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CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. (all times Pacific)

At the request of Jim Lark, the LNC had a one-minute standing ovation in memory of Dr. Marc Allan Feldman.

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

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

At-Large Representatives: Daniel Hayes, Bill Redpath, Starchild (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7)

Regional Alternates: Steve Nekhaila (Region 2 Alternate), Aaron Starr (Region 4 Alternate), Trent Somes (Region 5 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate), Joshua Katz (Region 8 Alternate)

Staff: Wes Benedict (Executive Director), Robert Kraus (Operations Director)

Not attending the meeting were: Sam Goldstein (At-Large), Patrick McKnight (Region 8 Representative), Steve Nielson (Region 1 Alternate), Ken Moellman (Region 3 Alternate), Danny Bedwell (Region 7 Alternate)

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

CREDENTIALS REPORT AND PAPERWORK CHECK

The Secretary noted that on June 22, 2016, LNC At-Large Representative Marc Allan Feldman passed away, creating a vacancy which has not yet been filled.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Starting from the Chair's proposed agenda, all of the following amendments were approved without objection:

Mr. Sarwark proposed to move the item regarding filling the at-large vacancy to a position earlier in the agenda, between officer reports and staff reports.

A time-certain item was set for 10:30 a.m. to hear a Johnson/Weld campaign update from Ron Nielson.

Mr. Hagan proposed to add under New Business Without Previous Notice a 10-minute item to discuss support for John Moore's re-election campaign for Nevada State Assembly.

Mr. Vohra proposed to add under New Business Without Previous Notice a 10-minute item to discuss a request from Pat Ford of Rhode Island for marketing support.

Mr. Katz proposed to add under New Business Without Previous Notice a 5-minute item to discuss the relationship with the Johnson/Weld campaign

Mr. Redpath proposed to extend the time for ballot access to 20 minutes.

Ms. Harlos proposed to add under New Business Without Previous Notice a 5-minute item to discuss outreach to the Log Cabin Republicans.

The item for population of the Convention Oversight Committee was removed from the agenda.

Without objection, the following agenda was adopted as amended:

Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	3 minutes
Officer Reports	
Chair's Report (Sarwark)	10 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	10 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	10 minutes
Fill At-Large Vacancy	15 minutes
Staff Reports	40 minutes
Population of Committees	
Audit Committee	10 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee	10 minutes
Awards Committee	10 minutes
IT Committee	10 minutes
Reports of Committees	
Audit Committee	10 minutes
Ballot Access Committee	20 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee	5 minutes

Working Lunch (Discussion of Goals)	70 minutes
New Business with Previous Notice	
Adoption of Goals	20 minutes
National Re-Registration Week (Somes)	10 minutes
Modification of General Counsel Retainer Agreement (Sarwark)	10 minutes
Transfer of LPedia to LSLA (Harlos)	10 minutes
Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)	5 minutes each
New Business Without Previous Notice	
Supporting John Moore's Campaign (Hagan)	10 minutes
Rhode Island Marketing Support (Vohra)	10 minutes
Relationship with the Johnson Campaign (Katz)	5 minutes
Outreach to Log Cabin Republicans (Harlos)	5 minutes
Time-Certain Items	
Johnson/Weld Campaign Update	10:30 a.m.
Counsel's Report	10:45 a.m.

REPORTS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Secretary had distributed a listing of the potential conflicts of interest which had been submitted to her. The following updates were reported during the meeting:

Jeff Hewitt is the Chair of the Riverside County (CA) Libertarian Party, a member of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, and a member of the Libertarian Millennial Caucus.

Arvin Vohra is a candidate for US Senate from Maryland.

Trent Somes is Chair of the Libertarian Youth Caucus and a leader of Students for Johnson.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report (see Appendix A). He supplemented with an oral report on positive developments at Freedom Fest, and he fielded questions.

Mr. Sarwark moved to change the date of the December LNC meeting from December 3-4 to December 10-11.

Starchild moved a substitute motion to instead have an earlier meeting at a date to be determined later.

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

Voting "aye": Demarest, Harlos, Katz, Starchild

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

The vote on the main motion was adopted by a show of hands with a 10-1 vote total.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hagan had submitted draft financials through May. He noted that preliminary numbers on the national convention were showing a profit of \$74,000; in addition the fundraising banquet raised \$105,961.

Mr. Hagan reported that the Executive Committee has encumbered more for ballot access than has been budgeted, though some of the drives will not require the entirety of their encumbrances.

Mr. Hagan made a motion which was amended without objection to be the following:

- increase budget line 70-Ballot Access Expenses from \$272,500 to \$340,000
- increase budget line 27-Ballot Access Donations by \$20,000 to \$213,700
- increase budget line 21-Donations to \$318,800

Following debate, without objection the motion was postponed until the Ballot Access Committee report.

Due to increased sales of branding items, Mr. Hagan moved to increase both budget line 26-Brand Development Revenues and line 55-Brand Development Expenses from \$65,000 to \$100,000. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

Since Rachel Mills has been hired as a part-time communications director through the end of the year, Mr. Hagan moved to increase budget line 80-Media by \$7,000 and decrease budget line 40-Administrative costs by \$7,000. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson had distributed a written report (see Appendix B) and supplemented with a brief oral report. There were no questions.

AT-LARGE VACANCY

Ms. Mattson moved to open nominations for a ballot vote to fill the At-Large vacancy.

Mr. Demarest moved a substitute motion to instead fill the vacancy with the next-ranked finisher from the convention at-large elections.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Starchild

Voting "no": Bittner, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Mattson, Nekhaila, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

The vote on the main motion to open nominations for a ballot vote to fill the At-Large vacancy was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Nekhaila, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Demarest, Starchild

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Katz, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 10-2.

Ron Nielson had joined the meeting, so without objection the election was tabled in order to take up the agenda item for a Johnson/Weld campaign update.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Mr. Nielson provided an oral report from the Johnson/Weld campaign and fielded questions.

At 11:20 a.m. without objection the LNC entered executive session to discuss strategic and contractual matters with Mr. Nielson. The LNC rose from executive session at 11:58 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

During a working lunch, Lauren Daugherty (a special projects contractor) presented a portion of the staff report, discussing her work on branding and building content for the new website which will be coming online soon.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

LNC Counsel Oliver Hall had submitted a written report. He joined the meeting by phone to supplement with an oral report and field questions.

Mr. Redpath moved to add an agenda item at the end of New Business Without Previous Notice to consider a resolution of support for Maine Question 5 and ranked choice voting. There was no objection.

AT-LARGE VACANCY (CONTINUED)

Without objection, the At-Large election was taken from the table, and nominations were opened.

Mr. Bittner nominated Jennifer Werther.

Ms. Mattson nominated Joshua Katz.

Without objection Trent Somes (though Dr. Lark was participating in the meeting) was permitted to nominate Jess Mears, who confirmed by text that she would accept the position.

Ms. Bilyeu nominated Boyd Kendall.

Nominations were closed without objection. There was no objection to using signed ballots for the election.

Ms. Werther spoke to her nomination.

Mr. Katz spoke to his nomination.

Jess Mears joined by phone and spoke to her nomination.

Ms. Bilyeu spoke to Boyd Kendall's nomination.

The alternates (except for Mr. Katz) served as election tellers.

With 15 ballots cast, the election results were as follows:

Katz – 8

Werther – 6

Mears – 1

The signed ballots were cast as follows:

Bilyeu: Werther

Bittner: Mears

Demarest: Werther
Hagan: Werther
Harlos: Werther
Hayes: Katz
Hewitt: Katz
Katz: Katz
Lark: Katz
Marsh: Katz
Mattson: Katz
Redpath: Katz
Sarwark: Werther
Starchild: Werther
Vohra: Katz

Having received a majority, Mr. Katz was elected.

STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Benedict presented a staff report, highlighting fundraising, updates on ballot access petition drives, and two new part-time employees (Rachel Mills as press secretary, Matthew Thexton for online order fulfillment of branding materials). Mr. Benedict fielded questions.

POPULATION OF COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for the one LNC-member position on the Audit Committee. Starchild nominated Aaron Starr. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed, and Mr. Starr was elected by acclamation.

Nominations were opened for the two non-LNC positions on the Audit Committee.

Ms. Harlos nominated Joe Buchman.
Mr. Katz nominated M Carling.
Mr. Bittner nominated Julie Fox.
Dr. Lark nominated Bo Brown.

Starchild moved to postpone indefinitely the selection of non-LNC members of the Audit Committee. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Harlos, Starchild

Voting "no": Bittner, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Hagan, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

The motion to postpone failed with a vote total of 3-6.

Without objection the LNC (with the exception of the officers, who are ineligible to vote per Bylaws Article 9.2) used signed ballots, allowing up to 2 votes per ballot. The alternates served as tellers for the election.

While ballots were tallied, Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to hear from Christina Tobin for 5 minutes about ballot access and fundraising. There was no objection, and Ms. Tobin addressed the body.

With 11 ballots cast, the Audit Committee election results were as follows:

Buchman – 8
Fox – 5
Carling – 5
Brown – 3

The signed ballots were cast as follows:

Bilyeu: Buchman, Carling
Bittner: Fox, Brown
Demarest: Fox, Buchman
Harlos: Buchman, Fox
Hayes: Fox, Buchman
Hewitt: Buchman, Carling
Katz: Carling, Buchman
Lark: Fox, Brown
Marsh: Carling, Brown
Redpath: Buchman, Carling
Starchild: Buchman

With a majority, Mr. Buchman was elected to the Audit Committee. A second round of balloting was used to fill the second seat.

With 9 ballots cast, the results were as follows:

Fox - 5
Carling - 4

The signed ballots were cast as follows:

Bittner: Fox
Demarest: Fox
Harlos: Fox
Hayes: Carling
Hewitt: Fox
Katz: Carling
Lark: Fox
Marsh: Carling
Redpath: Carling

With a majority, Ms. Fox was elected to the Audit Committee.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Policy Manual Sections 1.03.1 and 2.02.3 were reviewed regarding the role of the Affiliate Support Committee and the process for choosing its members. Four eligible people indicated interest in serving.

Mr. Sarwark appointed Daniel Hayes as chair of the Affiliate Support Committee. Mr. Hayes then selected David Demarest, Patrick McKnight, and Steve Nekalia as committee members.

During the meeting the Secretary was notified by email that the LSLA appointees to the committee are: Leigh LaChine, Michael Pickens, and George Phillies.

Without objection the agenda item for population of the Awards Committee was removed from the agenda.

IT COMMITTEE

Policy Manual Sections 1.03.1 and 2.02.8 were reviewed regarding the role of the Information Technology Committee and the process for choosing its members. Mr. Sarwark inquired about who was interested in serving. Mr. Bittner indicated that Mr. Moellman was willing to serve. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. O'Toole both volunteered. Mr. Sarwark requested that those people email him about their qualifications, and he will later announce his appointments.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Hagan distributed to the LNC draft audited financials, a draft management letter, and a draft board disclosure letter from the auditing firm Frye & Company, CPAs. M Carling, as the sole remaining member of the previous-term Audit Committee, indicated that he had not seen these documents in advance, and the newly elected members of the Audit Committee would need to review them before commenting.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Moellman, as chair of the Ballot Access Committee, had submitted a written report (see Appendix C). In Mr. Moellman's absence, Mr. Redpath presented a supplemental oral report on the states still petitioning for ballot access.

Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC send \$7,500 to the Libertarian Party of Illinois to help the LPIL pay the remaining bills from their completed petition drive. Following debate, without objection Mr. Redpath withdrew the motion.

Mr. Redpath moved to increase the ballot access expense budget to \$100,000 over the \$213,150 amount spent to date, thus budgeting the expense as \$313,150. The current ballot access budget prior to this motion was \$272,500. Starchild moved to amend the Redpath motion to require that a member of the Ballot Access Committee post to the LNC email list a notice of the committee's meetings, and that the Ballot Access Committee be directed to publicize the rules for how petitioners are hired. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion out of order as not germane to the main motion. Starchild appealed the ruling of the chair; there was no second for the appeal. Mr. Hayes moved to amend the Redpath motion such that \$340,000 would be the new ballot access budget figure. Following debate, the Hayes amendment was adopted without objection to become main motion. The main motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Redpath moved that the Ballot Access Committee, with the approval of the LNC Chair, be empowered to spend ballot access funds without needing to meet the requirements of the 2016 budget proviso that the Executive Committee approve encumbrances. Starchild moved the same amendment offered to the immediately prior motion, but there was no second. Ms. Harlos moved a substitute to the Redpath motion, that in addition to the normal encumbrance by the Executive Committee per the 2016 budget proviso, the chair shall have the authority to encumber up to \$50,000 for ballot access for the remainder of this campaign for emergency situations. The Harlos substitute became the main motion without objection. The Harlos motion as the main motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC send \$7,500 to the Libertarian Party of Illinois to help them pay off the remaining bills from their completed petition drive. The motion was adopted without objection.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC) REPORT

Dr. Lark as chair of the EPCC had submitted a written report (see Appendix D) and supplemented with a brief oral report. Ms. Mattson noted that the Executive Director's new contract had not been circulated to the LNC pursuant to Policy Manual section 2.04.3 prior to it being executed. Mr. Sarwark indicated it was an oversight, but any LNC member agreeing to confidentiality may obtain a copy of the contract from Mr. Kraus.

Without objection the agenda item regarding Maine Question 5 was removed from the agenda with the expectation that it will be taken up by an email ballot.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to defer the discussion of goals until later and take up the remaining agenda items first. There was no objection.

NATIONAL RE-REGISTRATION WEEK

Mr. Somes gave a presentation of an idea for a National Re-register Week during the first week of September, encouraging youth to change their voter registrations to Libertarian. Without objection a motion was adopted that it is the sense of the LNC that we wish to pursue this project, and Mr. Somes should work with the appropriate people to establish cost estimates for the project and bring it to the LNC by email ballot if necessary.

MODIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra for this agenda item. Mr. Sarwark reported that the current retainer agreement for Oliver Hall, our legal counsel, calls for 12 hours of work for \$3,000 per month; in reality, he has been working 15-20 hours per week for that monthly payment. Mr. Sarwark moved to revise retainer agreement with Mr. Hall such that he would dedicate 45 hours per month for \$4500 per month, with the agreement renewing on month-to-month terms. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection. Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

TRANSFER OF LPEDIA TO LSLA

Ms. Harlos moved:

“that the LNC agrees to transfer LPedia.org, including all files and URL ownership, to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA). The LNC staff is directed to cooperate with and support the LSLA in effecting this transfer. LPedia.org will migrate from an LNC server to an LSLA host location. In return, the LSLA will agree to support and maintain LPedia.org, and to return it to the LNC if the LSLA is unable to support and maintain the LPedia. In passing this motion, the LNC notes that the LSLA may be in the process of changing its server, so a delay in effecting the transfer may occur.”

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to refer the motion to the IT Committee. The motion to refer was adopted without objection.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Ms. Harlos had submitted a written report for Region 1 (see Appendix E). She supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions.

Mr. Marsh had submitted a written report for Region 2 (see Appendix F). He and Mr. Nekhaila supplemented with oral reports. There were no questions.

Mr. Bittner had submitted a written report for Region 3 (see Appendix G) and he supplemented with an oral report. There were no questions.

Mr. Hewitt had submitted a written report for Region 4 (see Appendix H) and he supplemented with an oral report. There were no questions.

Dr. Lark had submitted written reports for Region 5 (see Appendix I), Campus Organizing (see Appendix J), and his role as International Representative (see Appendix K). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded a question.

Mr. Demarest had submitted a written report for Region 6 (see Appendix L), and he supplemented with an oral report. There were no questions.

Ms. Bilyeu had submitted a written report for Region 7 (see Appendix M), and she supplemented with an oral report. She fielded questions.

Mr. McKnight (who was unable to attend due to cancellation of his flight) had submitted a written report for Region 8 (see Appendix N). Mr. Katz, as the former regional alternate, supplemented with an oral report. There were no questions.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

SUPPORT FOR JOHN MOORE

Mr. Hagan moved that the LNC contribute \$10,000 to the re-election campaign of Nevada Assemblyman John Moore and increase budget line 60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives by \$10,000.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": Lark, Redpath, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 12-3.

RHODE ISLAND REQUEST FOR AFFILIATE SUPPORT

Mr. Vohra moved that the LNC contribute \$1,000 to the Libertarian Party of Rhode Island for affiliate support. Mr. Hayes moved to refer the motion to the Affiliate Support Committee with power to spend up to \$1,000.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Mattson

Abstaining: Sarwark, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 12-1.

Mr. Katz moved to amend the agenda to add 5 minutes at the end of New Business Without Previous Notice to consider a request from the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts for the funding of a candidate. The motion failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 5-8.

RELATIONSHIP WITH JOHNSON CAMPAIGN

Mr. Katz moved to adopt the following resolution:

The LNC in order to appropriately support the Johnson/Weld campaign, and in recognition of the challenges faced by candidates for public office, and in order to facilitate our candidates in their efforts

to, while giving voice to and seeking to implement the principles of the Libertarian Party, attract and persuade new supporters to the great cause of freedom, directs all committees reporting to the LNC as follows: Make a good faith effort to, in cases of uncertainty or ambiguity, maintain a bias towards promoting our candidates, and interpret instructions to ensure consistency with the platform to prohibit only statements directly contradictory to the platform.

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

Voting "aye": Hewitt, Katz, Mattson, Redpath

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Harlos, Lark, Marsh, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Demarest, Hagan, Hayes, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 4-7.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the agenda to add a 10-minute item to consider increasing the budget line item for affiliate support and giving the Affiliate Support Committee some control over its expenditure. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

OUTREACH TO LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra. Ms. Harlos moved that it is the sense of the LNC that the Chair should make efforts to reach out to the Log Cabin Republicans. Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT BUDGET

Ms. Harlos moved to increase the Affiliate Support budget by \$10,000 (from \$45,000 to \$55,000) and allow the Affiliate Support Committee to decide how to spend it on proposals to support specific events or activities within the state parties. Mr. Hayes as chair of the Affiliate Support Committee agreed to develop and share criteria for what they will support and advertise when their meetings will be so people can participate.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Mattson

Voting "no": Marsh, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Lark, Sarwark, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 9-3.

TRANSFER OF A FACEBOOK PAGE

Mr. Vohra moved to amend the agenda to immediately take up a 5-minute discussion of transferring ownership of a Facebook page from one group to another group. There was no objection.

Mr. Vohra moved that the Facebook group currently designated as the Youth Caucus of the Libertarian Party be merged to the Libertarian Youth Caucus group. Following clarification that the Youth Caucus of the Libertarian Party group is owned by Mr. Vohra rather than by the Libertarian Party, Mr. Vohra withdrew the motion without objection.

GOALS

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the agenda to combine the two agenda items for discussion of goals into a single 35-minute item. The motion was adopted by a show of hands with a vote total of 8-4.

Dr. Lark noted that on July 1 he submitted via e-mail a lengthy message to provide a framework for discussion of goals for 2016 and the 2016-2018 term, along with suggestions for LNC goals for the term. Following discussion, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements and public comment, the meeting adjourned without objection at 6:58 p.m.

Chair's Report - 5/27/16 - 7/17/16

- Gave a number of interviews, including the Los Angeles Times, Boston Magazine, Case in Point, New Mexico Political Report, Reason, LibertyBuzz, and many others.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases on issues.
- Coordinated with Bob Johnston and Alicia Mattson to get nomination certificates to the various Secretaries of State for our Presidential candidates.
- Worked with the ballot access committee, national staff, and state parties to resolve ballot access problems.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including contract negotiations with the Gary Johnson campaign, appeals of lawsuits, and employment and petitioning contracts.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

Secretary's Report

For July 17, 2016 LNC Session

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

- May 26, 2016 LNC session – auto-approved on June 27, 2016
- May 26, 2016 EC in-person meeting – auto-approved on June 16, 2016
- May 30, 2016 LNC session – auto-approved on July 3, 2016
- June 15, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on June 30, 2016
- June 22, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on July 11, 2016
- July 11, 2016 EC teleconference – scheduled for auto-approval on July 26, 2016

My first draft of the national convention minutes is due on July 29. This past week I finished a post-convention audit of the elections for an appendix to those minutes. The minutes, including appendices, are now substantially complete. I intend to do a final editorial review, and then I should be ready to provide it to the LNC within a few days.

The Policy Manual has been updated to reflect the change made by the LNC in its May 26, 2016 meeting. On June 8, I proposed technical changes for the Policy Manual including a new endnote #46 as well as various formatting changes; these proposals were auto-approved on July 8, 2016. On June 16, I proposed technical changes for the Policy Manual to update cross-references to the bylaws as amended at the national convention; these proposals were auto-approved on July 16, 2016.

The bylaws and the platform have both been updated to reflect the amendments adopted at the national convention.

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

Promptly following the convention, I provided a variety of materials to staff for press inquiries and for publication in LPNews, including an article about the Orlando LNC meetings, summary results from the presidential ticket nomination process, and summaries of key bylaw and platform changes.

After our presidential ticket is nominated, each state has varying requirements about what paperwork needs to be filed and signed by whom to certify our nominees as those entitled to use the Libertarian Party ballot access line on the ballot. I produced a set of generic nomination certificates signed by myself and Mr. Sarwark. Many states make use of our generic form, but others have their own specific forms to use instead. The process of getting these documents filed requires ongoing coordination with Bob Johnston of LPHQ, Chris Thrasher as the campaign point of contact, Nick Sarwark, myself, state chairs, and Secretary of State offices.

LNC membership changes since the May 30, 2016 session:

- On June 22, 2016, LNC At-Large representative Marc Allan Feldman passed away, creating a vacancy which has not yet been filled.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- At the national convention, only three Judicial Committee candidates received enough votes to be elected: Alicia Dearn, Gary Johnson (TX), and Chuck Moulton. This left 4 vacancies on the committee. On June 2, 2016, the three elected members announced they had filled the vacancies

APPENDIX B
SECRETARY'S REPORT

with Michael Badnarik, John Buttrick, Bill Hall, and Rob Latham. On June 27, the committee announced that Chuck Moulton was elected as committee chair.

- During its May 30, 2016 meeting the LNC appointed Bill Redpath, Ken Moellman, and Ed Marsh to the Ballot Access Committee, and Nick Sarwark designated Ken Moellman as the chair of that committee. Following that meeting, on June 18, Mr. Sarwark appointed Richard Winger and Mark Axinn to the remaining non-LNC seats on the Ballot Access Committee.

The start of a new LNC term necessitated a rebuild of my baseline listing of potential conflicts of interest, which is distributed at each meeting. Please note that an entry of “(none)” indicates that person has specifically told me they have none to list, and a blank entry means that person has not submitted anything to me.

In my capacity as a member of the Convention Oversight Committee, I assisted with reviewing the draft 2018 convention contract and requesting changes as needed. Once we had acceptable terms, Mr. Sarwark signed the 2018 contract on behalf of the LNC, and we’re waiting to get the countersigned copy back from the Hyatt in New Orleans. In the near future I intend to add 2016 convention data to the convention data archive which I created last term. Several excited members have contacted me about including particular cities in the 2020 site selection process. The COC should begin that task this year, but not until after our 2016 duties are completed.

The weeks following a national convention are a bit like drinking from a fire hose, but I’m almost caught up. Still on my to-do list is to help staff update the committee membership page of our website, prepare minutes from this weekend’s meeting, and update the convention archive.

The following email ballot was completed since the May 30, 2016 LNC session:

Motion: that the LNC provide \$600.00 to LPCO for the Riot Fest event. These funds would come from the budget for Affiliate Support.

Sponsors: Harlos, Goldstein, Hayes, Bittner

Started: 6/26/16

Ended: 7/6/16

Voting “aye”: Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, McKnight

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Hagan, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Nielson, Redpath, Starr

With a final vote tally of 5-8, the motion FAILS.

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

See the following 5 pages for the Ballot Access Committee Report

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BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

5/24/16 – 7/12/16

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report submitted to the LNC by the Ballot Access Committee immediately prior to the Libertarian National Convention reported 32 states as completed: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, ND, OK, OR, SC, TX, UT, VT, WV, WI & WY.

Since that report, the following states have been completed: IL, ME, PA, and SD.

States still in progress are, in order of deadline: WA, NJ, MA, NY, CT, DC, NH, OH, AL, TN, IA, MN, VA, KY, and RI.

Progress is tracked state-by-state to follow progress of each drive. The spreadsheet uses a 10% cushion above the minimum requirement, and then uses assumed or actual validity rates. According to the math, there are approximately 74,396 signatures left to collect for 50+DC access. At current petitioning rates, without any additional volunteer signatures and barring any significant rate increases, **\$175,000 - \$200,000 will be required to complete** the drives in all remaining states.

There are a number of important drives in-progress, which will be completed within the next month. **A critical date in our 50+DC goal is 8/10.**

We are facing a lot of competition for resources this year. Three other parties and one independent are consuming petitioner resources, as are issue petitions in other states.

We have found it necessary to ask the Executive Committee to increase encumbrances in a number of states, and will likely continue to need to do so as the drive continues. Increasing the ballot access budget would be, at a minimum, extremely beneficial, and perhaps required, to complete 50+DC.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Voting members of the post-convention Ballot Access Committee are Ken Moellman (Chair), William Redpath, Ed Marsh, Mark Axinn, and Richard Winger.

Non-voting members are Paul Frankel, petitioner resource, and Christopher Thrasher, Johnson-Weld (JW16) liaison.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the committee are being held. Meetings have been held on 6/7, 6/30, 7/7, and 7/14. The first meeting was to get situated and decide who else to add to the committee. After those appointments were made, the focus has been to collect information on the progress in each state, and to react to that information.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

5/24/16 – 7/12/16

STATE BY STATE ANALYSIS – STATES COMPLETED SINCE 5/24/16

South Dakota was completed by the time the Ballot Access Committee met post-convention.

Illinois ended on 6/27. It was a nerve-racking close call until the final days of the drive. As production ramped up, petitioners were being told to stop approximately 2 or 3 days before the drive ended. The LNC had a target of 40,000 signatures, with the state party wishing for a target of 45,000 signatures. The final tally was approximately 53,000 signatures. The LP was not challenged, and we have successfully obtained ballot access in IL.

Pennsylvania ended early due to a win in court. Unfortunately, the remedy was delayed by the judge for a longer-than-hoped period, and because the remedy was unknown, we were forced to continue petitioning in PA to prevent putting ballot access at risk. By the time the legal requirement was reduced to 5,000 signatures, over 17,000 signatures had been collected. There are still outstanding balances to be paid for this drive.

Maine ended on 7/12. A voter registration drive was used to obtain ballot access, as Maine had independently pursued this avenue prior to the LNC's involvement. The lawsuit to extend time for registrations was won. The LNC invested (up-to) \$3,000 to assist (in lieu of a \$20,000 petition drive), and the JW16 team put people on the ground to run logistics. A number of bureaucratic and logistical hurdles were overcome. This was a great example of how teamwork lets LPME, LNC, and JW16 succeed in their mutual goals. On 7/12, LP Maine was informed by the Maine Attorney General, through legal counsel, that LPME had obtained party status.

STATE BY STATE ANALYSIS – STATES IN-PROGRESS AS OF 7/11/16

Washington State requires 1,000 valid signatures by 7/23. The drive is being led by M Carling. On 7/10, WA had collected 1427 signatures. An assumed 66% validity rate, with cushion, requires 1651 signatures. Using these numbers, the WA drive is **86.45% completed**. WA is aiming for 2,000 signatures to be safe. The committee is **not worried** about the completion of Washington State.

