



## LNC MINUTES

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APRIL 21-22, 2018

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### CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. (all times Mountain)

### ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

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

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

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Justin O'Donnell (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Steve Scheetz (Region 5)

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus, and Head of Development Lauren Daugherty.

Not attending the meeting were: Joshua Katz (At-Large), Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alternate), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2 Alternate), Dustin Nanna (Region 3 Alternate), Aaron Starr (Region 4 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate), Erin Adams (Region 7 Alternate), Alex Merced (Region 8 Alternate)

The gallery contained numerous other attendees in addition to those listed above.

## CREDENTIALS AND PAPERWORK CHECK

As detailed in the Secretary's Report (see appendix B), the Secretary noted a number of changes in LNC membership since the previous LNC session.

Joshua Katz was unable to attend the December 2017 LNC session due to a flight cancellation. He indicated he would not be in attendance at this session due to a conflict with his law school schedule. This being the second consecutive regular LNC session which Mr. Katz did not attend, per Bylaw Article 7.6, his At-Large position will be automatically vacated as of the adjournment of this LNC session.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Starting from a motion to approve the Chair's proposed agenda:

The time allocation for the Awards Committee was increased to 15 minutes without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to add a new 10-minute item under New Business Without Previous Notice to discuss the At-Large vacancy. There was no objection.

Starchild moved to establish an opportunity for public comment for each agenda item. The motion failed by a show of hands with a vote of 5-9.

Ms. Mattson moved to add a new 10-minute item under New Business Without Previous Notice for discussion of our process for joining lawsuits. There was no objection.

Mr. Demarest moved to add a new 15-minute item under New Business Without Previous Notice for discussion of adding a new paid staff member. There was no objection.

Mr. Hayes moved to increase the time allocation for the Affiliate Support Committee to 30 minutes. There was no objection.

There was no objection to adopting the agenda, as amended, resulting in the following:

<b>Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)</b>	3 minutes
<b>Officer Reports</b>	
Chair's Report (Sarwark)	15 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	15 minutes
<b>Staff Reports</b>	45 minutes
<b>Counsel's Report</b>	30 minutes
<b>Reports of Standing Committees</b>	
Audit Committee (Fox)	15 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (Hayes)	30 minutes
Awards Committee (Lark)	15 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Hayes)	30 minutes
Candidate Support Committee (Goldstein)	30 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Lark)	5 minutes
IT Committee	15 minutes
Platform Committee (Harlos)	5 minutes
Bylaws Committee	5 minutes
Credentials Committee	5 minutes

Ballot Access Committee (Redpath) 30 minutes

### **Reports of Special Committees**

Historical Preservation Committee (Harlos) 15 minutes  
Social Media Process Review Committee 15 minutes

### **New Business with Previous Notice**

Creation of a Blockchain Committee (Vohra) 15 minutes  
Contribution to Laura Ebke Campaign (Hayes) 15 minutes  
Membership Structure Changes (Bilyeu) 20 minutes

### **New Business without Previous Notice**

At-Large Vacancy 10 minutes  
Policy for Joining Lawsuits (Mattson) 10 minutes  
New Staff Member (Demarest) 15 minutes

### **Regional Reports Announcements**

5 minutes each  
10 minutes

## ***REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST***

The Secretary reported that since the previous meeting, the following potential conflicts of interest were submitted:

#### Whitney Bilyeu:

Husband is a candidate for Texas House District 135

#### David Demarest:

Is no longer Vice-Chair of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance  
Is now the Treasurer of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance

#### Tim Hagan:

Candidate for US Senate for Nevada

#### Caryn Ann Harlos:

Is no longer Communications Director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado  
Husband has filed to be a candidate for Town Council, Castle Rock, CO

#### Jim Lark:

Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Virginia

#### Aaron Starr

Candidate for Mayor of Oxnard, CA

The following were submitted by email just prior to the session being called to order:

#### Whitney Bilyeu:

Her husband is Vice-Chair of the Harris County Libertarian Party  
Is a member of the executive team of Mark Tippetts for Texas Governor.  
Is no longer serving as Policy Committee Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas  
Is no longer serving as Credentials Committee Member, Libertarian Party of Texas

The following additional changes were requested during the meeting:

Caryn Ann Harlos:

Is no longer a member of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus  
Is no longer an admin of LNC-Votes Discuss  
Has started a liberty activist YouTube channel

Daniel Hayes:

Is no longer Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Jefferson Parish  
Is now the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Jefferson Parish

Jeff Hewitt:

Is no longer Chair of the Riverside County Libertarian Party  
Is a candidate for Riverside County Supervisor

Starchild:

Is no longer an At-Large alternate of the Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee  
Is no longer Vice-Chair for the Libertarian Party of San Francisco  
Is a member of the Grassroots Libertarians Caucus  
Is a media spokesperson for the Nicholas Wildstar for Governor campaign  
Is a paid consultant for No on the Prop E campaign in San Francisco

David Demarest:

Has retired from employment with First Data

Justin O'Donnell:

Is a candidate for Congress in New Hampshire's 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Nick Sarwark:

Is a candidate for Mayor of Phoenix, Arizona

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix A). He supplemented with a brief oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The LNC had received March financials in advance. Mr. Hagan provided a brief oral update and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Mattson had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix B). She supplemented with an oral update. She intends to distribute a Delegation Chair's Manual to the affiliates in early May.

Upon inquiry from Ms. Mattson, there was no objection to her updating the language of Endnote 47 in the Policy Manual to correct a bylaw article cross-reference by striking "5.2" and instead inserting "4.2".

Ms. Mattson noted that on email ballot 2018-03, Starchild had attempted to cast a "no" vote. The LNC's email list time-stamped the vote in the archive at 6 minutes past the established voting deadline. Examination of the headers on Starchild's email message suggested he had transmitted the vote prior to the deadline. She requested that the LNC provide guidance regarding whether to count his vote in the results, though it did not change the outcome of the vote.

Mr. Vohra moved that Starchild's vote be counted in the vote tally. Dr. Lark suggested that the record include a note about the timing of the vote, and this was added to the motion without objection. There was no objection to the motion, as amended.

