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*CALL TO ORDER*

Mr. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. (all times Central)

Ms. Adams introduced Rex Lawhorn, 2018 Libertarian gubernatorial candidate for Oklahoma.

Dr. Lark noted that this Monday was the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Party.

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

Richard Fast (LA) requested that the LNC consider a change to the names of Party donor association levels, specifically to re-name the “Patriot” and “Minuteman” levels.

*ATTENDANCE*

Attending the meeting were:

**Officers:** Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

**At-Large Representatives:** Sam Goldstein, Daniel Hayes, Bill Redpath, Starchild

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

**Regional Alternates:**<sup>1</sup> Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Ken Moellman (Region 3), Sean O'Toole (Region 6), Erin Adams (Region 7), Larry Sharpe (Region 8)

**Not attending were:** Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Joshua Katz (At-Large), Patrick McKnight (Region 8 Representative), Steven Nielson (Region 1 Alternate), Trent Somes (Region 5 Alternate), Aaron Starr (Region 4 Alternate)

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict and Operations Director Robert Kraus. Contractor Lauren Daugherty (Head of Development) was present.

The gallery contained several other attendees in addition to those listed above. Dustin Nanna (OH) participated substantively throughout the meeting without objection.

Quorum was met (Bylaws Article 7, Section 10).

*Special Note: Due to weather conditions in New Orleans (the Great Snowpocalypse of 2017), multiple in-bound flights were cancelled causing the unplanned absence of several LNC members. Several members were late arrivals including Steven Nekhaila, Sean O'Toole, and Starchild.*

## SECRETARY PRO TEM

Mr. Sarwark moved to appoint Ms. Harlos as Secretary pro tem for the session. There was no objection.

## CREDENTIALS REPORT AND PAPERWORK CHECK

Ms. Harlos confirmed attendance roster and passed out departure time information sheet to determine when quorum would be lost on Sunday. Staff provided copies of meeting packets.

It was noted that Mr. Bittner had resigned as Region 3 Regional Representative on November 30, 2017.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Starting from the proposed agenda, the following changes were made without objection:

- Expand Saturday lunch recess by fifteen minutes to include hotel walk-through
- Strike fifteen minutes allotted for Secretary's report
- Strike the item for rescinding previous APRC staff directives
- Strike the item for Document Destruction and Whistleblower Policies

Dr. Lark requested that Mr. Katz' agenda item regarding a change in procedure for approving litigation remain, and he offered to sponsor.

Mr. Sarwark noted that committee vacancies caused by Mr. Bittner's resignation as Region 3 Regional Representative and Mr. Moellman's anticipated resignation as Region 3 Alternate would need to be filled (APRC, EPCC, Social Media Process Review, Candidate Support Committee, Ballot Access, and IT Committee). He suggested that these be addressed during the time allotted for committee reports.

Dr. Lark suggested that the beginning of the time allotted for consideration of the 2018 budget be dedicated to short statements by each LNC member as to items of concern and/or intent for motions to amend.

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<sup>1</sup> Ken Moellman and Larry Sharpe took primary places at the table in place of the regional representatives

Mr. Vohra moved to add consideration of adopting changes to Party donor association levels (as suggested by Mr. Fast (LA)) to New Business Without Previous Notice. This motion passed by a show of hands with a vote total of 7-5. Mr. Goldstein requested that a specific proposal be ready for presentation tomorrow.

Mr. Hewitt moved that the agenda be adopted as amended (shown below). This motion passed without objection.

### **Saturday Session**

#### **Housekeeping**

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	3 minutes
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#### **Officer Reports**

Chair's Report (Sarwark)	15 minutes
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Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes
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#### **Recess**

10 minutes

#### **Staff Reports**

45 minutes

Executive Session – ballot access petitioner issues	20 minutes
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#### **Special Counsel's Report**

30 minutes

(portions may be in Executive Session)

#### **Adjourn (Lunch)**

12:00pm – 1:30pm

(inclusive of walk-through with hotel)

#### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Audit Committee (Julie Fox)	15 minutes
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Affiliate Support Committee (Hayes)	15 minutes
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Awards Committee (including election)	15 minutes
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Convention Oversight Committee (Hayes)	25 minutes
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Candidate Support Committee	5 minutes
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Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Lark)	5 minutes
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IT Committee (O'Toole)	15 minutes
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Platform Committee	5 minutes
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Bylaws Committee	5 minutes
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Ballot Access Committee (Moellman)	25 minutes
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#### **Recess**

10 minutes

#### **Reports of Special Committees**

Historical Preservation Committee (Harlos)	15 minutes
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Social Media Process Review Committee (Hayes)	15 minutes
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#### **New Business with Previous Notice**

Adoption of 2018 Budget	90 minutes
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### **Evening Adjournment**

#### **Sunday Morning Session**

Adoption of 2018 Budget (cont.)	30 minutes
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Amendment to the procedure for approving litigation (Lark)	30 minutes
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Selection of the 2020 National Convention location (Hayes)	120 minutes
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Selection of the April LNC meeting location	10 minutes
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**New Business without Previous Notice**

Changes to names of Party donor association levels (Vohra)

10 minutes

**Regional Reports**

5 minutes each

**Announcements**

10 minutes

**REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Ms. Mattson had previously submitted these updates to the listing of potential conflicts of interest:

Erin Adams:

Working with the Roads to Freedom Foundation/Unconvention planning  
Co-host, Crossover TV Show

Whitney Bilyeu:

Member, Steering Committee of the Foreign Policy Alliance

Sam Goldstein:

No longer Political Director of the Libertarian Party of Indiana

Joshua Katz

Treasurer, St. Louis City Libertarian Party  
Executive Committee Member, St. Louis City Libertarian Party

Nick Sarwark:

No longer general counsel for IComply, LLC  
Candidate for Mayor of Phoenix, AZ

The following updates were submitted to the LNC Business list just prior to this meeting:

Starchild

Working with the Roads to Freedom Foundation/Unconvention planning  
Co-host, Crossover TV Show

**OFFICER REPORTS****CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix A). He supplemented with comments on additions to staff including Apollo Pazell as a Campaigns Advisor and Cara Schultz as a Candidate Recruitment Specialist. Mr. Pazell was recognized for his efforts in supporting Senator Ebke in the recent controversy manufactured by the Nebraska GOP about her community showings of "It's a Wonderful Life." Mr. Sarwark also updated the LNC about his intent to run for Mayor of Phoenix, Arizona in order to lead by example (more information can be found at Sarwark4Phoenix.com).

The LNC took no action.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

October end-of-month financials had been distributed in advance showing \$81,763 in reserves. The mortgage has been paid down by one-half with approximately \$240,000 remaining. Mr. Hagan noted that since the Party uses the accrual method that the revenues for the 2018 National Convention (\$101,000 at last accounting) will not be booked until next year. Mr. Hagan fielded questions about his report which included:

- Line item accounting for convention revenues versus convention expenses
- Elimination of final mortgage balloon payment if future payments made as planned including Wiener Rule payments (Mr. Kraus will need to confirm if mortgage will be paid in full in this time period even if the Wiener Rule pre-payments are not made)
- Amount of mortgage payments (\$2400 in principal and interest)
- Amount of required reserves (\$57,042 which equals one month of expenses)

Mr. Redpath noted that although the 2017 Budget reflected a deficit, there is a small surplus at least up through October.

The LNC took no action.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix B).

The LNC took no action.

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff had submitted a written report (see Appendix C). Mr. Benedict made an oral presentation regarding the goals and duties for the new contractors including the recruitment of 2,000 candidates for 2018 and 12-14 candidates in targeted local winnable races. He fielded questions on success metrics.

Ms. Daugherty gave an update on fundraising and membership recruitment efforts including the achievement of the \$10,000 goal for the house party last evening. She distributed current donor solicitation literature. Ms. Daugherty was given a round of applause.

The LNC took no action.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moellman moved to enter into executive session to discuss ballot access staffing matters. Mr. Hayes seconded. Mr. Benedict stated that the subject matter concerned contractual matters and contractor evaluation and was thus properly in the scope of an executive session (Policy Manual Section 1.02.5). After debate and concerns expressed by Ms. Bilyeu, Ms. Harlos, and Starchild about the problems with secrecy, Mr. Goldstein called the question (no second recorded) which passed by a show of hands.

The vote on this motion proceeded as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe, Vohra

Voting "no": Starchild

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Harlos, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 11-1-3.

The LNC entered executive session at 10:19 a.m. with Mr. Benedict remaining in the room. Dustin Nanna (OH) made himself available outside in case he was needed to answer questions regarding the Ohio ballot access efforts.

The LNC rose from executive session without objection at 11:12 a.m.

## ***PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Starchild moved that the LNC disclose everything discussed in the secret session with the exception of the names of persons not on this body. Mr. Vohra seconded.

The vote on this motion proceeded as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Goldstein, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Lark, Sarwark

This motion failed with a vote total of 6-6-3.

Mr. Moellman moved that the LNC disclose the discussions in the secret session excluding any personally identifiable information which is not just limited to names. Starchild seconded. Mr. Hewitt moved to postpone until a time certain of tomorrow morning to allow members to write up specifically what is to be released. Mr. Redpath seconded. After debate, this motion passed by a show of hands with the required 2/3 vote.

## ***COUNSEL’S REPORT***

LNC Special Counsel Oliver Hall joined the meeting by telephone. He had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix D).

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Hall supplemented his written report with an oral report and fielded questions.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

The LNC took no action.

The LNC broke for lunch and a facility tour at 11:50 a.m.

## ***REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES***

The LNC returned from lunch and a facility tour at 1:41 p.m.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Julie Fox (Chair of the Audit Committee) was present for the meeting, and Mark R. Frye (the auditor engaged by the Audit Committee) joined by teleconference.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Copies of the Independent Auditors’ Report on Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2016 and Board Disclosure Letter dated August 9, 2017, both by Frye & Company, CPAs, were submitted in advance (see Appendices E and F respectively). The written confidential management letter was distributed (to the LNC only, not to spectators) during the meeting. Ms. Fox supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. Mr. Frye advised that his research indicates sales tax does not need to be charged for political campaign merchandise.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

Ms. Fox indicated that there were some differing opinions on the duties of the Audit Committee which slowed down its progress and that the LNC might want to review the Policy Manual language for clarity.

Recommendations were made to implement ACH and check positive pay which Mr. Kraus indicated is already in process.

The LNC took no action.

## AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Daniel Hayes (Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee) had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix G). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions, including 1) why some affiliates are presently using NationBuilder and 2) committee member attendance and activity issues.

The LNC took no action.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

As was planned at the August meeting, population of the Awards Committee was taken up by the LNC.

### *PARTIAL POPULATION OF AWARDS COMMITTEE*

Dr. Lark noted that it is preferable to have continuity on this Committee and two past members (Mr. Lark and Mr. Hagan) have expressed interest. Hayes also indicated willingness to serve. The Policy Manual further indicates that this Committee comprises five members, including up to two non-LNC members (Policy Manual Section 1.03.1).