New Jersey requires 800 valid signatures by 8/1. It was reported on 7/12 that NJ had "about 1200" signatures collected. This drive is **94.66% completed** at this time. The committee is **not worried** about the completion of this drive. NJ has an out-of-state circulator ban, so we are depending on NJ LP to get the job done.

Massachusetts requires 10,000 valid signatures by 8/2. The primary contractor is Alex Arsenault. With approximately 15,482 signatures collected as of 7/12, the drive is **basically completed**.

New York requires 15,000 valid signatures by 8/2. The LNC has contracted with the LPNY Petitioning Committee to get the job done. As of 7/11, there were approximately 7,500 – 8,000 signatures collected. This drive is only **30.30% completed**, and **there is serious concern** regarding the pace of the drive in New York. More paid petitioners are being added as a result of outreach by the LNC.

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Connecticut requires 7,500 valid signatures by **8/10**. The primary contractor is Arsenault. There are approximately 5400 raw signatures collected, and the drive is approximately **44.38% completed**. We have been informed that **the current rate of production is not sufficient** to complete the drive, and the primary contractor does not believe he can finish the entire drive. A mass-email asking for more paid petitioners was sent by the national office on 7/11.

Washington DC requires approximately 4,500 valid signatures by **8/10**. There is no primary contractor for this drive as of the authoring of this report on 7/11, and **the drive is in serious trouble** as it is only **9.27% completed** at this time. On 7/11, the LNC Executive Committee met via teleconference and voted to encumber funds for 2 additional district-wide candidates, which has the effect of increasing the pay-per-stop for petitioners and also increases the chances of re-obtaining ballot access in DC for 2018, which in-turn creates an easier path to have ballot access in 2020. Additionally, a mass-email asking for more paid petitioners was sent by the national office on 7/11.

New Hampshire requires 3,000 valid signatures by **8/10**. There have been a number of issues with this drive and it is also in real danger of failing. To the committee's knowledge, this drive is reported as **0.0% completed**, which is **unacceptable**. As a result, Nick Dunbar has been sent to NH, set to arrive on 7/13. Andy Burns is slated to join Nick Dunbar in NH after the LNC meeting. Additionally, JW16 is looking at sending resources. There is a **discrepancy in "which petition"** to use, as well, which has hopefully been resolved by the time you receive this report. The national office has also sent a mass-email asking for more help in NH.

Ohio requires 5,000 valid signatures by **8/10**. As of 7/11 we should have at least 4,100 raw signatures in Ohio. A large batch is due on Wednesday 7/13. Volunteer submissions have been lower-than-expected, so the **encumbrance will likely need to be increased to \$22,687.50**. Validity rates have suffered in the initial batches in Ohio but seem to have picked up significantly in subsequent batches. OH is **38.09% completed** and there is **slight concern** about the completion of Ohio. An additional contractor may be added, or the current contractor may be extended to finish up the Ohio petition.

Alabama requires 5,000 valid signatures by **8/18**. As of 7/7, there were 900 volunteer and 1175 paid raw signatures collected Alabama. Alabama is still spinning up at this time, with additional petitioners starting on the week of 7/11. AL is **27.51% completed** at this time. The committee is **slightly concerned** at this time.

Tennessee requires 275 valid signatures by **8/18**. As of 7/8, they had collected 523 raw signatures and on 7/11 they began the turn-in process. This means the TN drive **should be completed**. However, on 7/11 it was revealed that the **TN SoS is requiring additional signatures from Johnson and Weld**. Hopefully by the time this report is presented, LPTN and JW16 have resolved this issue.

Iowa requires 1500 valid signatures by **8/19**. As of 7/6, they had collected 1,291 signatures in a state-driven process. IA should be **52.12% completed** and appears to be on-pace for completion to the best of our knowledge.

Minnesota requires 2,000 valid signatures by **8/23**. This is an all-volunteer effort, and no information has been provided to the committee at this time.

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Virginia requires 5,000 signatures by **8/26**. As of 7/11, there were approximately 5,000 raw signatures collected. The drive is **68.18% completed**.

Kentucky requires 5,000 signatures by **9/9**. As of 7/11, we have been informed that there are approximately 700 volunteer signatures. The drive is **9.55% completed**.

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations requires 1,000 valid signatures by **9/9**. No further information is available at this time.

MOTIONS PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE

The committee unanimously passed a motion (4-0) asking the LNC or LNC Chair, and/or the Johnson-Weld team, to fulfill the request from LP Illinois of \$7,500 to assist in paying off their debts to IL ballot access petitioners. **We ask the LNC to please address this motion at this meeting.**

FINANCIAL

The Ballot Access Committee does not have spending power, and accounting is not taking place within the committee. The exact financial information was not available at the time of the deadline for this report. LNC staff may be able to provide a supplemental report to give the status of the finances.

The overall cost of the petition drives will likely increase due to ballot access emergencies and changing conditions on the ground. The committee is committed to keeping costs as low as possible without failing to obtain access (we're not just asking the LNC to splash money around).

LONG TERM GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee is focused on completing 50+DC access until the final state is complete. After that time, the committee will re-assess its goals and purpose throughout the remainder of this LNC term.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken C. Moellman, Jr.
Ballot Access Committee Chair

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
7/17/16

The Ballot Access situation changes day-to-day, and often hour-to-hour. These are a summary of the changes since the committee report was written less than a week ago:

Tennessee is complete.

New York is on target to fall a bit short. Estimates are 20,000 – 25,000 raw signatures. Need a minimum of 25,000 to be safe. Emails have been sent to LP lists. NY is currently 37.6% completed.

Connecticut is still short, apparently due to contractor underproducing. Additional contractor in CT now, and working with existing contractor. Monitoring production. CT is 36.1% completed.

DC drive has been taken over completely by Howell and Redpath. A couple of petitioners have worked in DC part-time to this point. DC is 16% completed.

New Hampshire is still in serious trouble, with a total of 138 signatures as of Friday. New Hampshire is 0% completed.

Ohio is evolving as this is written, but it may be completed as early as this week. Ohio is 47.2% completed

Kentucky “Paid Drive” may start early, depending on decisions in DC. KY is 9.6% completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken C. Moellman, Jr.
Chair, Ballot Access Committee

EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 11, 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, who served on the Committee during the 2014-2016 term, were elected during the LNC meeting on May 30, 2016.

1) On June 14, Nick Sarwark sent the EPCC a proposed contract for Wes Benedict for the position of Executive Director. After receiving EPCC feedback concerning the contract, Mr. Sarwark sent a revised contract to the EPCC on June 24. On June 25 I informed Mr. Sarwark that the EPCC had given its approval of the contract.

Items 2-5 below were included in the EPCC reports of Feb. 15, 2016 and May 23, 2016. Since the LNC has not taken action on these items, the EPCC has included them again in this report.

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.

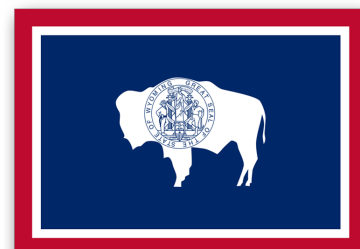
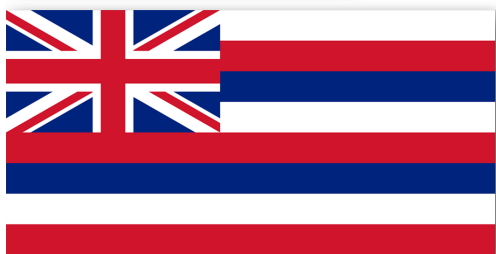
After consideration of this matter, the EPCC recommends that the LNC evaluate its requirements for such information from staff, and that it provide clear guidelines to the staff concerning the reporting of such information.

See the following 41 pages for the Region 1 Report

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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

REGION 1 REPORT



REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 1
ALASKA, ARIZONA, COLORADO, HAWAII, KANSAS,
MONTANA, UTAH, WASHINGTON, AND WYOMING

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 17, 2016

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REGION 1 OVERVIEW

The nine affiliates that comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Due to the geographical nature of this region, spanning five time zones and extending from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), personal contact between the Regional and the Alternate Representative and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. The Regional Representative will attempt to attend as many affiliate conventions in 2017 as possible. Regular contact is maintained with the affiliates and members through email, phone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group, and informational website. Further, the Regional Representative has requested notice of affiliate Board meetings and will remotely attend as many as possible and to be added to any electronic mailings.

At a Glance Statistics

Affiliate	Members	How Determined	Partisan Reg.?	Registered Voters	% Lib.	Ballot Access Requirement
AK	7,295	Registered voters or membership application with dues	Yes	503,101	1.5	Nomination from state-recognized political party. ¹ The Clift/Lee 2014 gubernatorial ticket received 3.21%.
AZ	25,340	Registered voters ²	Yes	3,353,309	.76	.67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%).
CO	27,536 active	Registered voters	Yes	3,015,404	.91	1,000 registered Libertarian voters.

¹ A recognized political party in Alaska is an organized group of voters whose candidate for governor received at least 3% of the total votes cast in the preceding general election or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. In non-gubernatorial years, the US Senate (and then the US House of Representatives) race is used.

² The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

HI	71	National Membership BSM	No	725,000	N/A	Hawaii has a unique system. It requires 10% in a statewide race or US House or ~ 750 signatures (1/10 th of 1% of the number of registered voters), or alternatively, if the Libertarian candidates bring in at least 4% of all the votes cast for state Senate, 4% for State House, or 2% of the votes for state Senate and state House combined. After a party has either met the vote test or petitioned for three elections in a row, then they are automatically on for the next five elections.
KS	13,609	Registered voters	Yes	1,746,575	.8	1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation)
MT	59	National Membership BSM	No	651,669	N/A	5% of the winning gubernatorial candidate's total which averages out to about 2.8%. This can be met by any statewide candidate.
UT	9,660	Registered voters ³	Yes	1,474,206	.65	2% of statewide race (statewide races only happen every four years)
WA	471	National Membership BSM	No	4,074,873	N/A	1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.
WY	>15	Dues-paying Registered Voter ⁴ There are 1,048 registered Libertarians	Yes	206,127	.5	2% of statewide race. In presidential years this test is limited to just the US House. In mid-term years, three offices count towards this test: US House, governor, and secretary of state.
Totals	84,055	N/A	6 of 9	15,750,264	N/A	Eight out of nine affiliates presently have ballot access for 2016, with the last one on track to obtain.

³ The LPUT Constitution defines membership differently as including dues-payers and pledgers but not requiring partisan registration.

⁴ The WYLP Bylaws provide for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters.

Affiliate	Candidates 2014 / 2016	Website / Facebook Current?	Newsletter?	Database	BSM Members /Rank	Cash Flow
AK	4 / 3 presently-see AK report	Website partially current. Facebook needs regular schedule.	Yes	Yes	68 / 42 nd	\$7K-\$10K yearly
AZ	15 / 18	Website is up and current. Facebook is current but needs best practices mentoring.	No	No	363 / 15 th	\$1K yearly typical
CO	46 / 26	Website is up and recently redone. Facebook is current and using best practices.	No	Yes	484 / 11 th	\$10K yearly
HI	17 / 12	Website is professional done and up to date. Facebook is current but could have larger reach.	No	Yes	74 / 39 th	\$5k in odd years, and \$8-10K in even years
KS	10 / 14	Website is current except for candidate listing. Facebook is current but could have larger reach.	No	Yes	161 / 29 th	\$6K yearly
MT	7 / 10	Website is not current, but is being updated. Facebook is generally current but inconsistent.	No	Unknown	59 / 43 rd	Unknown
UT	11 / 11	Website is professionally done and up to date. Facebook is current but could have larger reach.	No	Yes	128 / 35 th	\$10-12K yearly
WA	13 / 31	Website is professionally done and up to date. Facebook is current but could have larger reach.	No	Yes	471 / 13 th	\$10K yearly
WY	4 / 1	Website is completely out of date but is being worked on. Facebook is being revitalized.	No	No	36 / 51 st	Virtually nonexistent
Totals	127 / 126	N/A	1 out of 9	6 out of 9	1,844 Average rank 31 st	\$52K-\$59K

Ballot Access Retention

Alaska

US Senate candidate Cean Stevens will need to obtain at least 3% of the vote. The LPAK is confident this will be achieved.

Arizona

There is no vote test needed. The AZLP needs to maintain .67% of registered voters (partisan) with the number currently at .76%.

Colorado

There is no vote test needed. The LPCO needs to maintain 1,000 registered Libertarians; the number is presently close to 30K in active voters and well over 30K if inactive voters are included.

Hawaii

The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively , 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. The LPHI reports a good slate of candidates and is confident that access will be maintained.

Kansas

The vote test requirement is 1% of a statewide race, including the presidential race. The LPKS has had access since 1992, and report that between the US Senate and presidential races, there will not be an issue with maintaining access.

Montana

The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. The MTLP has a healthy roster of candidates to meet this burden.

Utah

The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. The LPUT is confident that this will be achieved.

Washington

The LPWA needs to jump through various hoops to obtain 1,000 valid signatures. At the end of June, the LPWA reported about 800 signatures, and current Facebook updates indicates that this is up to 1,200 signatures with a goal of 2,000 to ensure a sufficient validity rate. The LPWA is on target.

Wyoming

The vote test requirement this race is 2% in a US House race. The WYLP has one candidate running who should meet this test.

Other

Google alerts have been set up in order to monitor the Web for news and information about each affiliate and key candidates in Region 1 and for key candidates as well as a feed to monitor the regional Facebook content.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ALASKA



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Terrence Shanigan

Vice Chair: Information requested

Treasurer: Information requested

Secretary: Information requested

Membership: Information requested

Communications: Information requested

Terrence Shanigan is the newly elected Chair.