Ms. Mattson noted the minutes from the December 2017 LNC session in New Orleans had not been approved yet. Mr. Katz had objected to their auto-approval, as a number of selected points of debate had been included, and it could be mistakenly thought to reflect some part of an action taken by the LNC. He had referenced RONR, 11th ed., p. 468, ll. 14-21, "In an ordinary society, the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members."

Mr. Hewitt moved to approve the draft minutes from the December 2017 LNC session in New Orleans.

In the absence of Mr. Katz, Ms. Mattson moved to amend by striking content as specified in Appendix C. Ms. Harlos moved to divide the motion into six questions. Following debate, the motion to divide failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 5-6. Following debate, the amendment to strike the specified content was:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Marsh, O'Donnell, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote tally of 7-8, leaving the draft minutes unamended.

There being no further proposals for amendments, the minutes for the December 2017 LNC session were approved without objection.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Andy Burns had submitted an Affiliate Development report (see Appendix D), and Lauren Daugherty had submitted a Development report (see Appendix E). Mr. Benedict supplemented with an oral presentation regarding various ballot access efforts and Nebraska State Senator Ebke's campaign. Ms. Daugherty supplemented with an oral presentation on fundraising efforts, membership renewals, donor recognition, and expansion of the LP Store. Both fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

## **COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Oliver Hall, LNC Special Counsel, joined the meeting by speakerphone. He had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix F). He supplemented with an oral report on his work involving the LNC's interests. He noted that the Supreme Court of the United States had denied our petition for cert on the Frazier v. Williams case for which the LNC had filed an amicus brief. He fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Audit Committee Chair Julie Fox reported that the 2017 audit will begin on Monday, April 23, and the committee hopes to complete the project by June 30. She fielded a question. The LNC took no action.

### **AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Affiliate Support Committee Chair Daniel Hayes provided an oral report. The committee's discussions have focused on the state CRM project. From existing budget authorizations, the committee funded \$5,000 for a

discovery project to find a company to build out a “user dashboard” to improve the state CRM’s ease-of-use. The committee expects to receive more specific details by May 18.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Hayes moved to increase the Affiliate Support budget (line 50) from \$60,000 to up to \$110,000 and the Budget Programming Revenue (line 25) by \$23,800 to up to \$73,800 for the specific purpose of funding the state CRM project with the proviso that the amount expended does not exceed the amount raised.

Andy Burns joined by phone to help field questions.

Following debate, there was no objection to a request by Mr. Hayes to withdraw the motion with the intention of addressing it with an email ballot in the future.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Dr. Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix G), and he supplemented with an oral report.

The LNC took up the question of filling the two remaining seats on the Awards Committee. Starchild moved to postpone the vote to be the first item of business tomorrow. There was no objection.

After both Dr. Lark and Mr. Hayes had spoken of a desire to amend existing awards definitions to include candidates for local offices, Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.02.5 (in part) as follows:

***Patrick Henry Candidate Award*** with recognition of a very effective campaign for public office ~~at the state or federal level~~, while communicating Libertarian ideas, principles, and values.

Mr. Hayes moved a substitute to instead amend the policy manual to create a separate award for a local candidate under the Patrick Henry award category. (No specific policy manual language was offered.)

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the Hayes motion such that it would be to add a new award in Policy Manual Section 2.02.5 as follows:

***Benjamin Franklin Candidate Award*** with recognition of a very effective campaign for public office at the local level, while communicating Libertarian ideas, principles, and values.

Dr. Lark moved to postpone the pending motions to be taken up tomorrow morning immediately after the population of the Awards Committee, with 5 minutes for consideration. There was no objection to the postponement.

## CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hayes presented an oral report summarizing the 2018 convention performance (package sales and hotel reservation pickups) to date. He noted that the committee has completed execution of the 2020 convention contract. Committee members fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

## CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Candidate Support Committee Chair Sam Goldstein had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix H). He supplemented with an oral report.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Goldstein moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.08.1, “Qualifications for Party Support” as follows:

The Party may financially support the candidacies of persons who meet the following requirements:



- ~~• they are running as candidates of the Party unless the laws in their state make it necessary or desirable for ballot access purposes that they run as independents;~~
- ~~• they are certified as libertarian candidates by the governing board of the Party in their state; and~~
- ~~• they refrain from supporting any Presidential ticket other than the Party candidates.~~

1. The requested contribution from the LNC is legal
2. The candidate is a paid-up member of the national LP & state affiliate
3. The candidate is legally qualified to hold the office & if partisan party registration is available, must be registered as Libertarian, and not registered with any other Party
4. The candidate must have a professional quality website and email address under a campaign-related domain name
5. The candidate has professional quality photos, especially a headshot and at least a one-minute video with audio of the candidate speaking
6. The candidate must have a dedicated campaign manager & a dedicated campaign treasurer
7. The candidate must use the word "Libertarian" in campaign if allowed by law
8. The candidate must have already raised more contributions than requested of the LNC
9. The candidate has a written campaign plan with justifiable and quantifiable expected results (votes, recruits, money, media, etc)
10. The candidate will sign any national Party pledges (<https://www.lp.org/candidate-pledges/>) relevant to their race and will follow the national Party Platform or clearly distinguish where their views differ
11. The candidate will cooperate with potential background check: full resumé, arrest history, explain any association with controversial social or political advocacy groups especially violence advocacy

Following debate, there was no objection to a motion by Ms. Mattson to amend proposed list item #2 as follows: "The candidate is a ~~paid-up~~ sustaining member of the national LP & and a member in good standing of the state affiliate"

Starchild moved to amend the proposal as follows:

- Insert a new list item (and renumber remaining items) "1. Candidate supports the non-aggression principle, and scores at least 80/80 on the Nolan chart"; and
- In proposed list item #3, strike the first clause as follows, "~~The candidate is legally qualified to hold the office &~~"; and
- Strike the word "~~professional~~" from list items #4 and #5; and
- In list item #7, make the word "Libertarian" lowercase; and
- In list item #11, insert the words "government employment" after the words "explain any"

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend Starchild's primary amendment so that instead it would only be a motion to delete proposed list item #11, "~~The candidate will cooperate with potential background check: full resumé, arrest history, explain any association with controversial social or political advocacy groups especially violence advocacy~~"

Following debate, the vote on the Goldstein amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting "no": Demarest, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 12-3, making the Goldstein language the primary amendment.