Mr. Hewitt moved to appoint Hagan, Hayes, and Lark to partially populate the Awards Committee. Mr. Moellman seconded. This motion passed without objection.

## CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Daniel Hayes (Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee appointed by Mr. Sarwark after the prior resignation of BetteRose Ryan) had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix H). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions which included the following:

- “Early, Early Bird” pricing of \$399 (\$525 at door) for a gold package boosted early sales
- Revenues far exceed advance revenues for the 2016 convention (\$101,000 versus \$14,000)
- Different fund-raising opportunities such as the Welcoming Committee (\$1,000)
- Room reservations have outpaced our initial room block (1,018) and will be raised (1,607) with an 80% attrition allowance pending approval of Mr. Sarwark
- Additional concessions are earned with higher room sales, such as one comped unit for every 45 paid rooms

### *REQUEST FOR POLICY MANUAL CHANGE*

Mr. Hayes stated that there is some potential ambiguity in the current Policy Manual language regarding whether or not other convention-related revenues would count towards donor contribution levels, such as Life Memberships, and as such, requested that the Policy Manual Section 2.05.2 be amended as follows:

~~Convention registration does not count towards contribution levels.~~ Contribution levels are based upon unconditional transfers of cash (or its equivalent), as opposed to reciprocal exchanges, where there is a quid pro quo such as in the case of convention package sales.

Mr. Hagan moved the above language, and Mr. Redpath seconded. Ms. Harlos moved to amend by striking the word “unconditional” with Mr. Hayes seconding. After debate, this amendment failed by a show of hands. Ms. Bilyeu moved to amend to the following language, with Mr. Hayes seconding:

~~Convention registration does not count towards contribution levels.~~ Contribution levels are based upon transfers of cash (or its equivalent), where there is no exchange of goods, services, or quid pro quo, such as in the case of convention package sales.

This amendment passed unanimously by a show of hands. Voting proceeded on the main motion with a vote as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: none

Abstaining: Lark, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 13-0-2.

## CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Sam Goldstein spoke on behalf of the Committee in light of the resignation of the prior Committee Chair Mr. Bittner. He asked the LNC’s forbearance to give this Committee until the next meeting to produce recommendations. He reported that Jim Turney and Mark Miller were appointed as the two non-LNC members.

Nominations were taken to replace Mr. Bittner. Mr. Hayes nominated Mr. Hagan, who was appointed without objection. Mr. Goldstein was named as interim Committee Chair by Mr. Sarwark.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Jim Lark (Chair of the EPCC) had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix I). The LNC gave a round of applause for Mr. Bittner’s prior service on this Committee. Dr. Lark supplemented his written report and fielded questions. Document retention and whistle-blower policies are still being developed.

## ELECTION FOR VACANT EPCC SEAT

Nominations were taken to fill the vacant LNC-member position. Dr. Lark nominated Mr. Redpath, and Starchild nominated himself. The signed ballots using approval voting are accounted as follows:

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Redpath</b>	<b>Starchild</b>
Bilyeu	X	X
Demarest		X
Goldstein	X	
Hagan	X	
Harlos	X	X
Hayes	X	
Hewitt	X	
Lark	X	
Marsh	X	
Moellman	X	X
Redpath	X	
Sarwark	X	
Sharpe	X	



Starchild		X
Vohra	X	
<b>Totals</b>	13	5

Mr. Redpath was elected to the EPCC.

## IT COMMITTEE

Sean O'Toole (Chair of the IT Committee) had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix J). He supplemented with an oral report, particularly explaining the rationale and philosophy behind adding to the Open Source community with CiviCRM modifications and the importance of moving to official, rather than personal, email addresses at all levels. Back-end assistance would be appreciated with Ruby on Rails for the candidate database.

Mr. Moellman resigned from this Committee and nominations were taken to fill the vacant seat. Ms. Bilyeu nominated Starchild who was appointed without objection.

## PLATFORM COMMITTEE AND BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. Marsh moved to strike the agenda items for the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Mr. Goldstein seconded. This motion passed without objection.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee is awaiting appointment of an interim Chair. Mr. Hayes moved to appoint Emily Salvette with Mr. Goldstein seconding. Ms. Harlos then moved to appoint Susan Hogarth with Starchild seconding. Both Harlos and Starchild object to the re-appointment of the same persons, no matter how obviously qualified, year after year. As it was unknown if either Ms. Salvette or Ms. Hogarth wished to be appointed, Ms. Harlos moved to postpone voting on this appointment until first thing Sunday morning. This motion passed without objection.

## BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ken Moellman (Chair of the Ballot Access Committee) had submitted a written report (see Appendix K). Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra and resumed the gavel during the presentation by Mr. Moellman. Mr. Moellman supplemented with an oral report and answered questions including the following information:

- Kentucky has submitted a prior request for LNC assistance
- Tennessee is running at 65% validity with Mr. Ebel taking over as Chair
- Status of monies spent re: Ohio and Tennessee, there was a carryover from 2017 with no new monies allotted
- Alabama is budgeted for \$70,000 with a 50/50 split with the LNC if Alabama submits viable plan
- Although the report indicates that only six (6) states have ballot access races in 2018, that figure is intended to comprise states in which we don't presently have access in which it could be obtained (or are in real danger of losing). Ms. Harlos clarified that there are more states, including Region 1 states, that have ballot access retention races
- Potential out-of-state circulator ban in New York
- The ballot access budget line was increased from \$202,000 to \$250,000 as per email discussions prior to this meeting

Mr. Moellman resigned from the Ballot Access Committee creating a vacancy on that Committee to be filled by an LNC member or alternate via approval voting as per the Policy Manual (Section 1.03.1). Mr. Hewitt nominated Mr. Nekhaila. Mr. Goldstein moved to postpone the vote until tomorrow. Mr. Redpath moved to amend to postpone voting for an email ballot to occur within the next two weeks with Ms. Harlos seconding.

