgan was elected to replace her until the upcoming convention.

Lots of other Libertarian activities are going on around the state, such as:

- The 7th Annual Southern California LP Conference was held in Santa Fe Springs on January 23rd, featuring an assortment of excellent speakers.
- The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (lplac.org) will hold its annual convention in Culver City on June 27th. Within L.A. County, the South Bay Libertarians will meet on February 18th (tinyurl.com/jzuda3o); there will be a Southeast Libertarian Mixer/Supper Club on March 3rd; and there will be a Foothills Libertarian Supper Club/Mixer on March 9th.
- Alex Appleby, a candidate for Congress from Stockton, organized an area meeting which garnered fifteen attendees.
- Kern County had an organizing meeting.
- Alameda County LP holds its monthly meeting/elections March 10th (tinyurl.com/pvwwwnwa).
- Monterey County LP held its annual meeting on February 2nd to elect officers.
- San Mateo County LP will hold a supper club/business meeting on February 23rd (lpsm.org).
- Santa Cruz holds meetings on the last Wednesday of every month (tinyurl.com/p8u9l6m).
- Ventura County LP (lpvc.org) held its annual election of officers on February 5th.

Region 4 Report - Nevada and New Mexico

for the Feb 20-21, 2016 LNC Session

by Scott Lieberman

Nevada

1. On January 8, 2016, the LP of Nevada held a press conference. They announced that Republican Assemblyman John Moore was changing his party affiliation to Libertarian. They also announced that Moonlight Bunny Ranch owner and star of HBO's Cat House Dennis Hof will be running for State Senate as a Libertarian. The press conference received coverage from 2 local television stations.
2. The LPN is fighting for solar energy companies via "Team Solar." The Nevada Utilities Commission is a quasi-public body that suppresses competition from companies that provide solar and other forms of alternative power.
3. LPN has started Women in Nevada (WIN) to increase the number of women running for public office as Libertarians.
4. They held an event in Goldfield, NV. This is the county seat of Esmeralda County. This county yielded 3% for Gary Johnson in 2012. I am glad that the LP of Nevada is willing and able to hold an event in a county of 783 people. In a county that small, just a dozen people could literally organize the Libertarian Party into a major force in county politics.
5. LPN is fighting against laws that would make it more difficult to buy a gun, or to give one as a gift.
6. The Libertarian Party of Nevada held its first Staff Training and Volunteer Appreciation day. LP Nevada had over 50 attendees participate in staff training and volunteer training.
7. The LP of Nevada Convention is March 12, 2016. They are using technology to reduce the amount of travel that LPN members have to undertake. A meeting in Las Vegas will be linked via video with a group in Mound House, which is just East of Carson City. After the event, in both locations, they will hold their Inaugural Franklin Day Dinner. They are planning on making this one of the main fundraising events of the year for the LP of Nevada.
8. The very professional looking, Internet-based LP of Nevada Newsletter now has over 28 contributors.

New Mexico

1. The LP of New Mexico Convention is April 16, 2016 in Albuquerque. Lily Tang Williams is the keynote speaker.
2. They are working with the Drug Policy Alliance to get the State House to put an initiative on the statewide ballot to legalize marijuana for recreational use.
3. They have found a contact in Carlsbad who wants to organize an affiliate party in Eddy County.
4. The state party is setting up a monthly pledge program.

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 15, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the LNC meeting in November. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Phoenix 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 frequently as a guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville, Virginia). In addition, I have been interviewed twice within the past two months on Russia Today TV (RTTV).

Delaware

Scott Gesty (gesty4congress@aol.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He reports that the annual LPD convention will take place during the weekend of March 12. He noted that several LPD members are planning to attend the national convention in Orlando.

District of Columbia

Ryan Sabot is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. I have not received a report from him.

Maryland

Bob Johnston (bob.johnston@live.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report. His report includes a brief report from vice chair Eric Blitz:

The Maryland Libertarian Party will have a candidate for the US Senate, four of the eight US House seats, and the three Baltimore citywide races in 2016.

The filing deadline used to be July 1 in Presidential years for non-primary parties, but last year the legislature moved the date up to the first week in February.

