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Region 3 Report



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KENTUCKY



MICHIGAN



OHIO

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Region 3 Overview

Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2016 Libertarian National Convention: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. This Region is comprised of States with similar constituencies and similar approaches to Party growth.

National Membership for the Region

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

YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

INDIANA MEMBERSHIP UP 73.0%

KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP UP 76.4%

MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP UP 81.0%

OHIO MEMBERSHIP UP 59.7%

November 2015 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3198	326	11
KENTUCKY	1189	102	32
MICHIGAN	5187	363	10
OHIO	5217	494	5

November 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3514	564	13
KENTUCKY	1305	180	30
MICHIGAN	5516	657	9
OHIO	5685	789	6



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 564 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 24 active, affiliated county parties, and 18 inactive, affiliated county parties, and 46 unaffiliated counties.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

2016 GENERAL ELECTION



In total, 45 Libertarians appeared on the ballot in Indiana in partisan races. Hagerstown Judge Susan Bell won re-election to her fifth term. Currently, 8 Libertarians are elected to public office in Indiana.

On the Federal side, the 2016 ticket was led by Governor Gary Johnson and Governor Bill Weld for President and Vice President, respectively. Lucy Brenton represented the party in the race for United States Senate. Nine candidates represented the party for U.S. Congress in all Congressional Districts.

On the state level, the ticket was led by longtime LP activist and contractor Rex Bell for Governor and 2014 Secretary of State Candidate Karl Tatgenhorst served as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN was represented by 21 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 appeared 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 also participated in one televised debate this fall (which LNC Rep Brett Bittner attended) at WFYI-TV.

2016 RAW ELECTION NUMBERS

(Numbers based on reporting the Secretary of State, updated December 2, 2016.)

US President: The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 133,993 votes. This is a 167% increase over Johnson/Gray in 2012 and 358% over Barr/Root in 2008 and a 642% increase over Badnarik/Campagna in 2004. Their percentage was at 4.9%, compared to 1.9% in 2012, Barr/Root at 1.1% in 2008, and Badnarik/Campagna at 0.7% in 2004.

US Senate: Lucy Brenton received 149,481 vote, just besting Andrew Horning by 2.9% who received 145,282 votes in 2012, Rebecca Sink-Burris by 58.5%.

US House Races: The LPIN's nine candidates combined for 165,160 votes Statewide, LP candidates achieved 6.2% of the total US House vote.

IN Governor: Rex Bell, who suffered a stroke about a week before Election Day, earned 3.2% of the vote with 87,025 votes, falling short of Rupert Boneham's 101,868 in 2012. This still bests 2008's efforts by 52%.

Results over the last Decade for Libertarians:

US Senate:

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

Sink-Burris 2010: 94,562; 5.4%

Horning 2012: 144,806; 5.8%

Brenton 2016: 149,481; 5.5%

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

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)

2016: 165,610; 6.2% (9 candidates)

Governor:



Horning 2008: 57,376; 2.1%
Boneham 2012: 100,335; 4.0%
Bell 2016: 87,025, 3.2%

President:

Barr 2008: 29,257; 1.1%
Johnson 2012: 49,194; 1.9%
Johnson 2016: 133,993, 4.9%

Auditor:

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%

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

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. A recent Central Committee meeting did fund a CRM investment.

Other

LPIN Vice Chair Rodney Benker notes, "Indiana is going to crush it in 2017 & 18."



Libertarian Party of Kentucky

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: David Capano

Vice Chair: Bryan Short

Treasurer: Matthew Holder

Secretary: Cyrus Eckenberg

Office Space

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

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

Membership at the state level is represented by the number of people who pay the \$30 annual dues to the state. At this time, the number of state members is unknown to me.

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

Sub-Affiliates

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

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

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2016)

PARTY STATUS CHANGES FROM "POLITICAL GROUP" TO "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION"

With the Johnson/Weld ticket earning 4.5% of the state's votes for President/Vice President, LPKY is now recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a "Political Organization," with the same petitioning requirements as the Republican and Democratic parties. 53,752 votes were cast for the ticket. This means that ballot access is secured through 2020's election and future status will depend on the 2020 Presidential ticket's outcome.

ONE LIBERTARIAN ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE

Mitch Rushing – Jefferson County Commission



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.

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 organization label is such that signature requirements have now dropped to the same levels as the R’s and D’s, 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. LPKY is no longer considered a “political group”, and LPKY candidates are no longer required to gather significantly more signatures to get on the ballot than their R & D counterparts.

Activities

State Level Activities

None at this time

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)

The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 172,136 votes for 3.59% of the ballot. Johnson/Gray did not appear on the ballot in 2012, yet received 7,774 write-in votes for .16%. 2008's Barr/Root ticket earned 23,716 votes and .47%.

LPMI ran 69 candidates from President to Township Trustee.

SPECIAL ELECTION 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.

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

Major party status achieved by virtue of the 2016 Presidential ticket success.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

See special convention below about changes to bylaws now that major party status has been attained.

Activities

State Level Activities

2016 SPECIAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCED

The 2016 Libertarian Party of Michigan special convention has been announced, taking place February 4th to 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: **Scott Pettigrew** – scott.pettigrew@lpo.org
- **Vice Chair: Elizabeth Gentner – elizabeth.gentner@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

**Elected at the December 3, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

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 (2016)

Due to the ballot access issues in place in Ohio, Gary Johnson was listed as an Independent candidate for President, rather than having the Libertarian Party label. He earned 174,498 votes or 3.17% of the 5,607,641 votes cast. No other LPO candidates appeared on the ballot.

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

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

The LPO is currently petitioning for 2018 party status on the ballot.

Members of the committee that petitioned to place the Johnson/Weld ticket on the ballot filed paperwork with the office of Secretary of State Jon Husted claiming party status and ballot access for the next four years. If successful, this effort will place LPO candidates in 2017 on primary ballots for consideration by the public.

Activities

State Level Activities

2017 CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The LPO has scheduled a conference for May 4-5, 2017

ANNUAL LPO CONVENTION (2016)

In August, the LPO held their 2016 convention.

ANNUAL LPO PICNIC

The LPO held its annual picnic on September 17th at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is a 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