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REGION 3 REPORT









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REGION 3 OVERVIEW

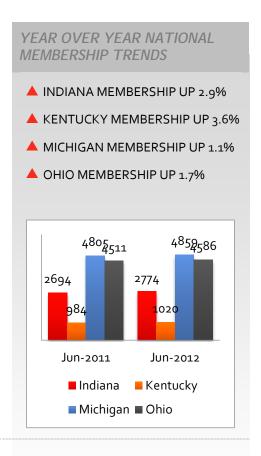
Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2012 Libertarian National Convention: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. This Region is comprised of States with similar constituencies and similar approaches to Party growth.

National Membership for the Region

All four states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2011 and June 2012.

June 2012 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	2774	328	13
KENTUCKY	1020	99	33
MICHIGAN	4859	428	9
OHIO	4586	542	5





Libertarian Party of Indiana



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Sam Goldstein (chair: Jerry Titus (vice Chair: Jerry Titus (vicechair@lpin.org)

Treasurer: Dale Wedel (treasurer@lpin.org)

Secretary: John Schick (secretary@lpin.org)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Executive Director: Chris Spangle (cspangle@lpin.org)

Office Space

LPIN has permanent office space in downtown Indianapolis at 156 E. Market Street Suite #405, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Currently, this space is unused as the organization has temporarily moved its offices across the street to the 3000+ sq ft headquarters of the Rupert for Governor campaign – a very impressive campaign headquarters which I've visited a couple of times in person.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana uses the Executive Director model for staff organization and management. Chris Spangle is the current, full-time, paid Executive Director for LPIN.

LPIN also has interns but does not currently have any paid contractors.

State Level Membership

LPIN has 506 national and state members. Its state level membership is defined by those who contribute \$25 annually to the National LP.

Sub-Affiliates

LPIN organizes its sub-affiliates by county. It currently has 46 active county parties and 46 inactive county parties.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

In the last election cycle LPIN ran 100 candidates for office.

Current Election Cycle



INDIANA SETS CANDIDATE LIST FOR 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

The deadline has arrived for placing candidates on the ballot. In total, 35 Libertarians will appear on the ballot in Indiana.

On the Federal side, the ticket is led by Gary Johnson and Judge Jim Gray for President and Vice President, respectively. Andrew Horning will represent the party in the race for United States Senate. Six candidates will represent the party for U.S. Congress.

On the state level, the ticket will be led by Survivor TV Star and philanthropist Rupert Boneham (pronounced "bone-em") for Governor and Brad Klopfenstein will serve as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN will be represented by 14 candidates for State Senate and House.

On the local level, 10 candidates will appear on the ballot for the Libertarian party. You can view the complete list of candidates at http://lpin.org/candidates/.

INDIANA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RUPERT BONEHAM AGREES TO THREE TELEVISED DEBATES WITH OPPONENTS

Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates have committed to three televised debates this fall through the Indiana Debate Commission. The IDC is made up of most of the major Indiana media outlets insuring consistent coverage of the three televised debates. US Senate candidate Andy Horning will also participate in one televised debate this fall should the three candidates agree to hold one.

GOV. GARY JOHNSON ENDORSES THREE HOOSIER CANDIDATES

LP Presidential Candidate Gary Johnson has endorsed three of the six candidates running for United States Congress. Endorsed candidates currently include:

- Andrew Horning United States Senate
- Joe Ruiz U.S. Congress, District 2
- Rex Bell U.S. Congress, District 6

To read the endorsements, please visit http://lpin.org/2012/06/25/gov-gary-johnson-endorses-three-hoosier-candidates/

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

LPIN has automatic ballot access because they have surpassed 2% in the in the last Secretary of State (SOS) race.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Ballot access is determined every 4 years by the SOS race results; as long as LPIN continues to reach or surpass the 2% mark it will retain ballot access for another 4 years. No problems are expected with maintaining ballot access in the near future, as LPIN hit 6% in the last SOS race and continues to grow.

Activities



State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

The date is still to be determined, but likely to be held in conjunction with a Region 3 convention.

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

LPIN is able to hold Texas Hold'em tournaments through the state's charity gaming license program. It is very successful in raising money with these annual events.

1994 SOCIETY

This is the monthly pledge program and it brings in the majority of the income for the party.

LICENSE THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION

LPIN licenses the Statewide Voter Registration to several data companies for a good profit.

Future Initiatives

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

LPIN is planning some golf tournaments for later this season.

MONTHLY EVENTS

LPIN is working to add one new event per month with the goal of bringing in an additional \$1000 per month.