The candidates are:

- US Senate - Arvin Vohra
- US House 1st - Matthew Beers
- US House 2nd - Kristina Kasprzak

- US House 7th - Scott Soffen
- US House 8th - Jasen Wunder
- Baltimore City, Mayor - Doug McNeil
- Baltimore City, President of the City Council - Susan Gaztanaga
- Baltimore City, Comptroller - Jon Bombach

Mr. Beers, Ms. Kasprzak, Mr. Wunder, and Mr. Bombach are running for the first time.

The Maryland Libertarian Party convention will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 1 - 9 pm at Squires Italian Restaurant in Dundalk, MD. Speakers include Dee Hodges of the Maryland Taxpayers Association, David Boaz of the CATO Institute, and Dr. Mary Ruwart, libertarian writer and activist.

From Vice-Chair Eric Blitz:

At the beginning of the session, the party participated in the coalition effort to successfully override the Governor's veto of last year's marijuana paraphernalia decriminalization bill.

We also supported the successful override of the Governor's veto on limitations on civil asset forfeiture.

We are a primary coalition partner for the passage of an end of life options act (personal control of medical decision to end life for terminally ill patients with less than 6 months to live).

Eric Blitz will be on the select panel testifying in support of that bill, as well as a marijuana legalization bill and a public transparency bill relating to police misconduct and the resolution of citizen complaints.

We are working on a lobby day event and legislative briefing sponsored by our coalition for the marijuana bill.

The party will also try to provide supporting testimony for a marijuana legalization constitutional referendum, a SWAT team bill, a bill decriminalizing certain gambling offenses (making them civil offenses rather than criminal, consistent with our broader opposition to over-riminalization), a bill to establish an independent redistricting commission (anti-gerrymandering), a bill regulating government drones for surveillance purposes and requiring warrants for most uses, a bill slashing the criminal penalties for CDS possession, a ballot access bill that would qualify our party so long as it maintains 10,000 registered voters (we currently have 16,834), a bill placing a 5 year moratorium on the personal property tax for small businesses, and many other smaller bills.

We are also active in opposition to a bill that re-criminalizes marijuana possession/smoking in public.

North Carolina

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

1. We have 16 candidates, including Lon Cecil for Governor, yours truly for Lt. Governor and Sean Haugh for US Senate. That gives us an L on the top ticket races.
2. As Chair and Lt. Gov. candidate, I am looking closely at the NC redistricting process. Friday a Federal panel of judges ruled 2 of our gerrymandered districts unconstitutional and requested the NCGA redraw the districts before 3/15 primary. Ballots are printed, early voting has begun and we have a mess. Tom Ross, an acquaintance through Davidson and flag bearer for the NC Democrats, has just been spurned by the Republican administration and fired as head of the UNC system. He has just announced he will be taking a temporary position with the Sanford Institute at Duke to pursue the redistricting process. This issue should stay front and center in NC for several months and, hopefully, give us many opportunities for raising the profile of the LPNC.
3. The Platform Committee is doing its work prior to convention. We are working to make the platform more mainstream and pragmatic.
4. John Vincent has come onboard as Communications Director. He is doing a fantastic job and has much experience in media and communications.
5. NC is very interested in exploring a UMP (Unified Membership Program). It makes perfect sense that our state and national membership and fundraising efforts should be complementary, but there seem to be an inexhaustible list of barriers. It appears that neither the R's or D's have such a program, which tells me something.
6. 7 March 2016 at 9:00 PM we are hosting a LP Presidential Primary debate. It can be accessed through the lp.org site.
7. The LPNC convention is 22-24 April.

Pennsylvania

Shawn Felty (snkfelty@netzero.net) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. He reports that the LPPA annual convention will take place at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel on March 19, and that at least four candidates for the LP presidential nomination will participate in the convention.

Virginia

Bill Redpath (wredpath2@yahoo.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, provided the following report:

The LPVA 2016 Convention will be on Saturday, March 5, at the Hilton Garden Inn near the Richmond Airport (the same location as our 2014 Convention), with a reception at the hotel on Friday evening, March 4. The Saturday convention will occur from 9AM to 5PM (?). Convention business, including election of new officers and selection of National Convention delegates, will be conducted in the morning, with speakers in the afternoon. All people seeking the LP presidential nomination have been invited and will be allowed to speak in the afternoon.

Several potential nominees, including 2012 Presidential nominee Gary Johnson, have indicated that they will attend.