The vote on the Goldstein primary amendment to delete proposed list item #11 was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Demarest, Hagan, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 10-5. The immediately pending question is the main motion, as amended.

Mr. Redpath moved to amend proposed list item #7 as follows: “The candidate must use the word ‘Libertarian’ in his or her campaign in partisan elections, if allowed by law”

Following debate, the vote on the Redpath amendment was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O’Donnell, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting “no”: Harlos

Abstaining: Sarwark

The Redpath amendment was adopted with a vote total of 14-1. The immediately pending question is the main motion, as amended.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend proposed list item #10 to delete a phrase as follows: “10. The candidate ~~will sign any national Party pledges (<https://www.lp.org/candidate-pledges/>) relevant to their race and~~ will follow the national Party Platform or clearly distinguish where their views differ”

Following debate, the vote on the Mattson amendment was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting “no”: Demarest, Harlos, Hayes, O’Donnell, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Sarwark

The Mattson motion was adopted with a vote total of 8-6.

The vote on the main motion, as amended, was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O’Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting “no”: Harlos, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Demarest, Sarwark

The main motion, as amended, was adopted with a vote total of 11-3.

On behalf of the Candidate Support Committee, Mr. Goldstein further moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.02.6, “Candidate Support Committee” as follows:

~~The Candidate Support Committee will develop and maintain a set of LNC approved criteria to set standards for LP financial contributions to LP candidates other than President of the United States. The initial set of standards is to be submitted to the LNC for approval no later than the December 2017 LNC meeting. Each succeeding Candidate Support Committee will review the standards and report any needed changes to the LNC for approval no later than the second LNC meeting of the term.~~



The Candidate Support Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party candidates for public office an application for LNC financial support based on current standards approved by the LNC. The Committee will also review applications and make recommendations to the LNC on their merits.

The Committee will also will review the standards within the first three months of a new LNC term and report any needed changes to the LNC for approval no later than the second LNC meeting of the term.

The Candidate Support Committee will develop, with support of LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff both online and to be presented LP training workshops. The Committee will also aid LNC Staff in the development of various campaign templates for websites, printed materials, etc that will be made available to LP candidates at little or no cost.

Starchild moved to amend to add a final paragraph to read as follows:

The candidate support committee will operate transparently, with the exception of any specific matters which they choose to discuss in secret meeting, in accordance with the LNC's rules for entering a secret meeting.

Following debate, the vote on the Starchild amendment was as follows:

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

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark

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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Mattson, Sarwark, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-0.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

EPCC Chair Jim Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix I) and he fielded a question. The LNC took no action.

## IT COMMITTEE

IT Committee Chair Sean O'Toole had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix J). The LNC took no action.

## PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Platform Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos reported that the committee will meet on May 13-14 in Columbus, Ohio at the state affiliate's headquarters.

## BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair Joshua Katz was not present. Ms. Mattson fielded a question regarding the committee.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

No representative of the Credentials Committee was present.

## BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ballot Access Committee Chair Bill Redpath had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix K). He provided an oral update to summarize the status of ballot access drives in New York, Illinois, Tennessee, and Ohio. Mr. Redpath requested an executive session for additional material on this agenda item, but there was no objection to postponing the executive session portion to be the final item for the day.

## *REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES*

### HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Historical Preservation Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix L), and she supplemented with an oral report. The LNC took no action.

### SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Van Horn noted that the committee does not presently have a chair, and it has some vacancies which the committee, itself, can fill. Her feeling was that the committee's ideas so far have been met with hostility and resistance from the social media volunteers. The LNC took no action.

## *NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE*

### CREATION OF A BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE

Mr. Vohra moved to create a Blockchain Committee as follows (NOTE: This motion was copied and pasted directly from an email transmission. The grammatical, capitalization, and other errors are from the original source document, and were not transcribed by the Secretary.):

Statement of Purpose This committee is being founded to serve 3 purposes:

1. To research blockchain technology and explore it's potential use and implementation to solve problems or inefficiency within the Libertarian Party and how it conducts business and other party functions.
2. To consult/advise with Bloggers, Podcasters, Crypto-currency project teams members, miners, whales and other related parties to explore how the Libertarian Party can become more attractive to the cryptocurrency/blockchain community.
3. To create and promote cross platform promotion and education of the libertarian party, libertarianism, cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies. Potential examples include having crypto-related speakers at libertarian/ party events, have libertarian party members, including candidates, at crypto-related events, creating a streamlined crypto-training procedure for interested candidates, and more

Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order without details regarding the number of members and the method of appointment.

Mr. Vohra instead moved the original motion with addition that the committee would be appointed by the LNC and would consist of 7 members. He expressed the intent that the committee would be added to the policy manual.

Mr. Goldstein moved to postpone indefinitely. Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Redpath

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, O'Donnell, Marsh, Starchild, Van Horn, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 7-8.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Vohra motion such that it would be an ad hoc committee which would not be created until the next LNC term. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order to impose an ad hoc committee upon the next LNC.

Ms. Harlos instead moved to amend the Vohra motion such that it would be an ad hoc committee rather than a committee added to the policy manual. Ms. Mattson moved to change the terminology in Ms. Harlos' motion to conform to the Robert's Rules terminology by striking "~~ad hoc~~" and instead inserting "special". The Mattson amendment was adopted by a show of hands. The motion to amend the Vohra motion to make it a special committee was adopted by a show of hands with a 12-2 vote total.

The vote on the main motion, as amended was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

Mr. Demarest moved to add an agenda item tomorrow morning to populate the Blockchain Committee immediately following the population of the Awards Committee. There was no objection to the Demarest motion.