Media Coverage

LPIN has consistent coverage because of its candidates at all levels. If a media outlet covers LPIN's opponents, it has teams that shame the media if the Libertarian candidate is not included. On average, LPIN has 1 to 3 letters to the editor or opinion pieces per month published in newspapers in support of its candidates.

Information Technology

LPIN's website is currently running on WordPress. There is no Constituent Resource Management (CRM) system for data management – all data management is currently handled through the use of spreadsheets.

Other

None



Libertarian Party of Kentucky



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: Eric Cranley

Vice Chair: Matthew Keefe

Treasurer: Matthew Holder

Office Space

LPKY does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPKY at P.O. Box 432, Independence, KY 41051.

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

Membership at the state level is represented by the number of people who pay the \$30 annual dues to the state. By this definition, the number of state level members is less than 50.

Membership requirements haven't changed since 2009, but the requirements are determined by the state executive committee which, as a body, can change the requirements at will.

Sub-Affiliates

The State of Kentucky does not officially recognize any party structure below the state level, however LPKY is actively working to grow its own sub-affiliates by congressional district and then by county, similar to how the Republicans and Democrats are formed in KY.

There are currently 6 congressional districts in Kentucky, 2 of which have active LPKY affiliates, 2 which have LPKY groups in the development phase and 2 with no activity yet.

District 1 (southwest) is an example of a congressional district in the development phase. It is currently led by someone interested in being the chair, who is actively recruiting other people to fill the other leadership positions.

District 4 (northern) has been a well-organized affiliate for several years now, and they are very close to having a county party organized, which would be the first county party for LPKY.

Elections



Past Election Cycle

Ken Moellman for State Treasurer in 2011 received a record 37,000 votes in the 2011 election – the most for any LPKY candidate, and 6 times as many votes as presidential candidate Bob Barr received statewide in 2008.

Current Election Cycle

PRESIDENT

Signature collection is still in progress. LPKY recently included these petitions in a mailing to 2100 registered voters.

CRAIG ASTOR, US CONGRESS 2ND DISTRICT

Craig has more than the required 400 valid signatures, which were filed on Monday, 7/9. LPKY was able to manually validate 444 of 550 collected. A large portion of the invalid signatures were due to redistricting, since Craig started collecting before they were finished drawing the new districts.

HARLEN COMPTON, CITY COUNCIL

Signature collection is finished and paperwork will be filed soon. This is a partisan city council race, which is rare in KY. Mr. Compton can win with only 600 votes, and considering his long established ties in the community, he has a very strong chance of winning.

OTHER RACES

The KY filing deadline has not passed yet for US Congress or partisan city council races, so LPKY is still looking to take on candidates in those races.

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

None

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Ballot access for the party label is not an issue in Kentucky.

However, as an alternative party, LPKY candidates are required to gather significantly more signatures to get on the ballot than their R & D counterparts. For example, a statewide LP candidate must gather 5000 valid signatures, a congressional candidate must gather 400, and a county or local candidate must gather 100, while the R's and D's only need to gather 2 (two) valid signatures for any of these races.

If Governor Johnson receives at least 2% of the vote for president statewide in 2012, LPKY's signature requirements will drop to the same levels as the R's and D's, thus reducing signature gathering time and costs, while most likely increasing the number of candidates who are willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky.

Activities

State Level Activities



2013 REGION 3 CONVENTION

LPKY is working with the other states in Region 3 to organize a regional convention next year, with a target date sometime in April.

FANCY FARM

This is an annual picnic at a church in south western KY, the largest political event in the state. The speaking schedule is already set in stone, and as usual there is NO room for LPKY. LPKY leaders are still actively trying to get a speaking engagement there anyway.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Two of the LPKY district chairs are speaking at this event and meeting students around the state who are going into their senior year of high school.

Local Level Activities

PICNICS

LPKY organized picnics in three of its districts in June. District 1 (south-western KY) went very well, several new people attended, and LPKY has the beginnings of a district party affiliate there now. Districts 4 and 5 had picnics as well.

LPKY has another district picnic scheduled in the Lexington area later this month. This district used to be well organized, and they're hoping to see a good turn-out at the event with the hopes of getting the district re-organized.

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

2100 letters went out last week to registered Libertarians which asked for contributions, and which included petitions for letter recipients to sign and return in order to get Governor Johnson on the ballot.

Future Initiatives

None planned at this time.

Media Coverage

Nothing recent

Information Technology

The current website is running on Drupal for content management and spreadsheets are used to keep track of donors and registered members.

LPKY is eagerly anticipating the release of the first version of Saratoga to upgrade their IT platforms.