Office Space

The LPAK has office space donated to them located at 201 Barrow Street, Suite 4, Anchorage, AK 99510.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	7,295. Up from 7,024 one year prior. This represents 1.5% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters or membership application with dues. The number of non-registered members is under 50. Non-registered members cannot vote in affiliate business.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The LPAK has ballot access.</p> <p>Access is obtained through nomination from state-recognized political party.⁵</p> <p>The Clift/Lee 2014 ticket received 3.21%.</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 3 for statewide races. There will be 3 or 4 additional candidates running for local races by August.
Estimated Budget	\$7K-\$10K yearly.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up but contains some old/stale pages and outdated/incomplete information. Facebook is generally current but has inconsistent posting schedule. Page likes are at 1,699. This would place Alaska about 37 th in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	Yes.
Database?	Yes. They use both Excel and a database product from a local company called 2-D Crowd which has features that are uniquely suited to Alaska.
BSM Members	68. This places Alaska at 42 nd in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The current Board is scattered over a large geographic area so that meetings are attended in person in Anchorage by those who can and by teleconferencing for those who live further away.

State Level Membership

State Party memberships comprise registered Libertarian voters or those who filled out a membership application with dues. Non-registered members cannot vote in affiliate business.

Sub-Affiliates

The state is broken down into burrows. While there are burrow-level meetings, there are no organized burrow sub-affiliates.

⁵ A recognized political party in Alaska is an organized group of voters whose candidate for governor received at least 3% of the total votes cast in the preceding general election or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. In non-gubernatorial years, the US Senate (and then the US House of Representatives) race is used.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPAK is currently running three statewide candidates as follows:

Cean Stevens: US Senate (<http://www.ceanstevens.com>)

Jim McDermott: US House of Representatives (no website located)

Jon Briggs Watts: US House of Representatives (<http://www.jonwatts.us/index.html>)

The contested race between McDermott and Briggs is somewhat unusual and will be decided by a statewide primary on August 16, 2016. This primary will be open to Libertarian, Democrat, and undeclared voters (the Republican Party has chosen to have their own primary on Super Tuesday). The US Senate race of Cean Stevens is very important for the LPAK as they need for Stevens to obtain at least 3% of the vote in order to retain ballot access. The Party is confident that Stevens will pull much higher and asks for any support that the National Committee can give for this very crucial and potentially winnable race. The National Social Media Team was alerted about the Stevens race for potential posting on the National Facebook page. As a point of comparison, in the 2014 US Senate race, Libertarian Mark Fish obtained 3.72% of the vote. Also in 2014, Cean Stevens obtained 36.5% of the vote for Alaska House District 19 in a two-way race.

Chair Shanigan was advised of the incomplete information listed for these candidates on LP.org.

It is worth noting that there is another minor party, the Alaska Independence Party (<http://www.aking.org/platform.html>), which has some crossover with the Libertarian Party on some issues. Also, Libertarian Mark Fish is the first Libertarian to serve on the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and a second Libertarian will be appointed in 2017.⁶

Ballot Access

US Senate Candidate Cean Stevens will need to obtain at least 3% of the vote in order for the Party to retain ballot access.

Activities

Chair Shanigan is of native Alaskan descent and may be the only native Chair currently in the Party. The Party has had success in communicating Libertarian ideals to the native Alaskan population who traditionally votes Democrat.

Finances & Fundraising

The LPAK does the majority of its fundraising through United for Liberty which is a coalition of organizations (41) under the same tent (<http://www.uflalaska.com>). There are meetings and debates which are well-attended.

Media Coverage

Libertarians regularly appear and call in on local talk-radio shows which will increase as the election season goes on.

⁶ <http://amandacoyne.com/politics/unintended-consequences-libertarian-will-be-joining-the-apoc-commission/>

Other

The LPAK has several concerns as relates to the National Party. First, their US Senate candidate Cean Stevens needs support through media exposure. Second, the LPAK urges the National Party to make a distinction in its messaging between the ideas of “decriminalization” and “legalization” with support for the former as the latter entails regulations and asking for government permission.

Of particular interest to the LPAK as it relates to their relations with the native Alaskan population is Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution in which it is stated that Indian tribes have the same standing as the states. There are 229 separate tribes in Alaska (300 tribes in the lower 48) which break down into six major racial categories who are spread out in 12 regions.

Also, the LPAK is very involved with the American Lands Council which seeks to return Federal lands to state control which accounts for 67% of the land in Alaska. They have serious issues with the Department of Interior with Sally Jewel and the prevention of Alaska from building roads to connect villages as it might harm some ducks. The Chair pointed to a recent victory for use of public lands in the case of *Sturgeon v Frost*.⁷ The LPAK also provided a statewide budget proposal which was a heavy influence in getting Republicans to vote no on many budget increase measures. Alaska has been hit but a decrease in oil production during the Obama administration.

The LPAK also strongly believes that affiliates should have the right to bind their delegates in the first round of voting to the candidate chosen by their primary which in this year would have been Austin Petersen.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

⁷ http://www.americanbar.org/publications/preview_home/articles/15-16_issue4vol44_rseamon_sturgeonvfrost.html

ARIZONA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Michael Kielsky

1st Vice Chair: Jim Iannuzzo

2nd Vice Chair: Bill Barker

Treasurer: Marge Tendler

Assistant Treasurer: Joe Cobb

Secretary: Emily Goldberg

Assistant Secretary: Micah Black

The AZLP has three statutory officers and four non-statutory officers and exists primarily to interface with the State of Arizona with the majority of the Party work being done at the County Affiliate level.

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	25,340
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters. Down from 26,875 one year prior. Arizona regularly purges voters from the active list. This represents .76% of the active registered voters. ⁸

⁸ The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The AZLP has ballot access. .67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%). Currently has .76% of the registered voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	18 / 26 (2 non-partisan)
Estimated Budget	\$1K year typical (but see "Elections")
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up and current. Facebook is current but needs best practices mentoring. Page likes are at 2,565. This would place Arizona about 29 th in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No (see "Other").
BSM Members	363. This places Arizona at 15 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The AZLP acts mostly as a "shell" to fulfill statutory requirements of the State of Arizona with the bulk of the Party work being done at the county level (see below). They meet only to the extent needed to fulfill this role and meet statutory requirements.

State Level Membership

The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, County Precinct Committeemen, and State Committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the Committeemen have voting rights at the State Convention.

Sub-Affiliates

Arizona comprises 15 counties, and there are county level affiliates. Ballot access is not granted on a statewide basis across the board; individual counties also have to make the threshold of .67% of active registered voters within that county in addition to having an active county party.

The most active sub-affiliate is the Maricopa County Libertarian Party which meets monthly (<https://www.lpmaricopa.org>). 60-65% of the population of Arizona resides in this county.

In addition to Maricopa County, there are three other counties of note. Yuma County has an active affiliate but does not have ballot access. Pima County has an active affiliate and has ballot access. Coconino County has qualified with the percentages but may no longer have an active affiliate.

Elections and Ballot Access

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Arizona's election laws very much intrude into the functioning of the AZLP. Their officers must be selected from amongst County Precinct Committeemen who then choose State Committeemen. Only these persons can vote at the State Convention though all Arizona registered Libertarians are members. These County Precinct Committeemen are elected by registered Libertarians in their precincts and are required to gather nominating petition signatures, but this number is small due to the small area and the fact that only registered libertarians are included in calculating the number of the signatures required, unlike the following issues that other candidates are facing.

The largest voting bloc in Arizona is independents/undeclared which outnumber the Republicans.

The first hurdle in Arizona ballot access is having registered Libertarians comprise .67% of active registered voters. Right now, they have .76% of the active registered voters. In addition, in order to be on the Primary ballot (either printed or added as a write-in), candidates have to obtain a certain number of signed Nominating Petitions. The Primary will take place on August 30, 2016 and is a closed primary, limited to registered Libertarian voters. This is particularly critical as the County Precinct Committeemen are included that are the pool from which the Party officers will be chosen. An open Primary would effectively be allowing non-Libertarians to chose the eventual Party officers.

The issue of the Nominating Petitions is currently the subject of a lawsuit as Arizona has changed the requirements in a way that is calculated to deny access to minor parties. Previously, the Nominating Petition requirement was .5 % of the registered Libertarians in the candidate's district (or statewide). However, the new requirements cut the percentage in half to .25% but expanded the total pool from which the calculation is determined to include both Libertarians and independents/undeclared which are the most numerous voting bloc in the state. For example, using 2016 statewide figures (rounded for simplicity) of 25,000 Libertarians and 1,180,000 "others," the former rule would have required 125 signatures, while this new requirement totals 3,012 signatures. As a counter-example, using the statewide figures for Republicans of 1,125,000, and the same number of independents/undeclared, the former rule would have required 5,625 signatures, and the new one would require 5,762 signatures, a negligible difference. With this in mind, if a candidate does not obtain the required nominating signatures, they can be put in as a write-in candidate but still have to meet the same burden in write-in votes which puts the AZLP in a conundrum since their Primary is closed, yet the figures that the write-ins have to meet include independents/undeclared. In some areas, it would be mathematically impossible for the write-in to obtain the required number of votes from the pool of registered Libertarians. A hearing on the AZLP's request for an injunction was set for August 5, 2016, and moved to July 12, 2016.

The AZLP will be sending a mailer out to every registered Libertarian in the state with the list of write-in candidates to urge them to the polls. While the poll workers are supposed to post the names of the declared write-in candidates, this often does not happen. Three Libertarian candidates did meet the new threshold for Nominating Petitions, and two of these were challenged, with one already been thrown out, and the other being likely to be thrown out. This will leave one candidate (Highland Justice of the Peace) as ballot-qualified. The AZLP was alerted that the majority of its declared candidates are not listed on LP.org, and the ones that are listed do not have complete information or head-shots.

Activities

The majority of the party activities are conducted at the county level. For future reports, regular contact with the Maricopa County affiliate will be attempted as well.

Finances & Fundraising

The AZLP has about \$25,000 in their account presently that will be used to send out a mailer to every single registered Libertarian in order to get them out to participate in the write-in candidates in the Primary. These funds were raised by authorized sales of the voter registrations lists (that are obtained for free by political parties but are very expensive for others to purchase) for use in political non-commercial purposes.

Media Coverage

There hasn't been any recent significant media coverage with the exception of the ballot access lawsuit in specialty outlets.

Other

Arizona has strict laws governing online storage of voter registration data which limit the AZLP's ability to have an online database.

Statement from the Chair

Here is a summary of current stuff in Arizona:

<http://azlp.org/writein>

<http://azlp.org/primary>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/605033576341620/>

So our effort is multi-front -- the court case, redoubling our efforts at recruiting candidates, raising our profile and the Libertarian brand, and riding the Gary Johnson coattails, while making the Gary Johnson option more attractive by trying to have our ballots present a lot of Libertarian candidate options (not just the one).

-Michael Kielsky, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Jay North
Vice Chair: Wayne Harlos
Treasurer: John Hjersman
Secretary: Mike Spalding
Membership: Jeff Orrok
Communications: Caryn Ann Harlos
Outreach: Marie Cochran
Regions: Vacant
Campaigns: Richard Longstreth
Legislative: Michael Stapleton
Fundraising: Vacant

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	27,536. Up from 25,921 one year prior. This represents .91% of the registered voters.
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Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPCO has ballot access. The access requirement is 1,000 registered Libertarian voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	46 / 26
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 15,203. This would place Colorado about 4 th in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes through NationBuilder.
BSM Members	484. This places Colorado at 11 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The Board meets monthly at space offered by The Independence Institute. The meetings are open and streamed live for public viewing. Board reports and documents are available online in an effort to move towards greater transparency and interface with the membership.

State Level Membership

No.

Sub-Affiliates

There are 64 counties in Colorado, and a structure of county affiliates and a “pre-affiliate” phase of development group. The LPCO is attempting to have development groups in every county that does not have an affiliate. Affiliates are currently established in Arapahoe, Delta, Boulder, and El Paso counties. There are ten Development Groups.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Twenty-six candidates are being run, several with visible and active campaigns including US Senate candidate (and former Chair) Lily Tang Williams who has garnered national attention and secured endorsements from several Republican groups. There is no primary for Libertarian candidates unless there is a contested race from Convention.

Ballot Access

Ballot access is secured with Colorado having the easiest ballot access laws in the country.

Activities

The LPCO participates in many outreach events with recent ones including People's Fair, Pridefest, and the Western Conservative Summit. Plans are made to participate in Riot Fest, a large music festival with heavy political overtones which draws international attention. County groups hold regular meet-ups, and there is an active calendar of events maintained by the LPCO for Libertarian and libertarian activities. The LPCO also engaged in an active outreach to the Colorado Muslim community.

The LPCO showed up in numbers at a recent legislative study group that is considering implementing a mandatory primary system in Colorado that would include the Libertarian Party and multiple members spoke at length in opposition. Their presence made some Republican speakers look really foolish when it was claimed that we live in a "two-party system."

Finances & Fundraising

The LPCO is currently seeking a Fundraising Director and solicits monthly and one-time donations through email blasts and their web page. A former program of mailers to newly registered Libertarians is on the agenda for future implementation.

Media Coverage

Local blogs and papers give occasional coverage. The State Chair has participated in several talk radio shows. US Senate candidate Lily Tang Williams has garnered national attention.

Other

With the assistance of Affiliate Support Representative Andy Burns, the LPCO successfully migrated a bare-bones WordPress site to NationBuilder and has been garnering numerous leads.

A single-payer universal healthcare amendment (Colorado Care) will be on the ballot for November that will be rigorously opposed. Additionally, this was provided by Chair North:

Colorado has some groups that would like to replace the Caucus system with a Government Funded Presidential primary system. The LPCO attended a committee meeting and turned the conversation from funding presidential elections into why is the government funding primary elections, including the general election primaries. This was a very curious turn of events for those who want to have presidential primary elections. There are two possible initiatives going onto the Colorado ballot. Below is our response to both initiatives for the public to enjoy.