The LPVA will soon be conducting its presidential petition drive. The drive requires 5,000 valid signatures, with 200 from each of Virginia's 11 congressional districts. The petitioning period is from January 2 to August 26. We have been delayed in its start, because of litigation over the geography of the majority minority congressional district that is the 3rd CD in Virginia. A three Federal judge panel recently changed the boundaries of five of the 11 CDs over this issue, but I don't think state voter databases have been updated yet. The problem is that Electoral College electors must be listed on the Virginia petition, with at least one elector from each CD. If we didn't have a CD with an elector, the whole petition for President could be ruled invalid and thrown out. There may be forthcoming litigation on this issue with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It is my expressed goal to do the 5,000 signatures on a volunteer basis. Whether that happens or not, it is certainly my intention to complete this petition drive without financial contribution from the LNC, as has been the case for the last several presidential elections.

There are many local offices up for election in Virginia this year. Statewide offices and the Virginia General Assembly are elected in odd numbered years. There is no US Senate race in Virginia in 2016. The LPVA has received indications of interest in running for US House from two persons (in the 3rd and 5th CDs) so far this year.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

We have been very busy with candidate recruitment and planning of our state convention, which is noted below, but one of the most significant items we have been working on is modification of Ballot Access laws in WV, and we are making headway.

Through the initiative of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia (LPWV), a bill has just been introduced in the West Virginia House of Delegates, HB 4356, which would expand the opportunity for smaller political parties to obtain or retain political party recognition. Under present law, in order to be a recognized political party, a political group must run a candidate for Governor who obtains over 1% of the votes cast in that election contest. If the party's candidate obtains or exceeds that threshold, the party becomes a recognized party for the next four years, at which time it must once again run a candidate for Governor and clear 1% of the vote. The Governor's race is the only election that counts and it comes once every four years. Party recognition enables the party to run candidates for office without having to petition their way onto the ballot and the Secretary of State office tracks the number of, and makes available for purchase lists of, voters who affiliate with that party in their voter registration.

The Libertarian Party first achieved recognized party status in 1996, but then lost it until 2012. The Mountain Party (affiliated with the national Green Party) has held party status continuously since 2000, although the Libertarian Party has, since 2012, far exceeded the Mountain Party in its number of registered voters. The Constitution Party has not to date succeeded in obtaining party recognition status.

HB 4356 would extend the 1% threshold for party recognition to five other statewide offices - Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, and Commissioner of Agriculture. If passed, it means that a party candidate for any of the six statewide races who achieves or surpasses the 1% barrier would enable that party to gain or retain party status for the next four years. The bill also provides yet another mechanism for acquiring party recognition: if the group or party has 5,000 or more voters who affiliate with that party in their voter registration. As of January 1, 2016, there were 2,701 registered Libertarians in West Virginia.

The bi-partisan sponsors of the bill are Republican Delegate Pat McGeehan and Democrat Delegate Isaac Sponaugle. The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee."

Additionally, we are moving forward with our State Convention, scheduled for May 7, in Flatwoods, WV at the Sutton Days Inn Convention and Conference Center. We have a great lineup of speakers, candidates and training sessions featuring Wes Benedict, Carla Howell (tentative) and Jim Lark

We have secured candidates for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, two of the three U.S. House races (the third is a soft yes at the moment), five candidates to date of House of Delegates, and a couple of county races have also registered.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 15, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 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 Phoenix 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 pleased to note that it is now unusual when I am unable to respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.
- 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. In addition, Region 3 alternate representative Brett Bittner serves as the executive director of the Advocates.)
- 3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts.
- 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, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL’s 501c(3) status.

I am pleased to report that I shall address the International Students For Liberty Conference (ISFLC) in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 27. In addition, I shall address the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic on Mar. 11-13.

I am also pleased to report that Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia (to which I serve as advisor) has been named as one of the five finalists for the Student Group of the Year award. The winner will be announced at the ISFLC.

5) I continue to receive invitations to speak at high schools, colleges, and universities. I gave an address entitled “What is a Libertarian?” at Va. Tech on Feb. 5. (An article about this address appeared on LP.org.) I shall give an address at the Virginia Military Institute in the near future; the date has not been confirmed. I shall give an address at the 2016 Adam Smith Club Gala in Raleigh, North Carolina on Apr. 23. (The Gala is an annual event sponsored by several institutions based at Campbell University.)

6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest. I gave an address entitled “The Teachings of Chairman Jim: Helpful Hints for Communicating the

Ideas of Liberty on Campus” at the North Carolina YAL Convention at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte on Jan. 30.