Other



Voter Registration Issues: County Clerks Breaking the Law

LPKY continues to have trouble with the County Clerks offices around the state not properly registering Libertarian voters.

For years now, KY law has required that they record the party affiliation of anyone who checks "Other", and there are over a dozen counties that still have only "Independents," "Other," and the two old parties listed in the voter rolls. LPKY knows of several cases in which someone attempted to register as a Libertarian but is still currently listed as "Other."

Help Requested

LPKY has plans to move forward on this issue, but is curious if the LNC has any guidance or assistance to offer on getting the voter registration forms in KY converted to listing Libertarian as its own option.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

On June 2, 2012 at the state convention, the LPM had a change of hands for 90% of the Executive Committee.

Office Space

LPM has office space located at Columbia Center II, 101 West Big Beaver, Suite 1400,

Troy, MI 48084.

ELECTED POSITIONS

State Chair - Denee Rockman-Moon, chair@michiganlp.org

Vice Chair – Larry Johnson, michlibertarian@gmail.com

Secretary - Mary Buzuma, mary.buzuma@att.net

Treasurer – Kim Moore, sashaphoenix@qmail.com

Libertarian Executive Committee At-large Directors:

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- Gregory Creswell <u>i.am4_gcreswell@yahoo.com</u>

Judicial Committee:

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- Bill Gelineau <u>freedomlover59@hotmail.com</u>
- Shyler Engel shyler.engel@qmail.com

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Webmaster Brian Wright <u>brian_r_wright@yahoo.com</u>
- Political Director Bill Gelineau politics@mi.lp.org

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

LP Michigan currently has 154 paid members with the state and 455 with national.



At the state level, membership is determined by dues paying members (\$25 annually) who affirm the statement of principles.

Sub-Affiliates

Affiliates are currently being formed by groups of neighboring counties. There are currently a total of 13 sub-affiliates:

- 4 very active
- 4 active
- 2 forming
- 5 inactive

It appears as though the most active areas of the state are those in the southwest, along with the central portion of Michigan. These areas are more Republican based areas. North and east are more Unions and Democratic areas.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

UNKNOWN

Current Election Cycle

UNKNOWN

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

No work was required this year to obtain/retain ballot access.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

No work is expected in the near term to retain ballot access.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

In 2013, Region 3 plans to hold a Regional Convention and a committee has been formed to determine date, location, etc. For some states, this will replace their individual state convention, but Michigan plans to hold a separate state convention in 2013 (date and location still TBD).

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN



Finances & Fundraising

Past Initiatives

Regarding prior fundraising activities, LPM only did one last year that Ms. Rockman-Moon is aware of; LPM had a membership contest. There was a contributor who committed \$500.00 to the affiliate that could recruit the most members within a 6 month time frame. This was somewhat successful, however it could have been more productive; it was not from lack of promotion, but Ms. Rockman-Moon believes it was from a lack of affiliate leader participation.

Current Initiatives

None active

Future Initiatives

As a brand new State Chairwoman, Denee Rockman-Moon is reaching out and trying to get ideas from the Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC), members, and outside sources for future fundraising ideas. She is not having luck, as no one seems to want to commit or they are still pondering on the ideas. She will be giving everyone until their next LEC meeting July 15 to express interest or an idea of their own.

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon would like to plan a large event for the month of Sept or Oct, but details are still unconfirmed.

At the last LEC meeting, the committee approved a "matching of the funds" initiative for each affiliate. LPM will be matching up to \$100.00 twice for each affiliate until October 1st. LPM leaders are hoping that this will get some motivation going to plan an event at a festival, parade, etc.

Media Coverage

LPM has been in many articles recently due to the lawsuit with the SOS in regards to Gary Johnson, and Ms. Rockman-Moon has been on two talk radio stations in the month of June.

Information Technology

LPM currently uses a SharePoint platform for its website. LPM feels the appearance of their website is at about a 5/10 while the content is about a 7/10 because it is kept fairly current. The website is estimated to get about 50-100 hits per day.

LPM is eagerly anticipating the first release of the Saratoga project later this summer so they can upgrade their website and contact management platforms.

Other

Legal Actions

The LPM LEC has recently filed a complaint (lawsuit) against Secretary of State Ruth Johnson for her decision of not allowing former Governor Gary Johnson on the November ballot. Ruth Johnson has based her decision on the Michigan "sore loser" law. More specifically, the campaign was literally minutes late in submitting paperwork to remove Governor

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Gary Johnson from the Republican primary ballot, and therefore the state is considering his a "sore loser" and does not want to allow him on the ballot as a Libertarian candidate.

Before filing the complaint, LPM made several attempts to contact Ruth Johnson, as well as Carol Pierce and Christopher Thomas with the Bureau of Elections.