Oppose

The Libertarian Party opposes Initiative #98. The state has no business in paying for a process that belongs to the parties. If a party wants or needs to have a primary election, they must fund that primary election themselves. The same applies to the unaffiliated voters, where if a group wants to know the unaffiliated voters' positions on the primary results, that group should fund the primary themselves. The tax payers should not be forced to pay for an election that is not required by the Constitution and the government should not be adding additional requirements to the Constitution that increases the tax payer costs. The Libertarian Party strongly opposes this initiative.

Statement from the Chair

Muslim Outreach - Will Coley joined us in reaching out to the Muslim community. This was a fantastic move and I think it will help the Muslims and the Libertarians. All of our visits to the Islamic Centers went very well and we were well received. I would encourage every State to get an outreach into the Muslim communities, I think you will find some great allies there.

General Outreach - We are really putting in the time to do booths at as many events we can without burning out our Outreach director. She is doing quite well.

Current Members - Our Communications Director has changed how we communicate with members of the party, and even though we don't do a newsletter, our informative emails are drawing in more support than I expected. We'll know more later, but I think how our emails are being used is generating more activists.

As a reminder, **The State Sucks!**

-Jay North, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Tracy Ryan

Vice Chair and Big Island Chair: Gregory Arianoff

Treasurer: Kyle Varner

Secretary: Joe Kent

At Large: Alan Yim, Michelle Tippens, Pat Brock (Maui Chair), Eric Weinert, Anthony Higa (Oahu Chair)

International Ambassador of Liberty & Goodwill: Ken Schoolland

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	74
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM.
Partisan Registration?	No.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The LPHI has ballot access.</p> <p>Hawaii has a unique system. It requires 10% in a statewide race or US House or ~ 750 signatures (1/10th of 1% of the number of registered voters), or alternatively, if the Libertarian candidates bring in at least 4% of all the votes cast for state Senate, 4% for state House, or 2% of the votes for state Senate and state House combined. After a party has either met the vote test or petitioned for three elections in a row, then they are automatically on for the next five elections.</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	17 /12
Estimated Budget	\$5K in odd years, and \$8-10K in even years.
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 1,653. This would place Hawaii about 39 th in the affiliate rankings. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, but scattered over several locations and formats.
BSM Members	74. This places Hawaii at 39 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The geography of an island state makes travel for in-person attendance difficult. The Executive Committee meets about 6 times a year with some members meeting in person at Chair Ryan's home in Honolulu and the rest appearing by Skype.

State Level Membership

The LPHI has state level membership for dues-payers and life members. There are about 50 members combined in those categories, but they have several hundred lapsed that get back involved periodically.

Sub-Affiliates

The Libertarian Party of Big Island (Hawaii County) is an active sub-affiliate. Maui County had an active affiliate, but it fell apart, and they are working on getting that going again. They are striving to be competitive in Hilo (settlement in Hawaii County) and Kona (district in Hawaii County).

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPHI has a good slate of candidates and provides excellent candidate support. There are three candidates with a chance at winning their races: Michelle Tippins (State House Representative District 24), Arnold Phillips (State Senate District 10), and Anthony Higa (State House Representative District 19). Higa has pledged \$10K of his own money towards his campaign. Tippens is popular with veterans groups and marijuana legalization activists.

The open primary is on August 13, 2016, and even unopposed candidates are required to obtain at least one vote.

Ballot Access

In 2014, the LPHI did an excellent job of candidate recruitment and met the 4% vote test. The last set of "free" years was 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2012. So the LPHI had to petition in 2014. Since the vote test was met in 2014, there was no need to petition for 2016. If the vote test is met again in 2016, then the LPHI will be on for 2018, and after that would be 10 more years of automatic access.

Activities

At this time, most of the LPHI's activities are centered around candidate support and fund-raising. They do hold two general meetings per year in different locations to facilitate attendance.

Finances & Fundraising

The affiliate expects to raise up to \$50K for candidate support. There is a large fundraiser planned for candidate Anthony Higa at the home of Jim Neighbors. They also send out targeted themed mailers using clever marketing techniques that are followed up by fund-raising phone banks. Further, the Chair stated that fundraising is done the old-fashioned way, she simply asks well-off people for a \$1K donations. The LPHI would like to do targeted radio ads in areas that are ripe for gaining constituency such as Hawaii County if funds allow. It is possible that with the right ground game that Johnson could win Hawaii County.

Media Coverage

The LPHI has received good local media coverage. The Honolulu Star Advertiser has a Libertarian on its editorial staff who advocates for coverage of libertarian issues. Chair Ryan participated in a 700-word side-by-side editorial issue column with the other parties. There is also a popular local liberty-friendly online magazine, Civil Beat, that provides regular coverage.

Other

Hawaii leans very Democrat, but not because the people support Democrats, but because they oppose Republicans. The demographic is primarily Asian-American with a solid history of voting Democrat but with views of being socially liberal and fiscally conservative that obviously track libertarian in philosophy. The Green Party is popular but is not doing anything of significance.

The key issues in Hawaii are marijuana legalization and unfunded liabilities that now run in the neighborhood of 19 billion dollars. The marijuana legalization issue deeply affects their agricultural economy and is supported by 70% of the population. Other concerns include campaign matching funds (the LPHI wishes to move to a voluntary system), adding NOTA to unopposed candidates, homelessness (a large problem but the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), a

proposed rail project (the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), and the Jones Act which puts tremendous economic burdens on the people of Hawaii through rank protectionism which would be ridiculous if applied to passenger air travel (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchant_Marine_Act_of_1920 for more information).

Chair Ryan also has plans to push for decriminalization of prostitution and has in the past asked Hawaii to study legalization of harder drugs in light of the fact that they were once legal in the United States. Currently, the Legislative Reference Bureau is limiting their study to Portugal's drug policies.

Statement from the Chair

The biggest advantage that the Libertarian Party has here is the fact that the Republican Party is very weak, and the Democratic Party is controlled by machine that is disliked by most Democrats. The LPHI is running 2-3 very strong candidates and expects to see good results.

-Tracy Ryan, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KANSAS



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Rob Hodgkinson

Vice Chair: Sharon DuBois

Treasurer: Ric Koehn

Secretary: Vacant

There are also 4 District Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators.

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	13,609. Up from 13,181 one year prior. This represents .8% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPKS has ballot access. The access requirement is 1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation).
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	10 / 14
Estimated Budget	\$6K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is current except for candidate listing. Facebook pages likes are at 2,222. This would place it about 33 rd in the affiliate rankings. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth including the best practices guide.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes.
BSM Members	161. This places Kansas at 29 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The Board has quarterly in-person meetings and monthly teleconferences.

State Level Membership

There is no dues-paying structure.

Sub-Affiliates

There are four congressional districts which each have executive committees. They would like to have county groups and are working towards that end. There are 105 counties in Kansas, which are unevenly divided between the districts. The 3rd District is very active.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

They are presently running 14 candidates with Rob Garrard as their US Senate candidate. The US Senate race typically garners between 7-10% of the vote. There is no Libertarian primary unless they obtain major party status, and at that point, it would be the Party's choice to have an open or closed primary. In order to qualify for major party status, they must earn 5% of the vote in the governor's race.

Ballot Access

The LPKS has had access since 1992, and between the US Senate and presidential races there will not be an issue with retention in this election.

Activities

The LPKS participates in the multi-day (10 days) Kansas State Fair, and multiple local groups have meetings. The 3rd District hosts regular meetings as well as the Libertarians of South Central Kansas.

Finances & Fundraising

As there is no dues structure, fund-raising efforts involve simply asking for money. Up until 2008, the LPKS had a healthy monthly donor base that fell away, and now Chair Hodgkinson is working on rebuilding that base. They also hold fund-raising events.

Media Coverage

Gary Johnson is doing very well in Kansas media which brings attention to the affiliate. The Green Party has been garnering some good press, and Libertarians are often mentioned as the topic of minor parties comes up.

Other

There are no single large issues that the LPKS concentrates on but rather Board members and candidates have their particular interests. Medical marijuana is an ongoing concern. Chair Hodgkinson focuses on eminent domain and civil asset forfeiture.

The Secretary of State is antagonistic to minor parties and is well known for throwing out thousands (even tens of thousands) of registration forms because the applicants didn't attach proper proof of citizenship documentation. There are presently about 15K registrations pending for this reason that will likely be thrown out, and approximately 700 of those are Libertarians. Additionally, due to certain rules imposed, registrations made during July and August, up through September 1, will not be processed until after that date.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

MONTANA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Mike Fellows

The rest of the Board information has been requested.

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	59
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM. Chair Fellows has been requested to provide a copy of the Bylaws to determine if there is a paid membership structure.
Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The MTLP has ballot access. The access requirement is 5% of the winning gubernatorial candidate's total which averages out to about 2.8%. This can be met by any statewide candidate.

Number of Candidates 2014/2016	7 / 10
Estimated Budget	Unknown.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is not current, but it is being updated. Facebook is generally current but inconsistent. Page likes are at 1,352. This would place it about 41 st in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Unknown.
BSM Members	59. This places Montana at 43 rd in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

This information has been requested.

State Level Membership

Chair Fellows has been requested to provide a copy of the Bylaws to determine if there is a paid membership structure.

Sub-Affiliates

This information has been requested from Chair Fellows.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Montana has a very low legislative filing fee (\$15). LP.org lists a healthy roster of candidates including governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, US House (1), state Senate (1), and state House (5).

Ballot Access

The vote test is 5% of the winning statewide race candidate's total which averages out to about 2.8% (test needs to be met every four years in which the state has about seven partisan statewide races, making this test achievable).

Activities

See Statement from Chair.

Finances & Fundraising

This information has been requested from Chair Fellows.

Media Coverage

See Statement from Chair.

Other

The MTLP website lists fully informed juries as an issue of interest, but this information is several years old.

Statement from the Chair

I'm getting ready for the Kalispell MT 4th parade on Monday. We have a person working on re-doing our web site. The Facebook page continues to do well with over 1300 likes that weren't paid for. Were signed up to be the Gallatin County Fair 18-24th. We'll do the Western Montana Fair in Missoula, along with Missoula Gun Show in August. We have a few parades in Western Montana we can get to including the Northwest Fair Parade and Sanders County Parade. Labor day may find us in Dillion for their parade. Dave Merrick has us lined up for the Ravalli County fair and parade. The Bitterroot also has a few more parades over the summer, including the Stevensville Creamery Picnic, which is a big event. There is another gun show in Billings in September we should get to depending on how I feel in September. My health isn't doing too good, but I'm still getting around. Also in September 5th is Jury rights day. In Missoula we continue to broadcast live our TV show on the Missoula Community Access Television. mcat.org It's called Libertarians Live and we just call it "Other People's Pockets". This show started in 1994.

Our legislative candidates have begun campaigning, so I'm optimistic about vote totals. They had the first governor's debate and our candidates were not included. We keep arguing over the US House debates with both candidates saying they want all candidates in the debates. The Democrat wants 6 debates and the incumbents want 5 with n2 being town hall style. I've already been invited to a forum in Bozeman (October) mainly speaking to progressive groups.

-Mike Fellows, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF UTAH



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Andrew McCullough

Vice Chair: David Raine

Treasurer: Chelsea Travis

Secretary: Brian Kamrath

Office Space

Chair McCullough is a practicing attorney and allows the LPUT the use of conference space in his offices.

Paid Staff/Contractors

There are no paid staff, but the LPUT has a volunteer who functions as an Executive Director.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	9,660. Up from 8,752 one year prior. This represents .65% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	The LPUT Constitution defines membership as including dues-payers and pledgers to its Statement of Principles, but does not require partisan registration.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPUT has ballot access. 2% of statewide race (statewide races only happen every four years)
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	11 / 11

Estimated Budget	\$10-12K per year
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 1,999. This would place Utah about 34 th in the affiliate rankings. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth.
Newsletter?	No, but is in progress.
Database?	Yes, but type unknown.
BSM Members	128. This places Utah at 35 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

There are monthly open meetings.

State Level Membership

Yes. There are about 250-300 dues-paying members. They have two operational classes of membership: pledged (to their Statement of Principles) dues-payers; and pledgers only. Only pledged dues-payers are eligible to vote in internal Party business at their convention but pledged members can vote on candidate selection.

Sub-Affiliates

The Vice Chair took development of sub-affiliates on as a personal project, and these have been started since the beginning of this year with about six active groups, four of which are actual affiliates, and the other two being in development.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPUT is currently running 11 candidates. They do not participate in the primary system although they could opt in. Chair McCullough is running for attorney general primarily on legalization issues and particularly on issues affecting the adult entertainment industry which is the specialty of his private law practice.

Ballot Access

In order to maintain ballot access, the LPUT will need to get 2% in a statewide race, which presently would be governor or attorney general. Chair McCullough was confident this would be achieved.

Activities

There are monthly social activities and other special events.

Finances & Fundraising

In the Utah state tax laws, taxpayers are offered the opportunity to have a part of their taxes “refunded” in the form of a \$2 donation to a political party of their choice. The LPUT receives up to \$10K a year through this benefit, but the old parties receive a huge windfall.

Media Coverage

Al Jazeera English interviewed Chair McCullough at the time of the Constitution Party Convention earlier this year. He was also interviewed by the LA Times regarding the support in the state for Johnson that led to an interview with the local Fox affiliate.

Other

The LPUT does not have particular focus issues though certain candidates do. Medical marijuana is a big topic as well as the fact that Utah is only of only 12 states that tax Social Security income. School choice is also a large concern.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: David Traynor

Vice Chair: Don Myers

Treasurer: Sean Treasure

Secretary: Amy White

The LPWA also has seven Regional Directors (Jacob Lamont, Ellen Muench, Tiffany Diaz De Leon, Allen Acosta, M. Carling, Gavin Keefe, and Rory Leckband) and the following divisions: Political, Communications, IT, Outreach, Events, and General Volunteering.