After debate, the amendment passed by a show of hands. The main motion then proceeded to a vote as follows:

Voting “aye”: Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe, Vohra

Voting “no”: Adams, Demarest, Hewitt, Marsh, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 9-5-1.

Mr. Sarwark appointed Mr. Redpath as the new Ballot Access Committee Chair.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Mr. Benedict was given two minutes to present an award plaque to Mr. Moellman recognizing his service to the Party. The LNC gave a standing ovation in appreciation. The plaque reads as follows:

*The Libertarian Party recognizes and thanks Ken Moellman for his dedicated service as a member of the LNC, Member of the IT Committee, Chair of the Ballot Access Committee, candidate, activist, volunteer, and donor.*

Arrangements for a similar award plaque have been made to present to BetteRose Ryan.

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dr. Lark took over as Secretary pro tem.

### HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee) described the work of the Committee, provided information about the status of various Committee projects, and fielded questions, including rationale for the value provided to the Party. A report was submitted in advance (see Appendix L).

### REQUEST FOR POLICY MANUAL CHANGE

Ms. Harlos noted that this Committee was originally created as an ad hoc committee which would expire at the conclusion of the LNC meeting just prior to the 2018 National Convention. However, as advised at the time of committee creation, the digitization of the records is a project that will span approximately five years, and LPedia is a Party asset that will need to be maintained for the time of its existence. To that end, Ms. Harlos moved to amend LNC Policy Manual Section 1.03.1 to insert a new table row as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
<a href="#">Historical Preservation Committee</a>	<a href="#">Five Members</a>	<a href="#">Committee Chair selected by LNC Chair; remaining four members selected by the Committee Chair</a>	<a href="#">LNC Chair Selected</a>

and to insert a new LNC Policy Manual Section 2.02.11 titled “[Historical Preservation Committee](#)” as follows:

[The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org . A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.](#)

Starchild moved to amend by changing the selection of the Committee Chair by the LNC Chair to selection by the entire LNC with Dr. Lark seconding. After discussion, this amendment was adopted without objection. The main motion as amended was adopted by a show of hands.

Ms. Harlos resumed as Secretary pro tem.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Elizabeth Van Horn was not present for this meeting, so Mr. Hayes provided an update in her absence. The Committee did not submit a report, as it had not met during the last term but did conduct informal email discussions.

A committee vacancy was created by the resignation of Mr. Bittner. Mr. Hewitt nominated Ms. Adams. Mr. Moellman moved to postpone this appointment to be conducted by email within the next two weeks with Dr. Lark seconding. Mr. Moellman requested that a full write-up be published describing the actual duties. After debate, this motion passed by a show of hands.

## **ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET**

Mr. Hagan had distributed a proposed budget in advance, gave an oral overview, and fielded questions. He noted the previously discussed increase on the ballot access line (Program Expense line "70-BallotAccess Voter Reg & Related Exp") from \$202,000 to \$250,000.

Ms. Daugherty was requested to speak on fundraising efforts and costs. As previously agreed, each LNC member took turns to briefly comment, request information, express concerns, and/or state intent to offer amendment(s).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Hayes moved to enter into executive session to discuss the confidential salary sheet. Mr. Moellman seconded. An opportunity for public comment was given prior to the spectators being requested to leave the room.

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Starchild moved that the body not enter into secret session which died for lack of a second. Mr. Moellman moved that staff be allowed to remain for the beginning of the session, and Mr. Hayes seconded. This motion passed by a show of hands.

The LNC entered executive session at 6:10 p.m. with Mr. Benedict and Ms. Daugherty remaining in the room.

The LNC rose from executive session without objection at 6:35 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The LNC adjourned for the day without objection at 6:35 p.m. and was called back to order at 9:16 a.m. on Sunday, December 10.

## **ELECTION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE INTERIM CHAIR**

Two minutes each was given for advocacy of Ms. Salvette and Ms. Hogarth after which time ballots were distributed for voting using approval voting with the following results:

Voter	Salvette	Hogarth
Bilyeu	X	X
Demarest		X
Goldstein	X	
Hagan	X	X
Harlos		X
Hayes	X	X
Hewitt		X
Lark	X	
Marsh		X
Moellman	X	X
Redpath	X	
Sarwark	X	X
Sharpe	X	X
Starchild		X
Vohra	X	X
<b>Totals</b>	10	12

Ms. Hogarth was appointed as interim Credentials Committee Chair.

### ***PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (CONT'D)***

Mr. Benedict had not yet arrived at the meeting, and as a result, the live-stream was not operational. No suggested wording for a statement on the items discussed in Saturday's Executive Session was submitted, so Mr. Sarwark stated for the record that the confidential discussion did not include the recent issues surrounding the potential Alabama ballot access drive.

