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Region 3 Report



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KENTUCKY



MICHIGAN



OHIO

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Region 3 Overview

Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2016 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

Three of the four states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2015 and June 2016.

June 2015 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3170	346	11
KENTUCKY	1176	115	30
MICHIGAN	5174	389	9
OHIO	5193	521	4

June 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3397	506	9
KENTUCKY	1250	157	31
MICHIGAN	5332	502	10
OHIO	5418	664	5

YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

INDIANA MEMBERSHIP UP 46.2%

KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP UP 36.5%

MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP UP 29.0%

OHIO MEMBERSHIP UP 27.4%



Libertarian Party of Indiana

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

State Chair: Joe Hauptmann (chair@lpin.org)

Vice Chair: Rodney Benker (vicechair@lpin.org)

Treasurer: Michael Schultheiss (treasurer@lpin.org)

Secretary: Frank Rossa (secretary@lpin.org)

District 1 Rep: Kevin Van Linden

District 2 Rep: Nick Hamill

District 3 Rep: Kristi Avery

District 4 Rep: Randy Young

District 5 Rep: Greg Noland

District 6 Rep: Jesse Riddle

District 7 Rep: Brett Bittner

District 8 Rep: Lindsay Horn

District 9 Rep: Greg Hertzsch

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Business Manager: Alyssa Salgado (asalgado@lpin.org)

Communications Director: Margaret Fette (outreach@lpin.org)

Office Space

LPIN has office space in Indianapolis at 1111 E. 54th St., Suite 158, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana uses a part-time Business Manager model in conjunction with volunteer efforts. Alyssa Salgado is the current, part-time, paid Business Manager for LPIN.

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 23 active, affiliated county parties, and 19 inactive, affiliated county parties, and 46 unaffiliated counties.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

2016 GENERAL ELECTION



In total, approximately 60 Libertarians appear on the ballot in Indiana. Once the filing period for all races has concluded, this number will be updated.

On the Federal side, the ticket is led by Governor Gary Johnson and Governor Bill Weld for President and Vice President, respectively. Lucy Brenton represents the party in the race for United States Senate. Nine candidates represent the party for U.S. Congress in all Congressional Districts.

On the state level, the ticket is led by longtime LP activist and contractor Rex Bell for Governor and 2014 Secretary of State Candidate Karl Tatgenhorst serves as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN is represented by 15 candidates for State Senate and House, per their candidate listing on LPIN.org.

You can view the complete list of candidates at <http://lpin.org/2016-candidates/>.

2016 INDIANA DEBATE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE LIBERTARIANS IN TELEVISED DEBATES

Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates will appear in 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 Lucy Brenton will also participate in at least one televised debate this fall, and she has been challenged by the Democrat candidate to another 3 debates and 5 town halls.

2012 RAW ELECTION NUMBERS

(Numbers based on reporting by Clerks and the IED as of the evening of November, 8, 2012. Numbers and percentages will fluctuate slightly until results certified.)

US President: Gov. Gary Johnson posted results just below 49k votes. This is a 68% increase over Barr in 2008 and a 172% increase over Badnarik in 2004. His percentage is coming in at 1.9% (Barr was 1.1% in 2008 while Badnarik pulled 0.7%).

US Senate: Andrew Horning received about 145k votes and 5.8%. His vote totals represent a 53% increase over Rebecca Sink-Burris in 2010. Sink-Burris did pull 5.4%, so presidential turnout did help Horning's gross vote total. However, the last time the LPIN had a US Senate seat up in a presidential cycle was 2004 when Al Barger cleared just 27k votes (1.1%). Interestingly, Horning is just 24k votes short of Steve Osborn's total in his 2-way race with Lugar in 2006.

US House Races: The LPIN's five candidates combined for 59k votes which is a 25% increase over 2008 which was also a presidential cycle featuring five LP candidates on the ballot. The 59k is 25k short of the party's gross vote record in 2010 when the LPIN filled the entire US House slate. Statewide, LP candidates achieved 2.4% of the total US House vote; that number goes up to 4.2% for just the contested races. This is down, however, from 4.8% in 2010. Rex Bell is the first LP Congressional candidate in Indiana to win four precincts in Wayne County and tied for first in one. Bell also won a precinct in Henry County.