## **BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE (CONT)**

Mr. Redpath moved to enter executive session to consider potential legal action related to ballot access, with D. Frank Robinson participating in the session. The motion was adopted by a show of hands. The LNC entered executive session at 5:19 p.m., and at 5:49 p.m. it rose from executive session and adjourned for the day.

The LNC was called back to order on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 9:01 a.m.

## **POSTPONED ITEMS**

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTING**

Starchild moved to postpone election of the remaining Awards Committee members until after the agenda item for the Laura Ebke contribution. The motion failed by a show of hands.

Nominations were opened for the Awards Committee.

Mr. Goldstein nominated the 5 people who had applied in advance, those being: Keith Laube, Michelle MacCutcheon, Darryl Perry, Jennifer "Hap" Werther, and Howard Wetsman

Nominations were closed without objection, and ballots were cast.

Steve Scheetz and Wayne Harlos served as tellers for the ballot tabulation as the LNC continued business.

## CREATE AWARD FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES (continued)

The LNC took up an item which had been postponed from yesterday, a main motion with adhering amendments as follows:

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The main motion was to amend Policy Manual Section 2.02.5 (in part) as follows:

***Patrick Henry Candidate Award*** with recognition of a very effective campaign for public office ~~at the state or federal level~~, while communicating Libertarian ideas, principles, and values.

The primary Hayes amendment was a substitute, to instead amend the policy manual to create a separate award for a local candidate under the Patrick Henry category. (No specific policy manual language was offered.)

The immediately pending Hagan amendment to the substitute was to amend such that it would be to add a new award in Policy Manual Section 2.02.5 as follows:

***Benjamin Franklin Candidate Award*** with recognition of a very effective campaign for public office at the local level, while communicating Libertarian ideas, principles, and values.

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Following debate, the vote on the Hagan amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

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

Abstaining: Goldstein, Sarwark

The Hagan amendment was adopted with a vote total of 8-6, so the primary amendment became a motion to substitute with the Hagan language.

The vote on substitution for the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

The substitution was adopted with a vote total of 9-6, so the Hagan language became the main motion.

Starchild moved to amend to rename the proposed award for local candidates the “Patrick Henry” award and to rename the award for state and federal candidates the “Benjamin Franklin” award. The Starchild amendment failed on a show of hands with a vote total of 4-9.

The vote on the main motion to create a new Benjamin Franklin award was adopted by a show of hands with no opposition. Mr. Redpath inquired, and consensus of the LNC confirmed, that the intent is for the local candidate award to be for any offices below the level of State Assembly.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

With 16 signed ballots cast (see Appendix M for ballot details), the results of the Awards Committee election were as follows:

Keith Laube – 9  
Jennifer “Hap” Werther – 9  
Darryl Perry – 8  
Howard Wetsman – 7  
MJichelle MacCutcheon - 5

Keith Laube and Jennifer “Hap” Werther were elected, each having received a majority vote.

## BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTING

Nominations were opened for election of 7 members to the Blockchain Committee.

Mr. Vohra nominated the following:

Preston Smith  
Arvin Vohra  
Justin O'Donnell  
Alex Merced  
Trent Larson  
Elizabeth Van Horn  
Michael Heise  
David Demarest

Ms. Harlos nominated Angela Fisher-Owens.  
Ms. Bilyeu nominated Matthew Whittington.  
Ms. Bilyeu nominated Joseph Duncan.  
Mr. Hayes nominated Howard Wetsman.  
Ms. Van Horn nominated James Weeks.  
Mr. Demarest nominated Steven Drake.  
Mr. Demarest nominated Zachary Taylor.  
Mr. Vohra nominated Jeff Wood.

Nominations were closed without objection.

Starchild moved to postpone the election indefinitely.

Following debate, the vote to postpone indefinitely was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, Redpath

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Mattson, Van Horn, Vohra

Abstaining: O'Donnell, Sarwark, Starchild

The motion failed with a vote total of 6-7.

Ballots were cast. Steve Scheetz and Wayne Harlos served as tellers for the ballot tabulation as the LNC continued business.

## ***NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT)***

### **CONTRIBUTION TO EBKE CAMPAIGN**

Mr. Hayes moved to allocate up to \$15,000 for the purpose of providing logistical support to the Laura Ebke campaign to be implemented by LNC staff in coordination with the Ebke campaign.

Following debate, Mr. Hagan moved to amend to insert "increase budget line 60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives from \$58,800 to \$68,800 and" at the beginning of the motion before the word "allocate".

Laura Ebke joined by speakerphone to field questions.

Following debate, the Hagan amendment failed by a show of hands with a vote total of 4-10.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting "no": Vohra

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark, Starchild

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

## ***POSTPONED ITEMS (CONT)***

### **BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS**

With 16 signed ballots cast (see Appendix M for ballot details), the results of the Blockchain Committee election were as follows:

Justin O'Donnell – 13  
Howard Wetsman – 13  
Preston Smith – 12  
David Demarest – 11  
Elizabeth Van Horn – 9  
Alex Merced – 9  
Michael Heise – 8  
Arvin Vohra – 6  
Joseph Duncan – 5  
\*Zachary Taylor – 5  
Trent Larson – 4  
Angela Fisher-Owens – 3  
Matthew Whittington – 3  
Steven Drake – 2  
James Weeks – 2



NOTA – 1

\* NOTE: The vote total reported during the meeting for Zachary Taylor was 5. After the meeting adjourned, the Secretary's assembly of the signed ballot details in the Appendix M revealed that Mr. Taylor only received 4 votes. This difference would not change the results of the election.

Justin O'Donnell, Howard Wetsman, Preston Smith, David Demarest, Elizabeth Van Horn, and Alex Merced were elected, each having received a majority vote. One additional position remained unfilled.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to appoint Michael Heise as the seventh member of the Blockchain Committee. The motion was adopted without objection.