Challenges

LPM's biggest problem at the moment is a lack of motivation and follow-through from the LEC members and affiliate leaders. Dedication to the position that they are in, and not just taking the title to say that they have one is Ms. Rockman-moon's biggest struggle at the moment. LPM currently has LEC members that think that a 2 hr meeting once a month is too much and checking email once a week is acceptable. All this does is slow their productivity and prolong the time it takes to move forward on other items. This is very frustrating to Ms. Rockman-Moon as chair.

Help Requested

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon is seeking help with solving the problem of lack of motivation with her fellow state and local leaders, and general ideas and concepts to help strengthen and grow the LPM.



Libertarian Party of Ohio



www.LPO.org

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Like the its Republican and Democrat counterparts, the Libertarian Party of Ohio is managed by a state Central Committee (CentCom) which is a body of members elected through the formal election primary process.

The CentCom operates like a board of directors which elects the state Executive Committee (ExCom) which runs the day to day operations of the LPO.

After the most recent primary election, the state CentCom elected the following leaders to the ExCom:

- Chair: Kevin Knedler (<u>kevin.knedler@lpo.org</u>)
- Vice Chair: Bob Bridges (<u>bob.bridges@lpo.org</u>)
- Secretary: Daryl Olthaus (<u>daryl.olthaus@lpo.orq</u>)
- Treasurer: Bryant Callaghan (bryant.callaghan@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Aaron Harris (<u>aaron.harris@lpo.orq</u>)
- At-Large: Michael Johnston (michael.johnston@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Jillian A. Mack (jillian.mack@lpo.org)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

The LPO bylaws specify a divisional structure for the LPO and allow for the ExCom chair to appoint division directors to lead each division. The LPO believes the divisional structure provides a strong set of leaders, each of whom is focused on an area of expertise and responsibility. With this approach, no one person needs to know or be responsible for too many different activities.

The divisions and appointed leaders are as follows:

- Communication Division Director Aaron Harris
- Field Development Division Interim Director Kevin Knedler, Deputy Director Jason Tyson
 - o 9 regional liaison positions available (6 currently filled)
- Finance Division Director Jillian A. Mack
- IT Division Director Scott Pettigrew
- Political Division Director Bob Bridges

Office Space

The LPO recently expanded its office space by moving to another office within the same office complex. The former office space was one room and was approximately 120 sq ft. while the new office space is two connected rooms and is approximately 240 sq ft.



The front room is used as a fully functional office with seating for multiple guests, a desk with working computer, printer, copier, fax, wireless Internet access, and coffee, tea, and water service.

The back room is used as storage and meeting space with a podium and fold out tables and chairs.

By moving just across the hall, the LPO was able to keep its address as 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The LPO currently has one paid contractor (myself), who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. I am responsible for tracking and soliciting contributions, managing the benefits to the contributors, keeping personal contact with higher level donors, sending thank you cards, planning income-generating events and activities, etc.

State Level Membership

In Ohio, as an officially recognized political party by the SOS, membership is determined by the number of voters who request a Libertarian ballot in the primary election.

The LPO experienced surprising growth in membership between 2010 and 2012.

The LPO had legitimate concerns that it would lose a significant amount of registered Libertarians in 2012 due to the "Ron Paul Effect" (i.e., voters formerly registered as Libertarians who would request a Republican primary ballot so that they could vote for Ron Paul in the primary election). While the LPO did lose a number of voters because of the "Ron Paul Effect," it actually gained far more new registered Libertarians than it lost.

Over all, the LPO pulled equal votes from former Republicans and former Democrats, even more from former Independents, and a handful from the minor parties on the ballot (Socialist, Green, and Constitution).





Sub-Affiliates

Ohio law recognizes sub-affiliates by county. Ohio has 88 counties in total.

The LPO Field Development Division is responsible for growing county affiliate parties. It does this with a stepping stone model, first starting with County Development Groups (CDG's) which are technically part of the state party and not recognized by the state of Ohio.

Once the CDG has enough dedicated members, it begins the legal process of becoming a county affiliate which is officially recognized by the SOS and BOE as its own party organization, autonomous from the LPO, but still guided and assisted by the LPO as needed.

The LPO currently has 12 official county affiliates and 4 CDG's. This is a significant increase from 2008 when the LPO only had 2 official county affiliates and 5 CDG's.