IN Governor: Rupert Boneham has just cleared 100k with the latest totals which is good for 4.0%. This is a 75% increase over Andy in 2008, and a 217% increase over Kenn Gividen in 2004. The 4.0% nearly doubles Andy's 2.1% in 2008 and is far better than the 1.3% of Gividen in 2004.

Results over the last Decade for Libertarians:

US Senate:

Hager 2000: 33,992; 1.6%

Barger 2004: 27,334; 1.1%

Osborn 2006: 168,820; 12.6% (2-way)

Sink-Burris 2010: 94,562; 5.4%

Horning 2012: 144,806; 5.8%

Combined US House (percentages include all 9 races in each year):



2002: 37,270; 2.4% (9 candidates)
2004: 35,470; 1.5% (7 candidates)
2006: 17,324; 1.0% (2 candidates)
2008: 47,306; 1.8% (5 candidates)
2010: 84,518; 4.8% (9 candidates)
2012: 59,088; 2.4% (5 candidates)
2014: 44,951; 3.4% (8 candidates)

Governor:

Gividen 2004: 31,664; 1.3%
Horning 2008: 57,376; 2.1%
Boneham 2012: 100,335; 4.0%

President:

Badnarik 2004: 18,058; 0.7%
Barr 2008: 29,257; 1.1%
Johnson 2012: 49,194; 1.9%

Auditor:

Parisi 2002: 49,030; 3.4%
Knipe 2010: 78,098; 4.6%
Schick 2014: 58,269; 4.4%

SOS:

Kole 2006: 54,381; 3.3%
Wherry 2010: 100,847; 5.9%
Tatgenhorst 2014: 45,341; 3.4%

Current Election Cycle (2016)

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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. This was reaffirmed with the 2014 SOS race, run by Karl Tatgenhorst.

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 3.4% in the last SOS race.

Activities

State Level Activities

2017 STATE CONVENTION



Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Evansville, IN
May 5-7, 2017

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

UNKNOWN

Media Coverage

- [Montgomery GOP County Chair Steps Down To Join Libertarians -
http://www.wthr.com/story/32127239/montgomery-co-gop-chair-steps-down-to-join-libertarians](http://www.wthr.com/story/32127239/montgomery-co-gop-chair-steps-down-to-join-libertarians)
- [Libertarians choose Rex Bell to run for Indiana governor -
http://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/2016/04/25/libertarians-choose-bell-run-governor/83493746/](http://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/2016/04/25/libertarians-choose-bell-run-governor/83493746/)
- [Hendricks County Flyer covers local LP county convention - http://www.flyergroup.com/news/local_news/there-is-a-third-choice/article_7b5ad386-e903-5013-a15d-86ffc401c630.html](http://www.flyergroup.com/news/local_news/there-is-a-third-choice/article_7b5ad386-e903-5013-a15d-86ffc401c630.html)

Information Technology

LPIN's website is currently running on WordPress with a recently updated template thanks to the work of Andy Burns. There is no consistent use of a Constituent Resource Management (CRM) system for data management, and issues surrounding the 1994 Society transition to the new CRM remain an issue.

Other

None



Libertarian Party of Kentucky

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: David Capano

Vice Chair: Bryan Short

Treasurer: Matthew Holder

Secretary: Cyrus Eckenberg

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. At this time, the number of state members is unknown to me.

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, 3 of which (2, 4, & 6) have active LPKY affiliates, 2 which have LPKY groups in the development phase and 1 with no activity yet.

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2014)

TWO LIBERTARIANS ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE

Shannon Denniston - Magistrate in Montgomery County

Tracy Roberts - Magistrate in Marshall County

TWO CANDIDATES BROKE 10% IN A THREE-WAY RACE

Cristi Kendrick - Boone County Commissioner #2 earned 11.24%

Joseph Redmon - Hardin County Constable #5 earned 12.86%



DAVID PATTERSON - US SENATE

David Patterson broke the record for the most votes received by a Libertarian in Kentucky. 44,231 voters chose David Patterson for US Senate.

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Two candidates, one for State House and one for County Commissioner are petitioning to appear on the November ballot currently.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The state of Kentucky defines a "political party" as getting 20% or more in KY the presidential race, a "political organization" as getting 2%-20%, and a "political group" as getting less than 2%.