## ***NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT)***

### **MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE CHANGES**

Ms. Bilyeu moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.05, subsections 2 (Association Levels) and 4 (Benefits), as shown in Appendix N. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

## ***NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE***

### **AT-LARGE VACANCY**

Dr. Lark moved that Joshua Katz be reappointed to the position of LNC At-Large, and that he be reappointed him to his existing committee assignments, effective at the adjournment of the session. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

### **AUTHORIZATION OF LAWSUITS**

Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.04.2, "Authorization of Lawsuits", as follows:

Prior to the filing of a lawsuit, or the joining of a lawsuit filed in any court, in which the LNC or the national Libertarian Party is proposed to be a named plaintiff, to the preparation and filing of a friend of the court brief, or to providing material (costing in excess of \$1,000) financial support for the litigation, the Chair shall:

- Advise all LNC Members (including alternates) of the proposed lawsuit, its purpose, and its estimated cost;
- Confirm, or seek and obtain approval for, the budgetary authority for the expenses of the lawsuit as provided elsewhere in this Policy Manual; and
- Seek and obtain approval with a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee for participation in the lawsuit.

Starchild moved to further amend the third bullet point to also strike the phrase "~~Executive Committee~~" and instead insert "Libertarian National Committee".

Following debate, the vote on the amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Marsh, O'Donnell, Starchild

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The amendment failed with a vote total of 7-8.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Van Horn

Voting "no": Demarest, Harlos, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Redpath, Sarwark

The main motion was adopted with a vote total of 9-4, which is sufficient to amend something previously adopted without previous notice.

## ADD PAID STAFF

Mr. Demarest moved to increase budget line 45-Compensation from \$495,600 to \$535,600 for a full-time paid staff for special projects work.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Mattson, Sarwark, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-0.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 Representative Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix O) and supplemented with an oral report. She fielded a question.

Region 2 Representative Ed Marsh had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix P) and supplemented with an oral report.

Region 3 Representative Elizabeth Van Horn had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix Q) and supplemented with an oral report.

Region 4 Representative Jeff Hewitt had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix R) and supplemented with an oral report. Mr. Hagan and Ms. Mattson provided additional information.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix S) and supplemented with an oral report. He had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix W) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix X).

Region 6 Representative David Demarest had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix T) and supplemented with an oral report. He fielded questions.

Region 7 Representative Whitney Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix U) and supplemented with an oral report. She fielded questions.

Region 8 Representative Justin O'Donnell had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix V) and supplemented with an oral report.

## *ADJOURNMENT*

Following announcements, the LNC adjourned without objection at 11:20 a.m.

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## Chair's Report - 12/10/17 - 4/15/18

- Spoke at state affiliate conventions in Illinois, Maryland, Colorado, Utah, and Louisiana.
- Met with major donors in person and on the phone to keep them updated on Libertarian Party progress and plans.
- Spoke at Second Amendment rally in Cedar City, Utah (see: <https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2018/04/14/jmr-libertarians-lead-rally-in-cedar-city-in-support-of-second-amendment-gun-rights/> ).
- Gave many media interviews, including Lindsay France, National Public Radio, Tom Sumner, New Mexico Political Report, Keith Hanson, and others.
- Met with potential Libertarian Party candidates and elected officials considering switching to the Libertarian Party.
- Represented the Libertarian Party at the Arizona Freedom Summit.
- Spoke to the Arizona State University Young Americans for Liberty chapter.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases and statements on issues.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including lawsuits, appeals, and amicus briefs.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

## Secretary's Report

For April 21-22, 2018 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on December 9-10, 2017:

- December 9-10, 2017 LNC session – draft minutes were distributed in accordance with LNC policy and were scheduled for auto-approval on January 8, however there was objection to their auto-approval. The LNC approved them during this meeting on April 21, 2018.
- January 16, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on January 31, 2018
- February 2, 2018 LNC videoconference – auto-approved March 3, 2018
- February 24, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on March 11, 2018
- March 21, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on April 5, 2018

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On December 12, 2017, Region 3 filled vacancies by selecting Elizabeth Van Horn as their new region representative and Dustin Nanna as their regional alternate.
- On February 1, 2018, Region 5 Alternate Trent Somes resigned his position. The Secretary was notified on March 6, 2018 that Region 5 filled the vacancy with Steve Scheetz.
- On February 2, 2018, Larry Sharpe resigned as Region 8 Alternate, and on February 9, 2018, Patrick McKnight resigned as Region 8 Representative. The Secretary was notified on March 5, 2018 that Region 8 filled these vacancies with Justin O'Donnell as representative and Alex Merced as the alternate.
- On April 4, 2018 Region 1 Alternate Steve Nielson resigned his position. On April 17, 2018, the region filled this vacancy with Craig Bowden.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On December 23, 2017, Steven Nekhaila was appointed to the APRC to fill the vacancy created by Brett Bittner's resignation.
- On December 27, 2017, Dustin Nanna was appointed to the Ballot Access Committee to fill the vacancy created by Ken Moellman's resignation.
- Elizabeth Van Horn had been serving on the Social Media Process Review Committee in a seat designated for a non-LNC member. When she was appointed to the LNC from Region 3, she became ineligible to serve in that seat. However, Brett Bittner's resignation left a vacancy in an LNC member seat on the Social Media Process Review Committee, and on 01/02/18 Elizabeth Van Horn was appointed to fill that vacancy.
- On January 13, 2018, Trent Somes resigned from the APRC, and on January 24, 2018, Erin Adams was appointed to the APRC to fill the vacancy.
- On January 16, 2018, William Brackeen resigned from the Convention Oversight Committee, and on March 9, 2018 Nick Sarwark appointed Ken Moellman to fill the vacancy.
- On March 7, 2018, Erin Adams was appointed to the Candidate Support Committee to fill the vacancy created by Larry Sharpe's resignation.
- The LNC had appointed five members to the Credentials Committee in August 2017 (Ben Bachrach, Susan Hogarth, Steven Linnabary, Emily Salvette, and David Stewart). Since then, the following appointments have been made by states: Mimi Robson (CA), Boomer Shannon

(CA Alternate), Mike Kane (FL), Mark Potwora (NY), Scott Pettigrew (OH), and Liz Scripser (TX).