### ***ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET (CONT'D)***

Starchild repeated a request from Saturday for an itemized ledger supporting 2017 revenues and expenditures and was told that it was not available. He objected to continuing without this information. Mr. Moellman moved to adopt the proposed 2018 budget as written, and Mr. Hewitt seconded. Various LNC members then offered amendments to the proposed budget, as outlined below:

Mr. Demarest moved to amend expense line 7010-20 "DM Donor Renewal Expense" from \$110,300 to \$170,000 to fund a membership coordinator for an increase of \$59,700, and Ms. Harlos seconded. Mr. Hayes moved to amend this motion to \$130,000 for an increase of \$19,700, and Dr. Lark seconded.

*(Note: Live-stream resumed as Mr. Benedict arrived at the meeting.)*

This amendment failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 5-6. Voting then proceeded on the original motion as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe, Vohra

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Lark, Marsh, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 10-4-1.

Mr. Goldstein moved to add this proviso to budget line 7380-10: "No funds are to be distributed to state parties without verifiable evidence of that state having achieved its planned contribution. This requirement may be

waived for states with a record of two successful drives, and with the sign-off of the LNC Executive Director and/or LNC Chair.” Mr. Hagan seconded.

Mr. Redpath moved to amend by adding: “This proviso can be overridden by a majority vote.” Mr. Moellman seconded. After debate, this amendment passed by a show of hands with a vote total of 12-2.

Without objection, voting proceeded on the previous question as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Sharpe, Starchild

Voting “no”: Lark, Vohra

Abstaining: Redpath, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 11-2-2.

Mr. Demarest moved to amend expense line 8140 “Travel, Meeting, & Meals Exp” from \$26,000 to \$50,000, for an increase of \$24,000. Mr. Sharpe seconded. Starchild moved to divide this expense line to segregate travel separately. Mr. Sarwark ruled this motion out of order as not being germane to the amendment of the budgeted amount.

After debate, voting on this motion proceeded as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Sharpe, Vohra

Voting “no”: Lark, Starchild

Abstaining: Harlos, Redpath, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 10-2-3.

Mr. Demarest moved to amend revenue line 4375 “Branding/Political Materials” and expense line 7375 “Branding/Political Materials” from \$100,000 to \$125,000, for an increase of \$25,000 on each. Mr. Hewitt seconded. After debate, this motion passed by a show of hands with a vote total of 12-0 with 2 express abstentions.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend to add the following proviso to budget line 7380: “Ballot access encumbrances for 2018 may only be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, and the total expended shall not exceed the amount authorized in the budget.” Mr. Marsh seconded.

Mr. Moellman moved to amend the Goldstein motion to strike the words “two-thirds.” Mr. Redpath seconded. After debate, the vote on this amendment proceeded as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Vohra

Voting “no”: Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Sharpe, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

The amendment failed with a vote total of 6-8-1. Voting then proceeding on the original motion as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Hewitt, Marsh, Lark, Redpath, Goldstein, Sharpe, Hayes, Hagan, Vohra, Harlos

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Moellman

Abstaining: Sarwark, Starchild

This motion passed with a vote total of 11-2-2.

Mr. Moellman moved to adopt the 2018 proposed budget as amended. Mr. Hewitt seconded. Voting on this motion proceeded as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Sharpe, Vohra

Voting "no": Lark, Starchild

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 11-2-2 resulting in the 2018 budget shown below:

	<b>2018 Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	<b>2019 Budget As Amended</b>
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
20-Membership Dues	550,600		550,600
21-Donations	226,800		226,800
22-Recurring Gifts	463,400		463,400
23-BoardSolicitation Major Gifts	60,000		60,000
24-Convention Revenue	160,000		160,000
25-Project Program Revenue	23,800		23,800
26-Brand / Political Materials	100,000	25,000	125,000
27-Ballot Access Voter Reg Donations	153,200		153,200
28-Member Communications	7,400		7,400
29-Other Revenue & Offsets	0		0
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b><u>1,745,200</u></b>		<b><u>1,770,200</u></b>
<b>Cost of Support and Revenue</b>			
32-Fundraising Costs	187,700		188,400 <sup>2</sup>
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	226,200	59,700	285,900
35-Convention	150,000		150,000
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	11,600		11,600
37-Building Fundraising Exp	0		0
<b>Total Cost of Support and Revenue</b>	<b><u>575,500</u></b>		<b><u>635,900</u></b>
<b>Net Support Available for Programs</b>	<b><u>1,169,700</u></b>		<b><u>1,134,300</u></b>
<b>Program Expense</b>			
40-Administrative Costs	333,964	24,000	357,964
45-Compensation	495,600		495,600
50-Affiliate Support	60,000		60,000
55-Brand / Political Materials	100,000	25,000	125,000

<sup>2</sup> As per Mr. Hagan, on the Acct Detail sheet, credit card processing fees are calculated as 2.85% of total revenues. When the Branding Revenue budget was increased, credit card processing fees were also increased from \$49,700 to \$50,400, which increased line 32 by \$700.

58-Campus Outreach	0		0
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	58,800		58,800
70-Ballot Access Petitioning Related Exp <sup>3 4</sup>	250,000		250,000
75-Litigation	6,000		6,000
80-Media	51,000		51,000
85-Membership Communications Exp	54,600		54,600
88-Outreach	9,000		9,000
90-Project Program Other	5,000		5,000
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>1,423,964</b>		<b>1,472,964</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)</b>	<b>(254,264)</b>		<b>(338,664)</b>
Capital Expenditures	15,000		15,000
Bequest Receivable	67,800		67,800
Unrestricted Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	(269,264)		(354,264)
Net Surplus (or Deficit) After Capital Expenses & Bequest	(201,464)		(286,464)

## AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVING LITIGATION

Dr. Lark raised concerns regarding the process for approval of the last *amicus* brief that was filed without adequate lead-time for review. Mr. Sarwark stated that this can be avoided in the future if it is made clear to any outside counsel that as an ideological organization, we will want to carefully review all statements rather than just ceding judgment to the attorneys and happily signing off.