Ballot access for the party label is possible on a race by race basis with signature gathering requirements. However, as a "political group", 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.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

If Governor Johnson had received 2% of the vote for president statewide in 2012, LPKY's signature requirements would have dropped 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 would be willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky.

Kentucky's paid efforts in petitioning has not yet started. Volunteers are asked to get petitions back in the mail by 7/23 to allow validation to begin. Their deadline 9/9/16.

Activities

State Level Activities

At this time, all efforts are on petitioning

Local Level Activities

None at this time

Finances & Fundraising

Recent Initiatives

No recent initiatives.

Current Initiatives

No current initiatives.

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 currently evaluating the Libertas platform from Big L Solutions.

Other



Libertarian Party of Michigan

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

State Chair – Bill Gelineau, chair@michiganlp.org

Vice Chair – Kimberly McCurry, vicechair@michiganlp.org

Secretary – Diane Bostow

Treasurer – Jason Brandenburg

Libertarian Executive Committee At-large Directors:

- Gregory Creswell
- [Tiffany Hayden](#)
- Jonathan Osment
- Emily Salvette
- Jeff Wood

Judicial Committee:

- Bill Hall
- Mary Buzuma

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Webmaster – Ryan Patrosso
- Political Director – Scotty Bowman
- Membership Coordinator – JJ McCurry
- Media Director – Bradley Hunt

Office Space

LPM does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPM at P.O. Box 27065, Lansing, MI 48909

State Level Membership

Working on updating this information

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



- 4 forming (2 of which are due to new volunteers who have offered to start a local group since the last report)
- 3 inactive

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2016 Special Election, March)

LP MICHIGAN RESULTS

LP Michigan ran 2 candidates in the 2016 special election for House District 80 and House District 82.

Arnie Davidson received 6.13% of the vote in House District 80.

Tracy Spilker received 4.86% of the vote in House District 82.

The most notable result is State Rep candidate Michael J. Perry who received 13% of the vote in a 3-way race, achieving 4,843 votes.

Office	District	Candidate	Votes	Percent %	Ballot Circumstance	# of Candidates
Governor	Statewide	Mary Buzuma	35723	1.13%		5 + 5 W/I
Secretary of State	Statewide	James Lewis	61112	1.98%		5
Attorney General	Statewide	Justin Altman	57345	1.86%		5
US Senate	Statewide	Jim Fulner	62897	2.01%		5 + 4 W/I
Representative in Congress	District 01	Loel Gnadtt	3823	1.53%		4
Representative in Congress	District 02	Ronald Welch II	3877	1.82%		4
Representative in Congress	District 04	Will White	4694	2.14%		4
Representative in Congress	District 05	Harold Jones	4734	2.13%		3
Representative in Congress	District 06	Erwin Haas	5530	2.65%		4
Representative in Congress	District 07	Ken Proctor	4531	2.03%		5
Representative in Congress	District 08	James Weeks II	4557	1.87%		5
Representative in Congress	District 09	Gregory Creswell	4792	2.12%		4
Representative in Congress	District 11	Jon Tatar	7711	3.07%		3 & 1 W/I
Representative in Congress	District 12	Bhagwan Dashairya	2559	1.24%		4
Representative in Congress	District 13	Chris Sharer	3537	2.12%		4
Representative in Congress	District 14	Leonard Schwartz	3366	1.58%		4 & 1 W/I
State Senate	District 11	James Young	2994	3.10%		3
State Senate	District 20	Lorence Wenke	7171	8.92%		3
State Senate	District 22	Jeff Wood	3108	3.13%		3
State Senate	District 26	William Wenzel	2944	3.82%		3
State Representative	District 47	Rodger Young	1300	4.28%		3
State Representative	District 61	Michael Stampfler	2941	8.88%		3
State Representative	District 65	Ronald Muszynski	971	3.47%		3
State Representative	District 80	Arnis Davidsons	1003	3.57%		3
State Representative	District 85	Rodger Snyder	1473	4.59%		3
Member of the State Board of Education	Statewide	Kimberly Moore	114666	2.05%	Pick 2	10
Member of the State Board of Education	Statewide	Gregory Stempfle	75702	1.35%	Pick 2	10
Regent of the University of Michigan	Statewide	James Hudler	75885	1.38%	Pick 2	9