7) I continue to work with Wes Benedict and Robert Kraus to find and utilize more college Libertarian volunteers. In particular, I have contacted LNC special counsel Oliver Hall to inquire about the possibility of establishing an internship program for law students who are interested in helping the LP.

8) In January I accepted an appointment to serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I anticipate that I shall serve as a faculty member at some upcoming FEE seminars and workshops (schedule permitting).

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 15, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
International Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning my efforts as International Representative to assist the work of libertarian political parties and activists throughout the world.

1) During my previous report, I mentioned that Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (and immediate-past LNC chair), had informed me of the difficulties the IALP had encountered in establishing a bank account for the organization. He stated that U.S. banking laws have turned U.S. citizens into “persona non grata” in banking, and thus it has been difficult for IALP members in Europe to establish a Swiss bank account for the organization. I am not aware of any changes in this situation.

Mr. Neale has indicated that the IALP will soon consider admitting a party from the Ivory Coast. He has informed me that the IALP is in communication with people in Mexico (see comments below), the Cayman Islands, and Cuba.

2) I have not received additional information concerning the possibility of holding an IALP meeting concurrent with the LP national convention in Orlando in May.

3) An article in the PanAm Post on Jan. 11 (<https://panampost.com/elena-toledo/2016/01/11/mexicos-new-libertarian-party-aims-to-shake-up-the-political-arena/>) provides information about the Partido Libertario de Mexico. Mark Hinkle, IALP director of development (and former LNC chair), has evidently contacted Luis Mauricio Jimenez Corona, director of the party. Mr. Hinkle said that he hopes some Partido Libertario de Mexico’s members will attend the Libertarian Party of California’s annual convention, to take place in Los Angeles on Apr. 1-3.

4) I am pleased to report that I shall address the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic, on Mar. 11-13. I hope to meet with representatives of various European libertarian parties during the conference.

Region 8 Report

Submitted by: Joshua Katz

Connecticut:

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut, together with the Connecticut ACLU, won a temporary injunction permitting the use of out-of-state petitioners in the current petitioning cycle. This is part of a larger lawsuit challenging the Constitutionality of the current state law forbidding out-of-state petitioners, and indicates a substantial chance of success. LPCT Chair Andrew Rule filed the complaint in the name of the party. Dan Barrett, Executive Director of the ACLU-CT, did much of the legwork on this suit. Stan Twardy, Managing Partner of Day Pitney, argued the case in US District Court for the District of Connecticut in New Haven. The LPCT also wishes to thank Bill Redpath, Richard Winger, and Oliver Hall for their advice, assistance, and interest in this matter. There has been a fair amount of media coverage for this decision, and we expect more from future press releases connected to petition turn-ins.

Currently, the LPCT is working on setting up the petition drive. The Party plans to host a kick-off and training event for volunteers in the next couple weeks, in conjunction with the paid petitioning effort. The LPCT also wishes to thank the Executive Committee for allocating money for this effort.

Thank you to Andy Burns for his continued efforts to help out with organization, IT, and fundraising.

Rhode Island:

The Libertarian Party of Rhode Island is continuing its effort to reorganize following the replacement of much of the board. The Party is holding regular Meet Ups to build membership and interest; one is going on this weekend, in fact. A fundraising dinner is in the planning stages for late February or early March. Speakers will include Carla Howell and Joshua Katz. Sean Foley, elected Libertarian from Connecticut, has also been asked to speak. The event will fund the Presidential petitioning effort and regular expenses.

Based in part on the results of this fundraiser, the state board will be deciding whether to launch a party petition or to petition candidates onto the ballot, for much lower numbers of signatures, as Independents.

Maine:

The Libertarian Party of Maine's lawsuit has been filed with the state and we expect a hearing in March sometime. Thank you to the Executive Committee for approving national assistance for this lawsuit. We still need to get 500+ more registrations as a measure to ensure ballot status if we get only a partial favourable ruling. However, the state's handling of voter registrations, combined with the timing, has had a real impact on the Party already. The few candidates we did have ready will have to run as independent since the deadline for signature turn in is on March 15th and this matter will not be resolved in time to run on our party line. The lawsuit has attracted some media attention in major papers in Maine.

Our convention will be Sunday March 15th.