- The Platform Committee is now fully populated, the appointment deadline having passed on February 28, 2018. Its full membership is as follows: Andy Craig (LNC), John Fockler (LNC), Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC), Alicia Mattson (LNC), Jeffrey Miron (LNC), Aaron Starr (LNC Alternate), Darryl Perry (NH), Justin O'Donnell (NH Alternate), Carolyn Clift (AK), Cean Stephens (AK Alternate), Mike Seebeck (CO), John Pickerill (CO Alternate), Alex DiBenedetto (NV), Matt Cholko (VA), Aaron Starr (CA), Mimi Robson (CA Alternate), Geoffrey Adams (TX), Tom Knapp (FL), Jim Rosenbeck (NY), Dustin Nanna (OH), Steve Scheetz (PA), Bennett Morris (IL), John Phillips (IL Alternate), Jim Fulner (MI), Elizabeth Van Horn (IN), and M Carling (WA).
- The Candidate Support Committee for this meeting indicates that Mark Miller has resigned his position on that committee.

I have updated the Policy Manual for the changes adopted during the December LNC meeting and the change adopted in a subsequent email ballot.

Per LP Bylaws Article 10.4.a, December 31, 2017 was the date on which sustaining memberships were counted for determining the final delegate allocation component for the 2018 national convention. The component based on the 2016 Presidential vote total had already been determined and distributed. After computing the final delegate allocations, they were distributed prior to the January 31, 2017 deadline set by the bylaws.

As is my habit, I will be distributing a Delegation Chair's Manual to state affiliates to try to preemptively answer many questions that delegation chairs often have about national conventions. The 2018 version is almost completed, and I expect to make it available shortly.

I am assembling the applications of those wishing to serve in the remaining positions on the Awards Committee and will make these packets available to the LNC prior to the meeting.

The following 8 email ballots were completed since the December 9-10, 2017 LNC session:

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Motion 2017-21: to appoint Steven Nekhaila to the APRC

Sponsors: Hagan, Hayes, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 12/13/17

Ended: 12/23/17

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2017-22: to appoint Dustin Nana (Region 3 Alternate) to the Ballot Access Committee

Sponsors: Goldstein, Hayes, Harlos, Van Horn

Started: 12/17/17

Ended: 12/27/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

Express abstention: Starchild

With a final vote tally of 12-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2017-23: to appoint Elizabeth Van Horn to the Social Media Process Review Committee

Sponsors: Mattson, Harlos, Katz, Hagan, Hayes

Started: 12/23/17

Ended: 01/02/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2018-01: to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

1.02.6 Meeting Minutes

[...]

Meeting minutes for LNC electronic meetings or face-to-face meetings involving travel to a single site may be promoted from draft status to official during the time between LNC meetings as follows:

- Draft minutes shall be mailed or emailed to all LNC Members not more than 15 days after each meeting.

- ~~Attendees may submit corrections, clarifications and changes to the draft minutes for the Secretary's consideration for a period of 15 days following the distribution of the draft minutes.~~ Corrections, clarifications, and changes to the draft minutes may be submitted for the Secretary's consideration for a period of 15 days following the distribution of the draft minutes. The Secretary shall distribute an updated version of the draft minutes not later than 7 days following the end of that submission period.

Sponsors: Mattson, Katz, Starchild, Harlos, Hayes

Started: 01/05/18

Ended: 01/15/18

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2018-02: to appoint Erin Adams to the APRC

Sponsors: Harlos, Hayes, Goldstein, Demarest, Bilyeu, Van Horn, Starchild

Started: 01/14/18

Ended: 01/24/18

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 11-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2018-03: to censure LNC Vice Chair Arvin Vohra for repeated public comments which have presented libertarian ideas in an inflammatory and sometimes offensive manner not conducive to Libertarian leaders and candidates for public office winning hearts and minds for those ideas.

Sponsors: Hayes, Hewitt, Demarest, Hagan

Started: 01/20/18

Ended: 01/30/18

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, McKnight

Voting “nay”: Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Starchild\*, Van Horn

With a final vote tally of 6-9, the motion FAILS.

\* The deadline for this vote was 11:59:59 Pacific on 01/30/18. Starchild sent a "no" vote, but it was time-stamped in the email list archive at 6 minutes after the voting deadline. The headers of Starchild's email suggest that the email was sent prior to the deadline. In its meeting on 04/21/18, the LNC decided to count Starchild's vote in the results of this motion.

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Motion 2018-04: to appoint Erin Adams to fill the vacant LNC member position on the Candidate Support Committee

Sponsors: Goldstein, Van Horn, Demarest, Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes

Started: 02/25/18

Ended: 03/07/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 11-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2018-05:

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party holds the non-initiation of force as its cardinal principle and requires each of its members certify that they neither advocate or believe in violent means to achieve political or social goals.

RESOLVED, that the Libertarian National Committee suspends Arvin Vohra from his position of Vice-Chair for sustained and repeated unacceptable conduct that brings the principles of the Libertarian Party into disrepute, including making and defending a statement advocating lethal violence against state employees who are not directly threatening imminent physical harm. Such action is in violation of our membership pledge. These actions further endanger the survival of our movement and the security of all of our members without their consent.

Sponsors: Harlos, Van Horn, Katz, Hayes, Goldstein, Redpath, Hewitt, O'Donnell

Started: 04/02/18

Ended: 04/12/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Mattson, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: Demarest, Lark, Marsh, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

With a final vote tally of 11-6, the motion FAILS to achieve the Bylaws Article 6.7 threshold of 2/3 of the entire National Committee.

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Alicia Mattson  
LNC Secretary

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### Proposed Amendments to December 2017 LNC Minutes

p. 5, "Executive Session"

Mr. Moellman moved to enter into executive session to discuss ballot access staffing matters. ~~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 which passed by a show of hands.

p. 9, "Credentials Committee"

The Credentials Committee is awaiting appointment of an interim Chair. Mr. Hayes moved to appoint Emily Salvette. Ms. Harlos then moved to appoint Susan Hogarth. ~~Starchild objected to the re-appointment of the same persons 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 was adopted without objection.

p. 12, "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 protested continuing without this information.~~ Mr. Moellman moved to adopt the proposed 2018 budget as written. Various LNC members then offered amendments to the proposed budget, as outlined below:

p. 15-16, "Selection of 2020 National Convention Location"

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~~
- ~~• 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 of the factors 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.~~

p. 16-17, "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.