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	443 BSM members, and approximately 230 state Party dues-paying members.
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM and Party Bylaws.
Partisan Registration?	No.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPWA is in the process of obtaining ballot access. 1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved. (see below)
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	13 /31 (their website does not yet have them all)
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 6,983. This would place Washington about 12 th in the affiliate rankings. Some implementation of growth practices would potentially skyrocket this page.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, CiviCRM
BSM Members	471. This places Washington at 13 th in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The LPWA meets quarterly in person and monthly via teleconference.

State Level Membership

Yes, as defined by the LPWA Bylaws. They have about 230 dues-paying members.

Sub-Affiliates

The LPWA has eight regions (seven regional directors mentioned on site) and ten recognized county parties, with two more coming on board. They are also looking towards the possibility that they will become a major party again in November and will have to account for PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers).

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPWA is currently running 31 candidates. The open primary will take place on 8/2/16 in which all but the “top two” will be eliminated. 13 of Washington’s candidates are running in two-man races and thus will make it to the November ballot. They expect about another 8 will get into the top two in their three-way races.

Ballot Access

At the end of June, the LPWA had collected about 800 signatures so far towards their goal of 2,000 signatures (1,000 are required). They have until 7/23/16 to meet this goal. It always remains insecure until accepted since the Secretary of State in reality can invalidate for any reason. One concern is that they do not yet have the signatures of Johnson and Weld for their nominations, and Washington requires that the signatures be before a Washington notary; thus a notary needs to go them or they need to go to Washington to get this taken care of.

As Richard Winger noted , Washington should consider lobbying for a lower threshold to become ballot qualified which is presently 5% in the presidential race. The median vote test of the 50 states is only 2%.

Activities

The Tacoma Freedom Fair took place on July 4, 2016, and the LPWA is currently conducting meetings to gather the necessary ballot access signatures.

Finances & Fundraising

The LPWA's primary source of funding is membership dues and voluntary donations.

Media Coverage

Chair Traynor has had multiple opportunities in local media with the increased attention on the Libertarian Party and was involved in a panel discussion with representatives from the Progressive, Green, and Constitution parties.

Other

The LPWA does not have any specific issues they are focusing on as a party, but candidates have taken up several key issues such as foreclosure fraud, term limits for state legislators, industrialized hemp, as well as cannabis. Washington is so diverse that there are not issues that are common to a majority.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

WYOMING LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Dee Cozzens

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Kit Carson

Secretary: Larry Struempf

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	1,048 registered voters. Up from 946 one year prior. This represents .5% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	Dues-paying registered voters. ⁹
Partisan Registration?	Yes.

⁹ The WYLP Bylaws provide for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The WYLP has ballot access and earned major party status in 2014 when Kit Carson won over 10% in the secretary of state race.</p> <p>The access requirement is 2% of statewide race. In presidential years this test is limited to just US House. In mid-term years, three offices count towards this test: US House, governor, and secretary of state.</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 1
Estimated Budget	None at this time
Website / Facebook Current?	<p>Website is completely out of date but is being worked on. Facebook is being revitalized. Page likes are at 181. This would place Wyoming last in the affiliate rankings but rising. There is an older page with more likes under "Wyoming Libertarian Party" which has not been updated since 2013, and it is unknown who has admin access. A new page was just started for Wyoming by Doug Craig. This situation will need to be resolved with the old page closed.</p>
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No.
BSM Members	36. This places Wyoming at 51 st in the affiliate rankings.

Board Meetings

The Board meets regularly via conference call.

State Level Membership

The WYLP Bylaws do provide for dues-paying state level membership. They presently only have about 4 dues-paying members.

Sub-Affiliates

There are 23 counties in Wyoming with three possible active groups: Laramie (Cheyenne), Natrona (Casper), Uinta (Evanston).

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The Wyoming primary takes place on August 16, 2016. There is mandatory participation by the Libertarian Party since earning major party status. Presently there is only one candidate, Larry Struempf, who is running against Republican Liz Cheney (of Dick Cheney fame) for US House of Representatives.

Ballot Access

Ballot access is secured and requires 2% of statewide race. In presidential years this test is limited to just US House. In mid-term years, three offices count towards this test: US House, governor, and secretary of state.

Activities

There is nothing currently planned, but the affiliate is in building/re-building mode.

Finances & Fundraising

Finances are virtually non-existent, and the WYLP is planning on ways to attract dues-paying members. The affiliate is struggling to come back from near-extinction but has a dedicated core.

Media Coverage

Larry Struempf has received mentions in his run against Liz Cheney.

Other

The issues that are of unique concern to the WYLP surround environmental issues and government intrusion. The oil, gas, and coal industries are crucial to the economy, and they have suffered from over-regulation and intrusion. This is an area in which the WYLP is planning on garnering attention in advocating for Libertarian solutions.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

Region 2 Report
(Tennessee, Georgia, Florida)

Submitted to the Libertarian National Committee
by Ed Marsh Region 2 Representative to the LNC

July 8th, 2016

Tennessee

Tennessee Libertarians are gathering volunteer petition signatures to get Gary Johnson on the presidential ballot as an Independent. The goal is to have all necessary petition and elector signatures to the Secretary of State, by July 15th well ahead of the August 10th deadline.

Georgia

The new State Chair of Georgia is Brett Larson.
Allen Buckley has qualified as the Libertarian Candidate for the US Senate

Florida

Florida is pleased to have hosted the most successful Libertarian National Convention in history. Florida's 2016 Libertarian candidates include Rob Lapham as a candidate for the US House 2nd District and Ken Willey as a candidate for the State House District 18.

See the following 19 pages for the Region 3 Report

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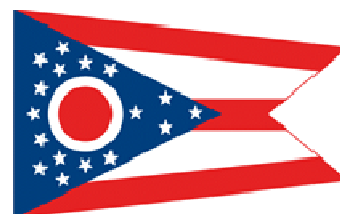
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OHIO

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Libertarian National Committee Meeting
July 17th, 2016
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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: James Bozeman

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 Gnad	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

Kalamazoo Board District 6: Michael Steffes



Genesee County Commissioner Dist. 4: Cameron Martin

Genesee County Commissioner Dist. 6: Dustin Reamer

Ingham county Commissioner Dist. 10: Martin Mashon

Livingston County Commissioner: Jim Schell

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 12: James Miller

Oakland County Prosecutor: Steve Afton

Fulner

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

Kent County Clerk: James Lewis

Kent County Commissioner Dist. 4: Nathan Hewer

Township Supervisor (Lapeer County): Mark Rusnell

Livingston County Commissioner: John Hargenrader

Muskegon County Prosecutor: Jeffery Greve

Oakland County Commissioner Dist. 19: Jim

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

Libertarian National Committee

Region 4 Report for July 17, 2016

California-

- 1) We have 5 candidates on the ballot for November. These include; Mimi Robson, Donn Coenen, Kenneth Anton, Mike Everling and Baron Bruno.
- 2) We are moving our state office from Sacramento to Monrovia in southern California. It is larger and cost much less. If we need meetings in the capitol, we still have access to use a conference room near the mall.
- 3) The state fair is running from July 8th thru 24th at the state fair grounds in Sacramento. Mark Hinkle and Andy Burns among other volunteers will be manning the booth selling buttons and tee shirts and recruiting more support at every level. Money to buy the booth and paraphenilia came from our state convention.
- 4) Emily Tilford is the Johnson campaign's northern coordinator and Boomer Shannon is the state's southern coordinator. Both are very active in getting California familiar with the "sane" candidate.
- 5) Judge Jim Gray is hosting Governor Johnson for three days later this month which will include a fundraiser at Drew Cary's home and an event with a cannibus group. We are in negotiations to get the governor on the "John and Ken" show, which is the second largest radio audience in the country.

Nevada-

At this time I do not have anything to report from Nevada but I am sure we will have plenty at the time of the LNC meeting which, of course, is in Nevada. This is my first report as a regional rep so please accept is brevity and any questions as to deeper inquiries I will be happy to address next Sunday.

Jeff Hewitt, Region 4 Representative

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 11, 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 LP national convention. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Las Vegas 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 at least once a month as a guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville, Virginia). Also, I was interviewed on RT TV on June 8 (topic: what Bernie Sanders supporters will do) and July 7 (topic: the decision not to indict Hillary Clinton).

Delaware

Scott Gesty (gesty4congress@aol.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He indicated that the LPD submitted the paperwork on July 8 to place the Johnson/Weld ticket on the ballot. He said that the LPD had planned to participate in the Independence Day Parade in Dover and had a booth reserved, and that the event was cancelled due to weather. The LPD will participate in the parade, to take place on the make-up date of Sept. 3.

District of Columbia

John LaBeaume (jylab@electiondissection.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. The LPDC is seeking to place a candidate on the ballot for the office of (non-voting) delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Should the LPDC candidate receive at least 2.5% of the vote, the LPDC would receive ballot status in the District of Columbia.

Maryland

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

The Elections Division re-opened the filing period for candidates for non-establishment parties (Libertarians and Greens), so now the filing deadline is August 1.

The MDLP nominated two more candidates for the US House: Jason Summers in the 5th congressional, and David Howser in the 6th. We now have candidates for six of the eight US House seats, and may be nominating more at the summer picnic, which is on July 30 at the home of Dave Sten.

We also nominated a candidate for Circuit Court Judge, April Ademiluiyi. Judicial elections in Maryland are non-partisan, but a candidate does have to be nominated by at least one political party, and can be nominated by more than one.

North Carolina

Brian Irving (brian@libertypoint.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. His predecessor, J.J. Summerell, resigned on June 17 in order to focus his attention on his race for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Pennsylvania

Shawn House (lancasterlibertarian@comcast.net) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. He is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 16th District.

Virginia

Bo Brown (bocbrown@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 11, 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 Las Vegas 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 do not 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 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. In particular, I anticipate working with the North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia affiliates this fall to help build campus organizations in those states.

I am in the process of reworking some documents to provide to Andy Burns for inclusion on the lpaction.org website. The documents are designed to provide training in the area of campus organizing.

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 shall address the annual SFL campus coordinators’ retreat.

I have been invited to speak at several European Students For Liberty regional conferences during the fall. I have already accepted the invitation to address the ESFL conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, and I am attempting to arrange my affairs so that I can accept invitations to address conferences in Brno (Czech Republic) and Heidelberg (Germany).

5) I may travel to Norway next month to assist Liberalistene (the Norwegian libertarian party) in its efforts to build its youth wing (especially on college campuses). However, at this moment I do not know whether my faculty schedule will allow me to do so.

6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects. I shall address the YAL national convention in Washington, DC later this month.

7) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I am trying to arrange my affairs so that I can serve as a faculty member at some of their seminars this fall.

8) Last month I contacted the Johnson-Weld campaign to inquire in what ways I can be of assistance regarding campaign outreach on college campuses. As of this moment, I have not received a response. I shall soon contact the campaign again about this matter.

9) I am pleased to report that Region 5 alternate representative Trent Somes and his Libertarian Youth Caucus colleagues are working on various projects, including an effort to encourage people to change their voter registration to Libertarian. (Mr. Somes will give a presentation during the Las Vegas meeting regarding this project.)

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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 11, 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) Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (and former LNC chair), has informed me that there is nothing new of substance to report. He indicated that the IALP will sponsor an exhibitor table at FreedomFest.
- 2) In my previous report I mentioned that IALP is considering an application for membership from LIDER (Liberte et Democratie pour la Republique) in Cote d'Ivoire (the Ivory Coast). The application was approved.
- 3) I anticipate addressing several European Students For Liberty regional conferences during the fall. I shall endeavor to arrange meetings with representatives of libertarian parties during my participation in these conferences.
- 4) As noted in my previous report, I have been invited to return to Norway to assist in building the Liberalistene youth wing. I have also been invited to address a libertarian youth summer camp in Sweden. I am currently trying to arrange my schedule so that I can visit both Norway and Sweden next month.

LNC Region 6 Report for July 17th, 2016

Las Vegas Meeting at Planet Hollywood

Submitted July 11, 2016 by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative
Celebrate Life, Set the Bar High and LIVE FREE!

1 Summary

The big news is that Illinois, with LNC financial assistance, was so successful in gathering and submitting over 53,000 ballot access petition signatures that the 5-day limit for Illinois to challenge the signatures has passed without a challenge.

Nebraska is now the second state with a Libertarian State Senator, Laura Ebke, who switched her registration from GOP to LP the week before the Orlando convention.

Both North Dakota and Illinois have candidates running in nearly all the major statewide races with Wisconsin close behind. Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota have large numbers of local Libertarian candidates.

Libertarian voter registration is on the move in Region 6 with Nebraska leading the charge at over 33% in the last 12 months and on track to double that percentage by year's end.

LNC goals suggested by Region 6 state affiliates:

- LNC focus on helping Johnson/Weld ticket run a successful campaign
- Provide generic national LP branded yard signs at cost to state affiliates as requested by North Dakota
- Consider reinstating the LNC policy of funneling a percentage of new national LP membership donations back to state affiliates to incentivize state organizations to actively promote national LP membership. Based on a request by the Nebraska state affiliate and if justified by due diligence, I will submit a motion for consideration by the LNC after the November election.

2 Illinois

Lex Green
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The Libertarian Party of Illinois is grateful for the support of the LNC in its recent efforts to get on the ballot. Both financial and logistical support were provided and without that help, we would not have been able to secure a spot for Governors Johnson and Weld on the November ballot.

As of this morning, July 6th, the statewide slate of candidates for President, Vice President, Senator and Comptroller has not been challenged. Since the challenge window closed at 5pm on July 5th, we can safely say the ballot access drive has been a success. The 90 day process cost over \$110,000, with the LNC providing \$70,000 and the state party adding another \$40,000.