Regent of the University of Michigan	Statewide	John Jascob	71834	1.31%	Pick 2	9
Trustee of Michigan State University	Statewide	Michael Miller	86627	1.58%	Pick 2	11
Trustee of Michigan State University	Statewide	Raymond Moses	67647	1.24%	Pick 2	11
Governor of Wayne State University	Statewide	Dan Goebel	88944	1.66%	Pick 2	11
Governor of Wayne State University	Statewide	Brian Wright	77477	1.45%	Pick 2	11

Current Election Cycle (2016)

STATEWIDE

Board of Education: Scotty Boman

Board of Education: William (Bill) Hall

MSU Trustee: Justin Burns

MSU Trustee: Gregory Stempfle

U of M Regent: John Jascob

U of M Regent: James Hudler

WSU Governor: Bhagwan Dashairya

WSU Governor: Al Sedar

Supreme Court – Partial Term: Kerry Lee Morgan

US CONGRESS

District 1: Diane Bostow

District 2: Erwin Haas

District 4: Leonard Schwartz

District 5: Steve Sluka

District 6: Lorence Wenke

District 7: Ken Proctor

District 8: Jeff Wood

District 9: Matt Orlando

District 10: Lisa Gioia

District 11: Jonathan Osment

District 12: Tom Bagwell

District 13: Tiffany Hayden

District 14: Gregory Creswell

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 10: Jeremy Morgan

District 14: Loel GnaDt

District 31: Michael Saliba

District 37: James K (Jim) Young

District 42: Jon Elgas

District 47: Rodger Young

District 60: Logan Fleckenstein

District 61: Ryan Winfield

District 62: Michelle (Shelly) Gregoire

District 65: Ronald Musinski

District 68: Rob Powell

COUNTY AND LOCAL RACES

Alpena County Commissioner: Zach Boyle

Genesee County Commissioner Dist. 4: Cameron Martin

Genesee County Commissioner Dist. 6: Dustin Reamer

Ingham county Commissioner Dist. 10: Martin Mashon

Kalamazoo Board District 6: Michael Steffes

Kent County Clerk: James Lewis

Kent County Commissioner Dist. 4: Nathan Hower

Township Supervisor (Lapeer County): Mark Rusnell



Livingston County Commissioner: Jim Schell

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 12: James Miller

Oakland County Prosecutor: Steve Afton

Lyon Township Trustee(Oakland County) : Robert Swain

Parks Commiss. Ypsilanti Twp (Washtenaw County): Lawrence W Johnson

Parks Commiss. Ypsilanti Twp (Washtenaw County): Kalyn Sterzik

Parks Commiss. Ypsilanti Twp (Washtenaw County): Elizabeth Ceader

Plymouth Township Trustee (Wayne County): Joseph LeBlanc

Livingston County Commissioner: John Hargenrader

Muskegon County Prosecutor: Jeffery Greve

Oakland County Commissioner Dist. 19: Jim Fulner

Wayne County Prosecutor: David Afton

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

2015 LIBERTY FEST

The 2015 Liberty Fest was held at Weber's Inn Ann Arbor on November 14th. They enjoyed the wonderful lesson on communicating with others of different view points that Dr. Roger B. Butters, Associate Professor of Economics Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI shared while enjoying the company of those that seek to bring liberty to Michigan.

Defender of Liberty Awards ("Libbies") have been presented at their annual LibertyFest Banquet to a maximum of six select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Awards are normally presented to Michigan residents.

We granted three Libby Awards at the event to three very deserving Libertarians:

- **Spokesperson for Liberty Award:** Glenn Wilson
- **Promoter of Liberty Award:** Bradley Hunt
- **Producer of Liberty Award:** Raymond Warner

Local Level Activities

LIBERTY FEST

Liberty Fest is an annual event in LP Michigan which is held by a different local affiliate each year. The purpose is to recognize dedicated members of LP Michigan. The event includes an award presentation for a Promoter of Liberty, a Defender of Liberty, and a Behind the Scenes Liberty Activist. This is a chance for LP Michigan leaders to congratulate and express their gratitude for the hardest working and most successful members and celebrate recent LP Michigan successes.