**See the following 10 pages for the Affiliate Development Report**

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# Affiliate Development Specialist 2018 Q1 Report

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By: Andy Burns

My work is focused on providing global support to all affiliates through various systems. This maximizes our resources and impact and at the same time, improves affiliates operational efficiency. While I sometimes do one-on-one support, this is a secondary focus.

## Statistics

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Because we're all about data let's provide some numbers.

### LP National Affiliate Services (States on each system)

Website	CRM	Email	Ticketing
17	15	8	3

## CRM Project Overview

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The project has been gaining momentum as we add more states and integrate their data. 15 states now have access to the CRM (not all have migrated their entire data set). There is a total of 104,377 individual records. The states are at different points on the migration continuum as they work on the checklist.

Our next sub-projects (besides the on boarding of states) are to tackle the user dashboard, a volunteer opportunities directory, and integration of SMS sending. **We really need more attention in regards to funding to take the project to the next-level** and could use some volunteer PHP developers to supplement these efforts.

We have consulted with 3 vendors on the user dashboard and it is safe to estimate a projected cost \$40,000 - \$60,000. A hard quote will be completed no later than May 18th.

Our \$10,000 annual funding is made up of roughly half managed hosting and half development. We have spent the \$5,000 for the dashboard discovery. This means if we run into issues that are irresolvable internally, we will have to tell states that they will have to deal with a short-coming. This has been the case a few times already. This is not a good situation

to be in but we are doing our best on a very modest budget. Ideally, any project budget should have a cushion to work with.

Similarly, development will slow significantly without further investment.

I want to give a special thanks to Ken Moellman in his lead consultant role with the project and to Ryan Waterbury, Ryan Graham and all the State IT Directors and users who have given feedback to shape the system.

## **Why we are doing this, the short version**

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Our path to overall success begins at home. Whether it's growing a local county affiliate, or running a winning local campaign, we must grow the party at the ground level.

This means establishing well-organized county parties nationwide.

However, the Libertarian Party does not have the infrastructure that our opponents do. An honest assessment tells us we are vastly behind in this department. Our national CRM works for national staff but not the entire party. Something more is needed to serve our affiliates and candidates.

For example, many states are using inadequate or obsolete technologies. They often work from spreadsheets. This was sufficient in the 90s, but with expanding datasets this has become an ever-increasing nightmare which often makes our state affiliates less efficient and less effective. Alternatively, each state could spend between \$2,000 and \$12,000 per year to manage their data in a database. However, even this would not guarantee data management success as a database administrator is still needed to make the tool work for them.

Or, the national party could step in and help with economies of scale, and facilitate a larger database that is built for Libertarian leaders and activists and which saves money for affiliates all across the country.

The project will revolutionize how volunteers work. We'll empower them and they'll stick around. We'll cultivate new members and volunteers because we'll be empowering more

people to do the work. . We'll help Libertarians nationwide to organize locally, collect signatures more efficiently, and better targeting with our messaging because we'll have the data to do it.

Overall, we have assembled the right ingredients to make this project a success. The missing ingredient is the proper funding commensurate with the benefits it will deliver.

## **Benefits**

### **Time saver for volunteers**

Volunteers are able to focus on outreach and leave behind the worries of back office operations and overly technical administration. The system just works.

### **Grow membership**

States actively have the most current data on hand and it's put in the hands of the right volunteers locally to effectively engage new members

### **Empower volunteers and build community**

When we provide tools that allow volunteers to make a difference, we empower them to advance the cause of liberty

### **Effective GOTV Outreach**

During those critical last days, GOTV efforts can determine who wins on election day

### **Increase turnout at events**

The start of a great campaign begins with face to face conversations; building the team necessary to effectively carry the libertarian message

### **Greater synergy for entire party**

Long-term, national and states leverage each other's efforts by using a cohesive, integrated system

# Testimonials

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## **Stephen Wait - LP Arkansas (Treasurer)**

*"The CRM has already been extremely helpful by allowing us to generate reports showing current members, donors, volunteers, and event participants. What formerly took a lot of time to compile can now be done with a few clicks of the mouse."*

## **Ryan Graham - LP Georgia (Vice-Chair)**

*"With the implementation of the shared hosting and email functionality provided by national affiliate support, LP Georgia is estimated to save nearly \$2,400 on platform costs for this year, and an additional \$400 in payment processing fees. The tools provided are going to enable Georgia to get more done while saving money, allowing us to put funds into projects more directly related to our mission."*

## **Jason Brandenburg - LP Michigan (Treasurer)**

*"This tool has saved me a lot of time and is a snap to use. The interface is easy to learn and the results are instant. Great upgrade for membership data management!"*

## **Andrew Kolstee - LP New York (Communications Director)**

*"While we have not yet completely have our data feeding into one place, it is making it easier to keep track of volunteers/donors/prospects to reach out to. Integrations with forms on our website are both visually appealing and not only send data to who collects the submissions, but it also stores them in one place instead of getting lost whenever we have new people taking the positions....we would certainly benefit from a user-friendly interface so I can train people to use it (without being tech-savvy). I would hate to have a dedicated volunteer make 1,000 phone calls over the course of several months only to lose whatever information he learned when someone took over his position.. "*

# User Dashboard

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We have contracted with a web development firm that specializes in our Wordpress and CiviCRM configuration. Their work is centered around a user dashboard that will permission users so that any volunteer in the nation can get proper access to their data and start connecting and organizing to build the grassroots force needed to run a party and campaign.