## SELECTION OF 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION LOCATION

Informational materials on the bids were distributed to the LNC in advance. Mr. Hayes introduced the presenters for the three hotels/locations under consideration for our National Convention on Memorial Day weekend 2020 as follows:

- Ms. Whitney Gafford for the JW Marriott Austin (TX)
- Ms. Sarah Habiger for the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa (AZ)
- Mr. Brian Broom for the Marriot Marquis Atlanta (GA)

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

The representatives fielded questions from the LNC both individually and as a group. Topics covered included:

- Operating hours for pool, spa, and bars
- Availability of free parking

<sup>3</sup> BUDGET PROVISIO (attached to 7380-80): "No funds are to be distributed to state parties without verifiable evidence of that state having achieved its planned contribution. This requirement may be waived for states with a record of two successful drives, and with the sign-off of the LNC Executive Director and/or LNC Chair. This proviso can be overridden by a majority vote."

<sup>4</sup> BUDGET PROVISIO (attached to 7380): "Ballot access encumbrances for 2018 may only be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, and the total expended shall not exceed the amount authorized in the budget."

- Amenities included in guest rooms
- Square footage of guest rooms
- Rules concerning the open or concealed carry of firearms
- F&B minimums
- Typical weather at that time of the year
- Signage and visibility for convention
- Shuttles to and from airport or places of interest
- Handling of noise complaints
- Wi-Fi availability and charges
- Adequate staffing of front desk for check-in

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel and presided over discussion on the timing of a vote on this decision. One key factor in the discussion was the possibility of showing our strong support for Second Amendment rights in a gun-friendly venue with the concurrent publicity that may ensue.

Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC proceed to a vote on the three potential locations using ranked choice voting. Mr. Marsh seconded. After debate and recess, ballots were distributed with the following results:

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Austin</b>	<b>Glendale</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>
Bilyeu	1	2	3
Demarest	1		
Goldstein	2	3	1
Hagan	1	2	3
Harlos	1	2	3
Hayes	2	3	1
Hewitt	1	2	3
Lark	2	3	1
Marsh	2		1
Moellman	2	3	1
Redpath	1	3	2
Sarwark			
Sharpe	1	3	2
Starchild	1		
Vohra	1		2
<b>Totals (Rank 1)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Totals (Rank 2)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals (Rank 3)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

Austin, having received the majority of rank 1 votes on the first round, was selected as the location for the 2020 National Convention. The LNC responded with a rousing rendition of “Deep in the Heart of Texas.” Mr. Kraus relayed the thanks of the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau who will be providing a free musician for our opening night as well as publicizing the convention.

## ***SELECTION OF APRIL LNC MEETING LOCATION***

Information regarding four potential locations (Alexandria, Denver, Los Angeles, and Phoenix) was distributed to the LNC in advance. The LNC was reminded that it was previously decided that this meeting be held in location with legal recreational marijuana since the timing of the meeting coincided with “420.” Ms. Harlos stated that as the first state to legalize recreational marijuana, Colorado would feel snubbed if they were overlooked for this “themed” meeting and fundraising party. Further, long-time Party members Michele Poague and Kevin Gulbranson have agreed to host a Friday night fundraising party at their Colorado country home.



<b>Voter</b>	<b>Alexandria</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>
Bilyeu		1		
Demarest		1		
Goldstein	3	1	2	4
Hagan	4	1	2	3
Harlos	4	1	2	3
Hayes	3	2	1	4
Hewitt	4	3	1	2
Lark	2	1	4	3
Marsh		2	1	
Moellman		1	2	
Redpath	2	1	3	4
Sarwark	4	1	3	2
Sharpe	3	2	1	4
Starchild	1			
Vohra	3	2	1	4
<b>Totals (Rank 1)</b>	1	9	5	0
<b>Totals (Rank 2)</b>	2	4	4	2
<b>Totals (Rank 3)</b>	4	1	2	3
<b>Totals (Rank 4)</b>	4	0	1	5

Denver, having received the majority of rank 1 votes on the first round, was selected as the location for the April 2020 LNC Meeting (hotel TBD).

## **NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE**

### **CHANGES TO NAMES OF PARTY DONOR ASSOCIATION LEVELS**

Ms. Bilyeu moved that the LNC direct the Head of Development to review the membership program and present recommendations at the next LNC meeting. Mr. Goldstein seconded.

Starchild moved to amend to add that the “Patriot” and “Minuteman” level names would be specifically reviewed. Ms. Harlos seconded. After debate, this amendment failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 5-7. Voting then proceeded on the original motion which passed by a show of hands with a vote total of 12-2.

Ms. Daugherty assured the LNC that those two names in particular were already items she had planned on reviewing.

## **NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE**

Mr. Marsh moved to suspend the rules to add five minutes to the agenda at this point to consider a contribution to a Libertarian campaign. Mr. Redpath seconded. This motion passed without objection.

### **DONATION TO THE CAMPAIGN OF ALISON FOXALL**

There is a special election for Florida State House 72 (Sarasota) due to the resignation of the officeholder. Libertarian Alison Foxall is running against a Republican and a Democrat.