New Jersey:

New Jersey definitely supports Atlantic City as a Convention location. Thank you to the LNC and the Convention Oversight Committee for considering Harrah's bid. It would be great to host the national convention here in New Jersey!

New Jersey had a successful Holiday Party in December. We have also done well with a targeted social media ad campaign. We are currently recruiting candidates and Board Members for 2016. We have reorganized our local structure to be based around regional instead of county organizations. Last Friday, LPNJ Chair Patrick McKnight spoke at the NJ School Choice Summit in 2016 and networked with several elected politicians past and present. They are definitely watching us and want to know our next moves. We must be doing something right!

Our Convention is March 12th in Hightstown featuring John McAfee and Carla Howell.

Massachusetts:

This is an election year. Our State Committee is working vigorously to recruit and support people running for state legislature: State Representative, State Senate, and Governor's Council. State PAC money can go directly to candidates; Get Out the Vote Drive efforts must pass through our Federal PAC

Massachusetts has launched a Facebook campaign to put Libertarian positions in front of the voters. Our current campaigns are Peace Now!-End the Warfare State and End the Surveillance State! We put up Facebook pages, run Facebook ads, send recruiting literature to anyone who likes a post or page, and distribute press releases and letters to the editor. We emphasize issues where the other parties agree, and we take the Libertarian stand.

One of our State Committee members is launching a series of topical conferences on political issues.

We have several people who are interested in putting a Presidential candidate on the ballot here. The State Committee has made available the money handling and filing processes of our Federal PAC to handle whatever money they raise and ensure that it is spent honestly and in support of the effort.

Contrary to claims in the last Ballot Access report, it is not possible in Massachusetts to put a Presidential candidate on the ballot without petitioning. You can change the date, the certainty of success, and the number of required signatures, but not the need to petition.

New York:

The Libertarian Party of New York will hold its convention on Saturday, April 30, at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant in Manhattan. Speakers will include Carla Howell, Dan Halloran (NYC Councilmember, 19th District), and various Presidential candidates, including Gary Johnson and John McAfee. Tatiana Moroz will be providing musical entertainment.

The Party has been actively engaged in outreach events, sponsoring regular meetings on topics of wide-ranging interest open to the public in addition to conducting OPH booths at various events. The Manhattan Libertarian Party is, once again, hosting speakers at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant on a monthly basis.

Vermont:

The Vermont Libertarian Party has held multiple town caucuses in recent months. These have nominated candidates for local office, such as Varpilah Chase for Essex Selectboard.

Every second Friday, join Bonnie Scott and Rual Wheelan at 5:30 on cable channel 17 for Woodchuck Report, hosted by the CCTV Center for Media and Democracy, as they discuss the issues of the day from a Libertarian perspective.

New Hampshire:

The New Hampshire Libertarian Party, together with the ACLU of New Hampshire, had filed a lawsuit challenging a state law moving up the date when petitioning can begin, and requiring that petitioning for the 2016 election, for instance, take place within the calendar year 2016. Unfortunately, the US District Court has upheld the law as a "reasonable restriction justified by the state's interest in requiring parties to demonstrate a sufficient level of support." The ACLU and the Party are considering an appeal.

The New Hampshire Libertarian Party held its convention on January 16. Here is a recap from the state chair:

Three presidential candidates joined us: Darryl Perry, Marc Allan Feldman and Derrick Michael Reid. Two other campaigns intended to send statements or representatives.

The convention started with a brief speech by each presidential candidate and some Q&A for them. I gave an update on our ballot access lawsuit and we had a very active discussion of petitioning process.

Delegates approved 3 changes to our party constitution, adopted a new platform, and passed a resolution welcoming FSP immigrants to NH and encouraging them to join the LPNH.

The new party officers are: Rich Tomasso, chair; Brian Chabot, vice chair, Tom Kershaw, treasurer; Darryl Perry, secretary. We nominated Brian Chabot as our US Senate candidate. Delegates authorized the board to nominate more candidates until our nominating convention in

the spring. Finally, via approval voting, we pledged a first ballot presidential nomination vote to Gary Johnson.

The action plan for the near future is finding volunteers to petition at the presidential primary on February 9 and having a table at the NH Liberty Forum February 19-21, then a major petitioning effort at town elections on March 8.

Several members stayed to socialize and hear a presentation by Derrick Michael Reid. We discussed the opportunity for a Libertarian breakthrough this year given the extremely high negatives of the various D&R candidates.