Other candidates for Congress or General Assembly were not included in the statewide ballot access drive. All of them either failed to turn in the required signatures, or have pending objections. The party plans assist with volunteers to help defend those petitions that are challenged.

We now turn our attention to supporting our candidates. We have two very active candidates for Senate and Comptroller who have attended numerous parades and festivals already. With their spot on the ballot assured, they begin their real campaigns with a statewide team of volunteers.

We also are revisiting our internal review of procedures, with an eye for updating our policies. This process includes writing detailed manuals to assist any transition when new people are elected or appointed. We will continue to make sure our policies and bylaws are consistent with Illinois elections law, in the event we become an established party.

Membership in Illinois is up over 10% in 2016. Volunteerism is also up, with many more of our director positions filled. Our number of local or county chapters has almost doubled in the last two years, with several more forming now. We hope to take advantage of the large number of volunteers who have been inspired by Gov. Johnson. Those people swelled our delegate count to the highest number in over 8 years.

"...the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanquished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch for a saving hand while yet there was time." – George Sutherland 1921

3 Iowa

Keith Laube
LPIA Chair

We have 27 candidates running as a Libertarian that will be on the ballot in Iowa. This breaks the previous record of 18, which occurred in the in early 2000's. We also have 1 member running as an independent and 1 member running as a Republican. We will see how that works and what we can learn.

On July 2, over 20 people spent a day with Michael Pickens at his training session held in Des Moines.

Members and candidates spent the holiday weekend gathering ballot petition signatures for local candidates and to get Johnson/Weld on the ballot. We are getting close to the required 1,500 signatures needed by mid-August to get Johnson/Weld on the ballot. We cannot turn in the signatures until August 1st.

Gathering signatures reveal that about 2 in 10 people are for Clinton, 2 in 10 people are for Trump and the remaining 6 out of 10 do not know who they plan to vote for but say anybody is better than Clinton or Trump. This has remained relatively the same from February through July 4th. Getting petition signatures at recent July 4th events revealed about 1 out of 20 people have heard of Gary Johnson.

Future events are being coordinated and driven by our many candidate campaigns.

4 Minnesota

Chris Dock
Chair LPMN

2016 LPMN membership - 63% growth YTD
2016 LPMN Convention - largest attendance ever (200+)

Recent events - May Day, Grand Old Day, Twin Cities Pride

Upcoming events:

- July 4th - candidate Brian McCormick at Coon Rapids 4th celebration July 4th
- Candidate Shane Wernsing at St Peter 4th celebration
- July 13-17 - LPMN at Ramsey County Fair, with candidate Joe Weverka
- August 10-14 - LPMN at St Louis County Fair August 17-21 - LPMN at Mcleod County Fair
- August 25 - September 5 - LPMN at Minnesota State Fair

Candidates:

- Steven Zilberg - MN Senate District 14
- Shane Wernsing - MN Senate District 19
- Jay Nygard - MN Senate District 33
- Joe Weverka - MN House District 67B
- Brian McCormick - MN House District 37A
- Cara Schulz - Burnsville City Council
- Mary O'Connor - Hennepin County Commissioner District 1

Petition Status for Johnson/Weld - 1230 signatures obtained, 2000 required, 4000 goal, deadline is 8/23/16

5 Missouri

Bill Slantz
Chair LPMO

LPMO report provided courtesy of Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate:

Due to the hard work and planning of Chairman Bill Slantz and Executive Director Greg Tlapek, the Missouri Libertarian Party has 42 candidates running for federal, state and local offices this election season.

The Missouri LP has enjoyed ballot access continuously since 1992 and expects no difficulties retaining major party status for the next two election cycles by receiving at least 3% of the vote in any of five state-wide races in which the party has a candidate this fall. However, we are not expecting to eclipse our 2014 record vote total of 19.7% for a state-wide race.

For the first time in several years, the Missouri LP sent a full delegation to the national convention in Orlando. With the state being home to two presidential contenders — Austin Petersen and Cecil Ince — and two candidates for vice president — Alicia Dearn and Dan Hogan — several new party members with ties to the campaigns made Orlando their first LP national convention.

The Missouri LP has assembled a team of web developers and engineers from its ranks to give the party website and civiCRM installation a facelift. While well-constructed and maintained, the site was becoming a bit dated. The first month's results show number of pages viewed per session has increased 19% from our two year average while session duration has increased 77%.

Across the state, interest in the LP is growing. The number of people contacting the party or having their contact details forwarded to the state by the national office this year has increased approximately five times over previous years. We have a whole new problem at the Missouri LP: finding work for our many volunteers!

6 Nebraska

Scott Zimmerman
State Chair LPNE

In 2014, we had only 7 attendees at our state convention in the kitchen of past Chair Gene Siadek with our two Western Nebraska SCC members online via Google Hangouts. In only two years, the state central committee's planning and execution achieved a profitable sell-out success of our 2016 state convention with over 50 in attendance and a great speaker slate that included Laura Ebke, C. Michael Pickens, Dr. Lee Hieb, Austin Petersen and Tony Stiles, plus Julie Borowski who had accepted but had to cancel at the last minute due to a short-term illness.

Nebraska Senator Laura Ebke switched to the Libertarian party, making Nebraska the second state with a Libertarian state senator and creating a whirlwind of media attention and a standing ovation for the announcement during the presidential ballot roll call at the 2016 national LP convention.

Libertarian Voter registration is up over 33% in the past 12 months and increased in June at an annualized rate of over 55%. We passed 7,000 registered Libertarians in April, will pass 8,000 in July and there is a good chance we will exceed 10,000 by the end of 2016. We have 4 Libertarians on the ballot in the November.

Our attendance at our First Tuesday Liberty meet-and-greet get-togethers has increased over 500%. We are working with neighboring Western Iowa LPIA members Dr. Lee Hieb (2012 candidate for Iowa Governor) and Jake Porter (2018 candidate for Iowa Governor), to jump-start collaborative Western Iowa/Eastern Nebraska get-togethers, perhaps on the Third Thursday of each month. Other local Libertarian groups will be joining us at our First Tuesday events in August. Our LPNE outreach has been extended to many local Liberty-oriented and volunteer events.

Our County State Affiliate list is growing rapidly with two added last month, Otoe County and Lancaster County. We have a rally scheduled for July 24th in Nebraska City, Ne. This is a Legalize Freedom rally dedicated to providing awareness for the Johns/Weld campaign. Additionally, we are working with the Libertarian Party of Iowa in planning a multi-state Libertarian event which we will host in early 2017.

Our state central committee has suggested an LNC goal of reinstituting the LNC policy of funneling a percentage of new national LP memberships back to the states, thus incentivizing state affiliates to actively promote national LP membership. After the November election, Nebraska is considering submitting a request to host the 2022 national LP convention in Omaha based on exponential growth in Nebraska Libertarian voter registration with strong collaboration support from neighboring states.

7 North Dakota

Tony Mangnall
North Dakota Libertarian Party Chair

North Dakota has had an historic election cycle. For the first time in our state's history, the Libertarian Party has had a candidate running for all contested positions, including Governor, U.S. House, and Senate, and we had our ticket full before the Democrats in our state were able to announce even one candidate. In fact, the Democrats had to make a number of 11th hour registrations just to fill their ticket.

With the Democrats in decline, the race is now between Libertarians and establishment Republicans. With a slew of radio and TV appearances by our candidates, as well as targeted social media activity, we're able to compete with the "big guys" when it comes to campaigning. As a result, we've had more interest in the party than any year before, with people pledging to help us this year, and beyond. Our state has a population of only 450,000, less than that of some cities, so the dollars we have to spend on campaigning can go a long way. .

Next year we plan to "backfill" our party structure by establishing precinct and district chairperson positions across the state, calcifying our presence in North Dakota as a major political party.

However, right now our focus is on spreading the message of liberty, and reminding North Dakotans that they have a third option in the upcoming election. It seems that the message is getting across!

Additional North Dakota information provided by Roland Riemers, Immediate Past Region 6 Representative from North Dakota:

- North Dakota Libertarian registration increased 6.7% in 2015 and is on course to increase in the range of 15% in 2016
- Upcoming events include a state fair booth and parade participation in late July and an upcoming \$50/plate fundraiser for Johnson/Weld ticket
- North Dakota Libertarian candidates looking to make some serious noise this election cycle include Jack Seeman for Congress, Marty Riske for Governor and Roland Riemers for State Auditor

LPNORTHDAKOTA suggested LNC goals:

- Help run a successful Johnson/Weld campaign
- Provide a source for generic national LP branded yard sign (4x8 or 2x8)

8 Wisconsin

Joe Kexel
Chair LPWI

Information gleaned from LPWI website:

Candidates:

- Phil Anderson – U.S. Senate
- John Arndt – U.S. House of Representatives
- Andy Craig – U.S. House of Representatives
- Jason Lebeck – U.S. House of Representatives
- Matthew Bughman – State Assembly
- Jordan Hansen – state Assembly
- George Meyers – State Assembly

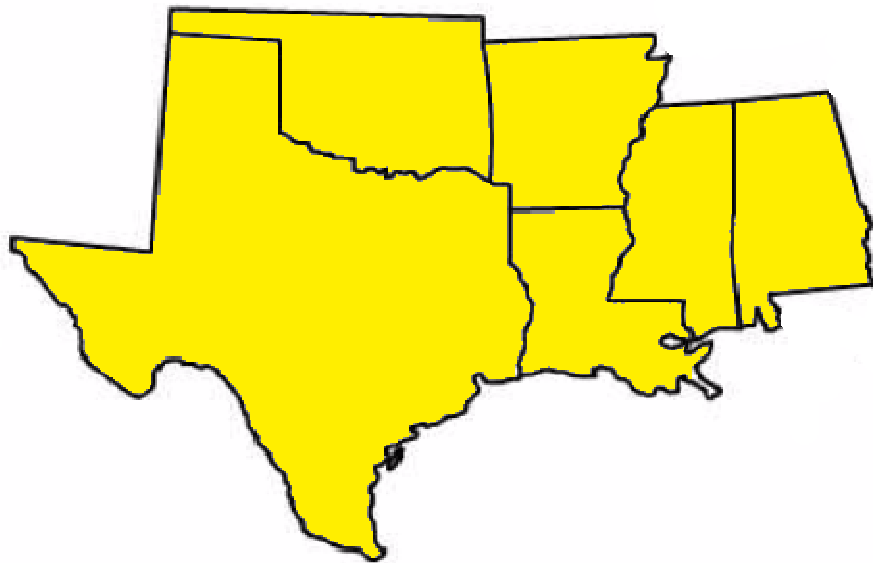
Events:

- David Boaz, Executive Vice President of Cato Institute, was the keynote speaker at the 2016 LPWI state convention held on April 16th at the Wisconsin Dells.
- LPWI Chair Joe Kexel spoke out about Republican Governor Scott Walker's decision to sign a bill that eliminated the non-partisan Government Accountability Board in favor of tow commission to oversee elections and ethics selected by the Republican and Democratic parties.
- LPWI Chair Joe Kexel issued a statement regarding the incumbent Republican Representative Gwen Moore's endorsement of Hillary Clinton.

See the following 9 pages for the Region 7 Report

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Libertarian National Committee Region 7



JULY 17, 2016

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

1 ALABAMA – LEIGH LACHINE, CHAIR

1.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

1.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 250 members.

1.3 COUNTY NEWS

1.4 ELECTIONS

1.5 BALLOT ACCESS

Not enough signatures according to Jefferson County Probate and Board of Registrars. LNC is kicking in \$15,000 for ballot access, and AL will be fine to get 5000 valid signatures.

1.6 ACTIVITIES

Efforts are underway to collect petition signatures to ensure Presidential ticket appears as Independent on AL ballot. So far, approximately 700 volunteer signatures and 700 paid signatures were collected, as of June 30, 2016.

1.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

Utilizing \$5,000 for Presidential ballot access.

1.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

Little to none.

1.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Andy Burns assisted with website/CiviCRM in January.

1.10 OTHER

2 ARKANSAS – MICHAEL PAKKO, CHAIR

2.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

We have been recently intensifying our efforts to organize county affiliates around the state. We are coordinating with the Arkansas for Gary Johnson organization to form interlocking statewide networks

of activists and volunteers. We presently have 14 county affiliates with at least some provisional organizational structure, about 5 of which have regular monthly or quarterly meetings.

2.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

We haven't seen a noticeable surge in membership since the convention, but the number of inquiries, requests for information and volunteer contacts has definitely picked up.

2.3 COUNTY NEWS

2.4 ELECTIONS

The governor has called a special election for State House District 99. The election will be held on the same date as the general election, but the person elected will serve as a lame duck representative until January. The seat for next term is going to an unopposed Republican. We have planned a special nominating convention for July 30 to formalize our nomination of a member in that district. If we're lucky, neither Republicans or Democrats will make the effort, and we will have bragging rights to having an elected Libertarian in the state legislature.

2.5 BALLOT ACCESS

2.6 ACTIVITIES

We are actively planning to have booths at three county fairs and three state fairs in the fall. We are maintaining an information booth at the downtown Farmers' Market in Little Rock each Saturday.

2.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

2.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

We have received some very positive coverage in statewide newspapers and business magazines. The local NPR affiliate and a news site, Talk Business and Politics, ran features on the national convention and our prospects in Arkansas.

A recent statewide poll gave Gary Johnson 8% (Clinton 36%, Trump 47%): <http://wknofm.org/post/tbp-hendrix-poll-trump-holds-lead-over-clinton-arkansas#stream/0>.

A local columnist latched onto this wide gap to point out that the state's electoral votes are not really in question, so voters should feel free to vote their conscience in casting a ballot for 3rd party candidates: <http://independentarkansas.com/?p=1633>.

One candidate in particular, Mark West for U.S. Congress District 1, has been getting good coverage (two way race against the incumbent Republican):

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10206157076638382&set=p.10206157076638382&type=3&theater>.