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Marsh moved for the LNC to contribute \$1,000 to the campaign of Alison Foxall. Mr. Hayes seconded. Mr. Marsh informed the LNC that Ms. Foxall does not want any campaign contributions to be over \$1,000. Her

Republican opponent does not presently live in the district, and she has already raised \$14,000. Jess Mears is her Campaign Manager. Between 6,000 and 7,000 votes are needed to win.

After debate, voting on this motion proceeded as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Sharpe

Voting “no”: Hagan, Lark, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Demarest, Goldstein, Moellman, Sarwark

This motion passed with a vote total of 6-5-4.

## *REGIONAL REPORTS*

Region 1 Representative Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix M) and provided an oral supplement. There were no questions.

Region 2 Representative Ed Marsh had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix N). There were no questions.

There was no Region 3 report as there has been a turnover in representation.

Region 4 Representative Jeff Hewitt presented an oral report and fielded questions. Starchild also provided supplemental information. No written report was submitted.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix O). Mr. Redpath provided supplemental information regarding the campaign of Cliff Hyra. Dr. Lark had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix P) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix Q).

Region 6 Representative David Pratt Demarest had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix R) and supplemented with an oral report.

Region 7 Representative Whitney Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix S) and provided an oral supplement. There were no questions.

Region 8 Alternate Larry Sharpe presented an oral report. No written support was submitted.

## *ADJOURNMENT*

There were no announcements. Following public comment (including Mr. Lawhorn’s “I love you guys”), and a moment of silence for Human Rights Day, the meeting adjourned without objection at 3:10 p.m.

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## Chair's Report - 8/20/17 - 12/9/17

- Attended Atlas Network conference in New York City on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
- Met with major donors in person and on the phone to keep them updated on Libertarian Party progress and plans.
- Assist Wes Benedict with interviews of over 20 candidates for campaign support positions.
- Gave many media interviews, including Kennedy, Tom Sumner, New Statesman, Declare Your Independence, the Jason Stapleton Program, Sputnik, SiriusXM, Speaking Freely, and others.
- Hosted SiriusXM Patriot's three-hour news program Patriot Tonight from their studios in New York City.
- Spoke at Arizona Summit Law School.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases and statements on issues.
- Negotiated contract for wealth screening software on behalf of the LNC.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including lawsuits, appeals, and employment and petitioning contracts. • Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

See the following 6 pages for the Secretary's Report















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See the following 19 pages for the Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements













































See the following 5 pages for the Board Disclosure Letter













## 2017 Annual Report Affiliate Support Committee Libertarian National Committee

### *Policy Manual Charter:*

*The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall identify the needs and interests of the various affiliates. In addition,*

*The ASC shall identify those affiliates that are in particular need of assistance that the LNC can provide.*

*The ASC shall deliver a report to the LNC for the last LNC meeting of each calendar year, identifying and prioritizing those needs and interests of the various affiliates. This ranked list shall be taken into consideration when drawing up the following year's budget, and throughout the year as needed. This list will also assist the Executive Director in deciding how to assign tasks to staff, by identifying those services that staff provides to the affiliates that are the most desired.*

*The ASC shall also, as and when needed, recommend to the LNC measures that will address the particular affiliates that need assistance from the LNC. The ASC will also establish a process for tracking the progress in meeting those needs.*

The ASC members, with assistance from Affiliate Support Specialist, Andy Burns made attempts to contact a member of the state executive committee of all 51 affiliates via Facebook private message, direct emails, emails to the State Chairs list, and phone calls.

Mr. Burns again formatted the survey for the committee using a platform known as Typeform, that created many answers that could be completed by clicking a selection on the form or entering the data in the appropriate field. Completion of the survey then generated responses in many various formats. The results from 38 of 51 state affiliates can be found at:

<https://libertarianparty.typeform.com/report/oBIK8W/sYQSYTaFAi5eDHm7>

### LNC Service Level

Affiliates 2017 score of LNC's current service continued the shift towards more positive responses as compared to previous years. The increase was very small from 2016. The average reported service level for 2017 was 3.66 vs 3.65 for 2016.

### Recommendations:

1. Continue supporting contractor(s) or staff member(s) who focus on Affiliate Support.
2. Continue empowerment of the Affiliate Support Committee to assist affiliates.
3. Fund the CRM State Project to provide states with enhanced data management.

**APPENDIX G**  
**AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Attendance:

	Hayes	Demarest	Nekhaila	Lachine	McKnight	Phillies	Pickens	Arnold	Hogarth
Aug. 4th	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	NA	NA
Sept. 7th	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
Sept 21st	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	NA	N	Y
Oct. 5th	Y	Y	Y	N	N	NA	NA	Y	N
Oct. 19th	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	NA	N	N
Nov. 2nd	Y	Y	Y	N	N	NA	NA	Y	Y
Nov. 16th	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	NA	Y	Y
Nov. 30th	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	NA	N	N

\*Mr. McKnight had a class/conflict during the meeting time and the ASC was not able find a different meeting that didn't conflict for other members.

See the following 10 pages for Convention Oversight Committee Report























## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 4, 2017

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 Joshua Katz and Jim Lark. They were elected during the LNC meeting on May 30, 2016. Brett Bittner served on the EPCC from his election on May 30, 2016 until his resignation as Region 3 representative on Nov. 29, 2017.

The members of the EPCC express our appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Bittner for his service to the EPCC and the LNC.

1) The EPCC has nearly completed its revision of the Employee Manual. (The uncompleted aspect involves improving the wording of information about medical insurance for employees.) We anticipate sending the final draft to Oliver Hall (LNC special counsel) for his review within ten days. We also anticipate that the revision will meet with his approval.