2008-2012 SUB-AFFILIATE CHANGES A COUNTY AFFILIATES UP 600% A TOTAL ACTIVE COUNTIES UP 230% 16 12 7 4 2008 2012 CDG's County Affilliates Total Active Counties

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2008)

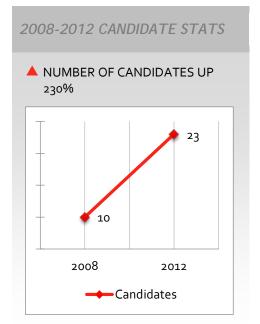
In 2008, the LPO ran 10 candidates at varying levels across the state.

In 2010, the LPO had a full statewide slate of candidates (among many other candidates), and this was the first time a full statewide slate was run by an alternative party since 1932 with the Communist Party.

Current Election Cycle (2012)

23 LP candidates are on the ballot in Ohio in 2012, vs about 10 in 2008. Each will have the "Libertarian Party" brand under their name. The LPO's goal is to exceed the previous cycle (4 year) each time.

The LPO is now looking for 2014 candidates for statewide office.



Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The LPO is guaranteed ballot access in 2012 based on the last Federal court ruling in its favor.



Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The Ballot Access appeal in Federal Court will be July 24 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Ohio Assembly (GOP), not the Ohio (GOP) SOS is appealing the 6th circuit court ruling of last October—court ruled in LPO favor once again. The odds are in the favor of the LPO once again, as the GOP basically wants a law that was struck down in 2006.

Activities

State Level Activities

THE OHIO LP STATE CONVENTION

The state convention was held on March 30, March 31, and April 1 at the Holiday Inn Worthington in Columbus, and it was the most successful in individual attendance as well as vendors in recent memory. Nick Gillespie and Matt Welch of Reason were two of the featured speakers in the main seminar track, and the candidate seminar track was extremely well attended and well received.

State Chair Kevin Knedler gave "kudos to Jillian Mack and Bob Bridges for stepping in at the last moment to ensure the success of the LPO 2012 convention."

Final numbers (profit-loss) are still being tabulated.

TEAM BUILDING EVENT: LPO FIELD DEVELOPMENT & GJ2012 OHIO

The LPO Field Development team and the GJ2012 Ohio team met at the woods of the Mohican Resort and Lodge on June 2nd and 3rd. The LPO sponsored the event, acquired a meeting room, bought lunch, and sponsored the GEOCache treasure hunt teambuilding event. About 25 people attended. This was a great opportunity to meet each other, network, and develop plans for the GJ campaign in Ohio in 2012.

LARGE COMMUNITY EVENTS

The LPO participated in a number of events around Ohio in June, including the Columbus Ohio Pride Festival, Columbus Ohio ComFest (community festival), and the "We the People" Convention at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. The LPO had a booth at each event.

GOVERNOR GARY JOHNSON VISTED OHIO

Governor Gary Johnson visited Ohio on June 29th and 30th.

The campaign conducted two fundraisers on June 29th and State Chair Kevin Knedler gave "kudos to Ohio GJ2012 coordinator Debbie Dean and LPO Finance Director Jillian Mack for putting on top-notch fundraising events." The Governor personally told Mr. Knedler that he was very pleased with the events.

The governor attended and spoke at the "We the People" Convention at the Ohio State Fairgrounds on June 30th.

ANNUAL LPO PICNIC

The LPO will be holding its annual picnic on July 28th at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is family friendly with plenty of food and drink, and it will feature the always popular fundraiser, "pie in the face of your favorite LPO leader." The LPO is also looking to use a "dunk tank for your LPO leaders" as a new fundraiser.



Local Level Activities

SOCIAL MIXERS

Newly appointed Southwest Ohio Region Liaison (Field Development Division) Brad Lowry has taken the region by storm. He is using his excellent managerial, team building, and culture creation skills to grow the SW OH region for the LPO. He has hosted a number of social mixers at local pubs, open to the public and heavily advertised on Facebook and Meetup, which were attended by many new people in addition to the strong SW OH LP base. Mr. Lowry has several more of these events planned throughout the summer.

Finances & Fundraising

The LPO is in a strong financial position again this year, and is about to undertake a new initiative to specifically target potential high-dollar contributors. Finance Director Jillian A. Mack is heading up this project and will report on the successes and failures of the endeavor once the campaign is complete.

Media Coverage

In the first week of July alone, the LPO was mentioned in two front page articles in the largest newspaper in the state, the Columbus Dispatch.

LPO leaders and Governor Gary Johnson have also been featured guests on a number of radio shows throughout the state in the past several months.

Information Technology

The LPO currently uses an outdated version of Joomla for its website content management, and an outdated version of CiviCRM for its contact, contribution, and event management.

The LPO is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Saratoga project later this summer so that it can replace its outdated IT platforms as well as provide modern platforms for county affiliates and candidates.

Other

None