We are expecting to see an article soon in the statewide paper of record, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (phone interviews took place on Friday).

2.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

We recently went through an upgrade of our website and database capabilities. Special credit goes to Andy Burns of the LNC Staff. His expertise was invaluable in executing the updates and in providing information to our local IT people to maintain the improvements going forward.

2.10 OTHER

Our Federal lawsuit against the state's election laws goes into a final hearing on July 11. At this point, a successful ruling would be that the deadline for registering our candidates (the first week of November 2015) was unnecessarily and unconstitutionally early. We are also seeking injunctive relief to put four additional candidates for the state legislature on the ballot. If successful, that would increase the number of partisan LP candidates on the November ballot to 27.

3 LOUISIANA – RUFUS CRAIG, CHAIR

3.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

The Libertarian Party of Louisiana had their 2016 state convention in Baton Rouge on April 16th-17th at the Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel. There were [70 – 85] Libertarians in attendance, with 69 voting members. Baton Rouge attorney Rufus Craig was elected as the new State Central Committee chairman. There are 118 Dues Paying Members, 14 lifetime recognized Members for the Libertarian Party of Louisiana. As of July 8, 2016 there are 12,139 Libertarians which is an increase of 508 from last quarter.

3.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

There has been outreach in Nola Brewery Outreach, Denham Springs Spring Fest, Austin Petersen Meet and Greet, Kenner Gun and Knife Show, Pridefest Parade in New Orleans, Jean LaFitte Gun Show in Tangipahoa, Avoyelles Arts and Music Fest, Bayou St John 4th of July Flotilla. Over 43 Libertarians were registered.

3.3 COUNTY/PARISH NEWS

The Libertarian Party of Louisiana Calendar of Events has been updated to reflect scheduled Parish Executive Committee meetings.

3.4 ELECTIONS

There are currently 8 candidates in the Libertarian Party of Louisiana that have said that they will run for office this year and 6 Future possibilities:

Thomas Clements, Senate

LeRoy Gillam, Senate

Jennifer Werther "Hap" has withdrawn in support of Howard Kearney for CD1

Samuel Davenport, for CD2

Guy McLendon, for CD 3

Randall Lord, for CD 4

Thomas Borrel, for CD5

Richard Fontanesi, for CD 6

Future possibilities:

Keith Higgenbotham- school board 2018

Luke Bihm- police jury, Calcasieu

Austin Kowitz (any state lvl Livingston)

Garry Loper- Mayor New O 2018 or city council

Everett C. Baudean -city council maybe

Fabio Della Santa – House district 91

3.5 BALLOT ACCESS

3.6 ACTIVITIES

The Libertarian Party of Louisiana Calendar of Events has been updated to reflect scheduled Parish Executive Committee meetings.

As Party representatives, members attended the Desiree Alliance Conference in New Orleans on 7/10.

On September 17th from 10am to 5pm Libertarian Leadership will have candidate training offered in New Orleans, LA and later that night there will be a fund-raising event hosted by the Libertarian Party.

The 2018 Libertarian National Convention will take place in New Orleans. Folks should plan to spend the week there, since crowds are expected to be light...summers in the South ☺.

3.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

3.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

Press releases were sent out this quarter covering Austin Petersen's visit to NOLA Brewing and covering our state convention. Additional coverage from the Gary Johnson campaign, Mary Matalin's defection, and coverage from our legislative efforts, particularly those on the raw milk debate.

Several members of the media committee have been increasing efforts to call in to talk radio.

Media committee is working on designs for LPL brochures, door hangers, new fliers and banners.

3.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Keith Thompson has made a script to run on the server that takes the volunteer notifications from the national party, splits them up into useful data, and loads them into a search-able database. This is still under development, but functions well enough currently to use. Later additions will include the ability to leave notes for the volunteers, search by interest, and show if they've already been contacted.

3.10 OTHER

The Libertarian Party Facebook traffic is currently 80.5% men with 18.5% from women and the majority of people are ages 30-45. There are currently 2, 864 Likes.

Libertarian Party of Louisiana spoke about a logo revision and consider one like the national Libertarian Party's to further solidify our branding with Nationals.

4 MISSISSIPPI – AARON BARKSDALE, CHAIR

4.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

4.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

4.3 COUNTY NEWS

4.4 ELECTIONS

Chase Wilson is running for Congressional District 1, and Ric McCluskey is gaining groundswell in his run against Steven Palazzo for Congressional District 4.

4.5 BALLOT ACCESS

4.6 ACTIVITIES

4.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

4.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

4.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

4.10 OTHER

5 OKLAHOMA – TINA KELLY, CHAIR

5.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

We are very excited about the future possibilities of the chapter program we have designed and are in the process of interviewing potential coordinators. We are looking forward to announcing the historic milestone of our first affiliate very soon. The OKLP bids a sad farewell to former Vice Chair Tim Krahling who resigned his position due to personal issues. We are proud to announce Bailey Betz as his replacement.

5.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

5.3 COUNTY NEWS

5.4 ELECTIONS

With a stunning turnout rate of 99%, Oklahoma Libertarians voted as Libertarians for the first time in 16 years on June 28th in a primary for US Senate. The OKLP is pleased to announce Robert Murphy as the winner of that race. We now turn our attention to November where Robert joins 15 other candidates on the ballot including Governor Gary Johnson for president.

In the past month, the OKLP leadership continued its efforts to facilitate and support the development of strong candidates by sponsoring a candidate workshop. The event held at the capitol was well attended and productive.

We are dedicated to meeting and exceeding the presidential vote test of 2.5% in order to maintain our official party status. The prospects look good for winning over the votes of those disenfranchised Rs and Ds who did not get their primary choices of Cruz and Sanders as eventual nominees and with whom Gary Johnson seems to be a popular alternative.

5.5 BALLOT ACCESS

5.6 ACTIVITIES

The OKLP had a very well received float in this year's Pride Parade. Around 42,000 people saw and cheered for our message "All Rights, For All People, All The Time".

5.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

Several fundraisers are in the works including a t-shirt contest and a Punk Rock concert benefiting candidates. That latter is being organized by the Punk Rock Libertarians who are in the process of becoming one of our first official chapters.

5.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

OKLP leadership and candidates are continually interviewed on the radio or quoted in the newspapers, everyone wants to know what we are doing!

5.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

5.10 OTHER

6 TEXAS – JOHN WILFORD, CHAIR

6.1 STATE ORGANIZATION

We have been expanding our volunteer structure and are really excited about the level of involvement. We currently have 20 active volunteers and should be adding 5 more soon.

6.2 STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

6.3 COUNTY NEWS

6.4 ELECTIONS

6.5 BALLOT ACCESS

6.6 ACTIVITIES

Ben Farmer represented LPTexas at a debate at Boy's State, Galveston County just hosted a very successful candidate meet and greet, and Whitney Bilyeu was a guest on Houston Matters (Houston Public Media New), discussing the Libertarian Party in Texas.

6.7 FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

6.8 MEDIA COVERAGE

We have had quite an interest stirred up since Cruz dropped out. I have been on the phone with reporters from news outlets ranging from the Dallas Star to the Texas Tribune. The level of activity has been both exhausting and exciting.

6.9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

LPTexas has adopted and implemented NationBuilder as our website and data management system. We are still exploring the system, but we continue to find new and exciting ways to utilize the technology.

6.10 OTHER



Region 8 Report

Submitted on 7/11/16 by Regional Representative Patrick McKnight

Massachusetts:

The Libertarian Association of Massachusetts (LAMA) is alive and well.

Massachusetts Libertarians were represented at the Boston Pride Festival. A dozen volunteers -- ten of whom had little past contact with the Association -- collected 800 signatures for Presidential ballot line acquisition. In total we have 30 to 40 volunteers across the state doing petitioning.

Presidential Ballot Access drive coordinator Cris Crawford reported raising over \$12,000 from current and past LAMA and national party members in Massachusetts for ballot access expenses. These will cover LAMA's quarter of the cost for paid ballot access petitioning. The target is 14,000 paid signatures at \$2.50 per signature by mid-July, giving plenty of time to distribute nominating papers to town clerks and city halls for validation. Signatures have been turned in and recovered from Norwood, Sherborn and Framingham with an overall validity rate above 86%.

Congressional candidate Thom Simmons (CD-1, far western Massachusetts) appeared at a Second Amendment Rally in his District, and collected signatures. Simmons needs approximately 3000 raw signatures by the start of August.

State Committee members Bob Underwood and Dan Fishman are already on the ballot for State Representative. State Chair George Phillies was elected as Political Coordinator, one of the five National Officers, of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance, the organization of Party State Chairs. Dan Fishman is Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Johnson/Weld campaign; Heather Mullins is the State Volunteer Coordinator.

New Hampshire:

Lawsuit

With the help of the NHCLU, we are suing the state in Federal court over a change to our ballot access laws. The time for circulating a party-wide petition was reduced by 2/3, with no corresponding reduction in the number of signatures, effectively making the task impossible.

Despite our brief demolishing the state's case, the judge sided with the state, citing several arguments from the RNC's amicus brief. The oral arguments for our appeal with the 1st Circuit were in early June. No timetable has been set for a decision.

Recent Activity

Our website team is evaluating WordPress and NationBuilder.

Some LP activists from other states have moved here recently. We are hoping to get them involved, and perhaps to organize local action.

Two local groups are forming, at least one of which will become a local affiliate covering the seacoast area. Darryl Perry has been a great help to them. We had a discussion with some of the organizers at Porcfest. We went over some things they may want to put into their bylaws, as well as options they have available as recognized regional affiliates, such as candidate nominations and sending delegates to state convention.

I had great conversations with many people at Porcfest, some of whom are willing to help our candidates or be speakers at our upcoming events.

2016 Election

Despite several appeals, we didn't make our goal of 16 candidates. This is a record low year for petitioning candidates across the state.

One complication this year is the presence of some well-funded independent candidates for Governor and US Senate that will impact our ability to reach 4% for party status. We still hope to take advantage for the incredibly high negatives for all the incumbent politicians and their old party challengers, but this will be an interesting campaign.

I've had conversations with current and former elected officials who are not happy with Clinton or Trump and may be willing to support Gary Johnson.

Petitioning has started. 3000 net signatures need to be gathered by August 10th.

Special State Convention

We will have a special state convention tentatively scheduled for September 24 at the Praxeum in Portsmouth. Brett Bittner will be our featured speaker.

Maine:

As of Friday [7/9/16], we needed 99 more Mainers to register as Mainers. We think we have it. This means 4,901 Mainers are registered with the state as Libertarians. We have no other special events planned as of yet except and Executive Committee meeting July 18. If we hit the mark by Wednesday morning, we are going to organize a press conference quickly. As for actually Maine Libertarian members, I do not have a figure yet.

Connecticut:

The Constitution State apologizes for the anti-constitutional and illibertarian actions of its Senators in recent weeks. Once the proud center of gun manufacturing, it now seems that little other than hot air is manufactured in Hartford.

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut held its Nominating Meeting for US Senate and US Congress, 2nd District, in May. The body nominated Rich Lion, past chair and several-time candidate for Manchester Board of Directors and State Rep - District 9, for US Senate. For US Congress, the body nominated Daniel Reale, who is a past chair of the LPCT and has run 3 times for US Congress.

The LPCT has been engaged in a Presidential ballot access drive, managed by Joshua Katz and co-coordinated by Katz and state chair Andrew Rule, with LNC funding and staff assistance. While the drive started off slowly and has faced several hurdles, including difficulty finding petitioners, Alex Arsenal has been hired as a contractor and has greatly improved signature collection. Some signatures have also been collected through Free and Equal, Inc. It remains difficult to bring volunteers into the drive, but volunteers have produced several hundred signatures. A larger volunteer effort would be useful.

Still in the works is the LPCT's lawsuit, together with the ACLU, regarding out-of-state petitioners. The court (US District) granted an injunction allowing the use of out-of-state petitioners during this cycle, and the case remains pending. The state has indicated a desire to stipulate to judgment if a reasonable compromise can be achieved, and our attorney Dan Barrett, together with counsel from Day Pitney, continues to work hard on this. Many thanks to Richard Winger, Bill Redpath, Dan Barrett, the ACLU-CT, and the many others who assisted in this work.

New Jersey:

The NJLP has grown its membership 56% from January 1st through the end of June. Both our Chair and Vice-Chair were in studio for the Libertarian Town Hall on CNN. The Chair recently spoke at Porcfest in New Hampshire. Our Summer Picnic was July 9th.

The NJLP is helping organize an "Educate the DNC" event in Philadelphia during the Democratic National Convention. The goal is to distribute LP literature to disgruntled Sanders supporters.

We are still collecting signatures for Presidential Ballot Access. We got off to a slow start but have allocated sufficient resources to complete the process with paid petitioners. Our deadline is August 1st. We should have 150% of the 800 required by the time of the LNC meeting.

We have 20 candidates on the ballot in New Jersey which we believe to be a record number.

Vermont:

Johnson/Weld are on the ballot in Vermont.

We have two state representative candidates:

Ted Schaft and V Chase.

New York:

There is not much to report other than the fact that the LPNY is in the midst of petitioning. The petitioning is falling way behind in numbers. I don't know if people are just not getting out to petition or they are just not turning them in. The pace has picked up a little bit but we need to crank it up into overdrive. With petitioning 1/3 over, we have 1/5 the minimum total needed.

We have five congressional candidates running. One is wholly within a county, so his petitions will not count toward Johnson's. The other four, if they get on the ballot, would represent 14,000 of the 15,000 needed. I have had no report concerning how they are doing.

We have a lawsuit filed against the BoE concerning allowing out of state witnesses. The hearing will be July 11, 2016 to determine if an injunction will be issued for the last half of the petition drive.

The NYS BoE is continuing their mismanagement of the Libertarian voter registration records. This will become an issue to be addressed after the petitioning period is over.