2) Based upon feedback received from LPHQ staff and Mr. Hall, the EPCC is considering ways to improve the proposed “Whistleblower Protection” and “Document Retention” policies. The EPCC will endeavor to have provide revised proposals for consideration by the LNC no later than March 31 next year.

## Report to the Libertarian National Committee December 9, 2017

The focus of the IT Committee since the August LNC meeting in Kansas City has been on three initiatives: email, the state CRM project, and the candidate database.

**Email.** Ken Moellman has expended considerable time on the setup, implementation, and documentation of our new email system. At this point, we have eight states and the LNC operational on the system. The next task to be completed is automating the periodic backup of emails to cloud storage.

**State CRM Project.** Andy Burns has concentrated on building our proof-of-concept for the state CRM project. Funding allocated at the August LNC meeting has been spent on creating a functional system that is now in use in four states albeit in primitive form. The base, opensource, civiCRM installation has been hardened with various security enhancements; interaction between state websites and the CRM has been simplified; tracking for email campaigns has been implemented; and schemes for the importation of data have been explored and planned.

Andy has assembled a thorough report on our progress that will be delivered separately.

**Candidate Database.** The candidate DB project is behind schedule as our volunteer developers, Steven Haddox and John Athayde, have had less time to commit to the project over the past 90 days. As of now, progress is as follows:

- The administrative interface is completed for a version 1 deliverable — candidates for specific offices in specific jurisdictions can be created.
- Styling for the public-facing side of the app is mostly complete.

What needs to be completed is the search component that will allow a user to view Libertarian candidates in races specific to their state, county, city, and zip code.

Submitted on behalf of the LNC IT Committee by  
Sean O'Toole - Chair

See the following 20 pages for the Ballot Access Committee Report















































Please see the following 34 pages for the Historical Preservation Committee Report













































































See the following 107 pages for the Region 1 Report



















































































































































































































































APPENDIX N  
REGION 2 REPORT

Report to the LNC  
Region 2 (Florida, Georgia, Tennessee)  
Ed Marsh, Region 2 Representative  
Stephen Nekhaila, Region 2 Alternate

Florida  
Website: LPF.org  
Chair: Marcos Miralles  
Vice-Chair: Omar Recuerto

A special election will be held 2/13/18 for District 72 State House. Alison Foxall is the Libertarian candidate for the vacant seat. Her campaign has raised approximately \$10,000. Ms. Foxall needs about 7,000 votes to win. If elected she will be the first Libertarian ever in the Florida Legislature.

The next Executive Committee meeting of the LPF will be December 17, 2017.

Georgia  
Website: lpgeorgia.com  
Chair: Ted Metz  
Vice-Chair: Ryan Graham

The Georgia Libertarian party has filed a lawsuit to challenge the states very restrictive ballot access law in respect to the office of US Representative.

The LP of Georgia will hold its annual convention at Andretti's in Marietta, Georgia, February 3, 2018.

Tennessee  
Website: lptn.org  
Chair: Cole Ebel

LPTN is continuing to lobby the state legislature to reduce the party petition requirement from 33,844 to 5000 signatures. The volunteer petition drive has gathered approximately 5000 signatures with a deadline of August 2018.

See the following 3 pages for the Region 5 Report









## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec 4, 2017

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 New Orleans 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 usually able to respond within 24 hours.
- 2) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I work with state campus outreach coordinators to assist their programs to build campus organizations and assist campus activists.
- 3) 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, the SFL leadership 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 giving addresses at Students For Liberty regional conferences at the University of Missouri (Columbia) on Oct. 14 and the University of North Carolina – Charlotte on Nov. 4. (An article about the Missouri conference is available at [www.studentsforliberty.org/2017/10/17/open-hearts-open-markets-mizzou/](http://www.studentsforliberty.org/2017/10/17/open-hearts-open-markets-mizzou/).) I shall work with Wes Benedict to organize an outreach effort at LibertyCon 2018 (the 11th annual SFL international conference) in Washington, D.C. next March.

I gave addresses at the European Students For Liberty regional conferences in Podgorica, Montenegro on Sept. 23 and London, England on Nov. 11. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts I could not accept invitations to address the ESFL conferences this fall in Belfast, Vienna, Sarajevo, and Stockholm.

- 4) LPHQ receives a relatively steady stream of inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus continues to do an excellent job in responding rapidly and professionally to these inquiries.
- 5) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on several projects. In particular, I work with YAL campus activists in various ways.
- 6) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I may develop a couple of FEE workshops on understanding public policy data and risk analysis.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec 4, 2017

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning my efforts as International Representative since the LNC meeting in Kansas City to assist the work of libertarian political parties and activists throughout the world.

1) Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) (and former LNC chair), has informed me that the IALP is now formally organized as a non-profit organization in Belgium, with a bank account in Brussels.

He indicated that a major priority is a relaunch of the IALP website. (Mr. Neale is evidently financing the relaunch out of his own pocket.) He also noted that the IALP now has 19 member parties; in the near future the IALP will vote on admission of a libertarian party in Portugal.

2) I addressed the European Students For Liberty regional conferences in Podgorica, Montenegro on Sept. 23 and London, England on Nov. 11. I had hoped to meet with Andrew Withers (IALP secretary) while I was in the London area. Unfortunately, he was departing on a business trip to Madrid around the time I arrived in England.

I have been invited to address the European Students For Liberty conference in Belgrade in April. I plan to accept the invitation.

Please see the following 9 pages for the Region 6 Report





















Please see the following 6 pages for the Region 7 Report