Finances & Fundraising

Past Initiatives

None active

Current Initiatives

None active

Future Initiatives

None planned currently

Media Coverage

None listed on the website at this time

Information Technology

LPM currently uses Wordpress as the back-end for its website.

Other



Libertarian Party of Ohio

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Like the Republican and Democrat counterparts in Ohio, the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) 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: Bob Bridges - bob.bridges@lpo.org
- Vice Chair: Scott Pettigrew – scott.pettigrew@lpo.org
- Secretary: Robert Coogan – robert.coogan@lpo.org
- Deputy Secretary: Kevin Knedler – kevin.knedler@lpo.org
- Treasurer: Linda Comstock – linda.comstock@lpo.org
- Deputy Treasurer: Christopher Gill - chris.gill@lpo.org
- At-Large: Ann Leech – ann.leech@lpo.org
- At-Large: Christopher Gill - chris.gill@lpo.org
- At-Large: Harold Thomas – harold.thomas@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 – Media Contact: Aaron Harris, Copy Editor: John Fockler
- Field Development Division – Director: Vacant
 - 9 regional liaison positions available (3 currently filled)
- Finance Division – Director: Gregory Pizarro
- IT Division – Director: Vacant
- Political Division – Director: Tricia Sprankle, Deputy Director: Joe Bowersox

Office Space

The LPO maintains its two-room, fully-functional office of approximately 240 sq. ft. at 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.



Paid Staff/Contractors

The LPO currently has one paid contractor who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. The Finance Director is 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

Nothing submitted

Sub-Affiliates

Nothing submitted

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2014)

Auditor of State: Bob Bridges – 4.77%, 143363 votes

Secretary of State: Kevin Knedler – 4.67%, 141292 votes

US House District 5: Eric Eberly – 4.62%, 9344 votes

US House District 10: David Harlow – 3.29%, 6605 votes

US House District 14: David Macko – 3.72%, 7988 votes

State House District 19: Chad Monnin – 8.31%, 3253 votes

State House District 24: Mark Noble – 5.08%, 2032 votes

State House District 31: Queen Noble – 3.27%, 887 votes

State House District 57: Robert Sherwin – 5.31%, 1701 votes

State House District 62: Scott Pettigrew – 5.96%, 1918 votes

State House District 97: Nelson Roe – 25.28%, 7018 votes

Current Election Cycle (2016)

No candidates listed at this time

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

In 2014, Governor candidate Charlie Earl and Attorney General candidate Stephen Linnabary were removed from the ballot by the Secretary of State after petitioning to appear on the November general election ballot. As a result of SB 193 in Ohio, the Governor's race is the ballot test race for maintaining ballot access. Without a candidate, ballot access was not retained. SB 193 set high barriers for alternative parties to get their candidates on the ballot and to retain access once they obtain it. It also bars parties new to the ballot from holding primaries, which under Ohio law is the only way a voter may become recognized as a member of any political party. SB 193 set a threshold of 2% of the vote for governor in the 2014



election for an alternative party to retain access. In future years, that figure would rise to 3% of the vote for president in presidential years or for governor in the years in which that office is elected.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

After a slow start, the petition to put Johnson/Weld on the ballot as Independents is under way. The drive is about 50% complete with 1 month to go until the 8/10/16 deadline.

Activities

State Level Activities

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED CONVENTION

In August, the LPO has listed a tentative date for their 2016 convention.

ANNUAL LPO PICNIC

The LPO is scheduled to hold its annual picnic on September 17th at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is family friendly event with plenty of food and drink, and typically features the always popular fundraiser, "pie in the face of your favorite LPO leader." The LPO has also used a "dunk tank for your LPO leaders" as a new fundraiser which also proved financially successful.

Local Level Activities

COUNTY FAIRS

The local affiliates had a presence at 5 county fairs (at least), all with very good attendance and successful outreach for new volunteers.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND TEAM BUILDING

The LPO plans to ramp up its local and regional team meetings with training and team building to continue the upward trend in county affiliate formation and local activism.

Finances & Fundraising

Nothing to note

Media Coverage

Nothing to note

Information Technology

The LPO upgraded their website and database to the Libertas platform in 2013.

Other

Nothing to note