CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

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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 Pittsburgh should additional information become available.

**1)** I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. Unfortunately, my average response time has increased recently. While I am usually able to respond within 24 hours, in some cases I was unable to respond for several days.

**2)** I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. Please note that after 13 years as a member of the Advocates Board of Directors (and 7 years as chairman of the Board), I resigned from the Board with effect in December 2016.

**3)** I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. As mentioned in a previous report, I am 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.

I am pleased to note that Region 5 alternate Trent Somes and I conducted a teleconference on the topic of “Outreach to Students and Millennials” on March 27. From the feedback I have received, the teleconference was very successful. Allow me to express my appreciation to Jess Mears for her work to organize the event, and to Mr. Somes for his fine presentation.

## **4)** I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL’s 501c(3) status.

I am pleased to report that I had the honor of delivering the opening address at the International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, DC in February. Please join me in offering thanks to Wes Benedict for organizing an outreach effort at the event, and to the several LP members who assisted with that effort.

I delivered an address at the European Students For Liberty Conference (“LibertyCon 2017”) in Prague, Czech Republic on Mar. 18. (The title of the address was “Markets Uber Alles – How the Decreasing Cost of Information Allow Markets to Reduce the Size and Scope of Government.”) During the conference I was interviewed by two reporters from *IQ Magazine* (which is evidently the Lithuanian edition of *The Economist*) about the Libertarian movement in the U.S.

The European Students For Liberty regional organizers for Belgium and Portugal approached me during the conference to invite me to conduct campus organizing events in their countries within the next six months. I am trying to arrange my schedule so that I can accept the invitations.

**5)** I regret to report that I have not received the information I requested from the 2016 Johnson campaign concerning campus organizations and volunteers. I am continuing to make inquiries in the effort to obtain this information.

**6)** During the past several months, LPHQ has received several inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus has responded rapidly to these inquiries. Allow me to express my appreciation to Mr. Kraus for his fine work in this matter.

**7)** I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects. In particular, I anticipate that I shall address the upcoming YAL national convention.

**8)** I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I anticipate that I shall have the opportunity to deliver lectures at upcoming FEE seminars.

**9)** On a personal note, allow me to mention that Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia will soon complete its 30th consecutive year of activity. I have the honor of serving as advisor to SIL, which I founded during my Ph.D studies at the University.