## Key Points

- Minimal training (less than 10 minutes), the first time a volunteer gets active it will be a positive experience
- We present them the data they need and not the rest that would get in the way or be of privacy concerns
- Enable any county in the nation to better organize
- A foundation to a call center system and email segmentation
- The National admin, state admin, state leader, county leader, county volunteer roles have a symbiotic relationship to getting volunteer work done

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Phone	Email	City	County	Last Phone Call	Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Livingston	745-650-2160	barrywhite@gmail.com	Little Rock	Pulaski	October 31st, 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Stone	745-650-4580	kstone@yahoo.com	Roland	Pulaski	June 2nd, 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Wrigley	745-260-1059	jwrigley@hotmail.com	Maumelle	Pulaski	November 1st, 2016	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Edwards	-	ronedwards@gmail.com	Jacksonville	Pulaski	-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Jacobs	612-462-2074	ashleyj12@gmail.com	-	-	August 16th, 2015	

**Kelly Stone**

**Phone** 745-650-4580  
**Email** kelly.stone@yahoo.com  
**Address** 740 Willow St  
Little Rock, AR 72211

**Age** 32  
**Gender** Female  
**Privacy** Do Not Mail  
**Email Subscription** Yes

**Msg From State Party** | **Msg From National LP**  
Don't forget to mention that Mark West for Governor needs help petitioning to get on the ballot. Go to [lpar.org/MarkWest](http://lpar.org/MarkWest) to sign up.

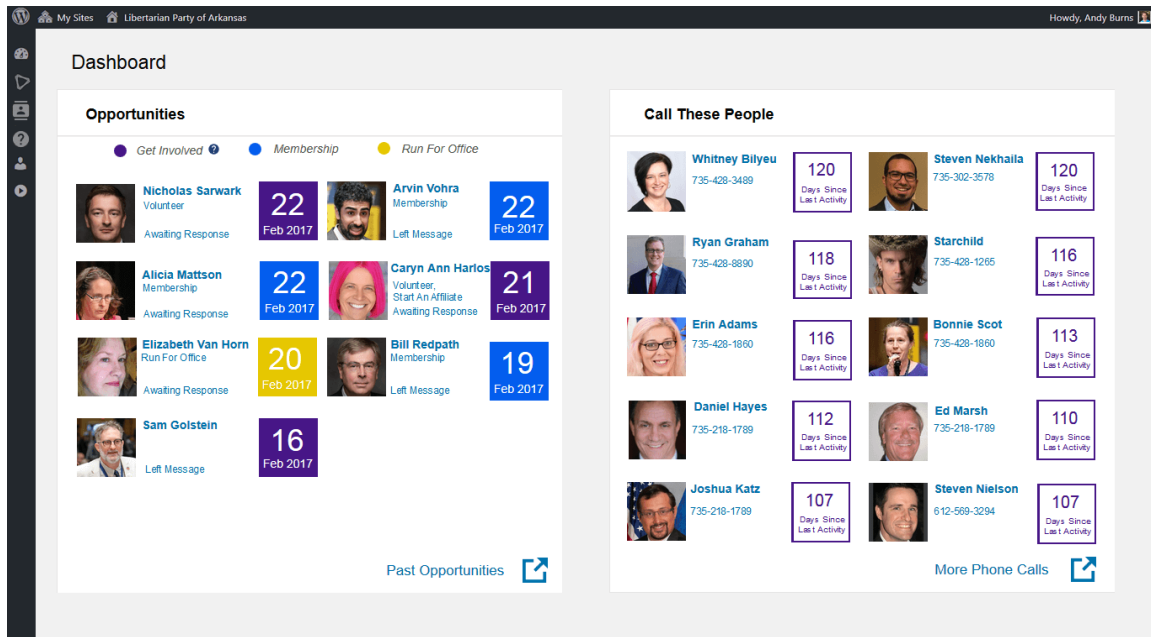
**Log Your Call** | **Last Phone Call** March 14, 2017

Subject  
type your call notes here

**Call Result** **Save Call**

**Activities Log**

Date	Type	Subject	Added By	Assigned By	Notes
14 Mar 2017	Phone Call	State Convention Reminder	Christopher Olson	Michael Pakko	Said he attended in 2016 for presidential race. Will come if work allows.
2 Jan 2017	Volunteer	Petition for ballot access	Stephen Wait		



## Searches counties would do

- Registered Libertarians who are not members
- Registered Libertarians who are not volunteers
- Inquires without membership
- Volunteers without any volunteer activity
- Volunteers without any volunteer activity within 6 months
- Volunteers with a volunteer activity within 3 months but not a member
- Party preference is Libertarian but not registered L
- Party preference is unaffiliated

There was a 2 month delay in execution of the contract due to not having the full amount ready to do the dashboard discovery. We signed this recently, and now we are currently in the discovery phase (\$5,000) and we will have this phase done no later than May 18th which will deliver specifications, build requirements and a total cost to complete. The ensures that the build phase goes as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Proper planning = proper execution.

For some background, we have consulted with 3 vendors on the user dashboard specifically and it is **safe to estimate a projected cost \$40,000 - \$60,000.**



# MISC Regarding CRM

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## Fundraiser

We initiated a 2 week fundraising drive in March. National sent out 1 email and 2 states sent out an email to their supporters. Many thanks to Daniel Hayes for his instrumental work in leading this.

We raised \$6,580 from 75 contributors.

## Data Dumps

States have typically under-used the data dump national provides to states. It was only in the hands of a few and would rarely make it to the grassroots. Now, we are on the path to getting this in the right volunteers hands. Imports from national are done on a monthly basis. All other data automatically goes into the CRM. One other imported data source we are likely to use is the Aristotle registered L list. Once this project matures, we intend to expand it to the Unaffiliated / Independent voters.

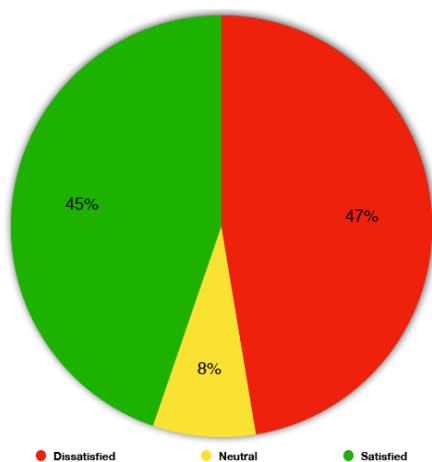
## Support Wiki

We have created a support wiki for all IT Services at [helpdesk.lp.org](http://helpdesk.lp.org). LPAction.org serves as a public-facing knowledgebase.

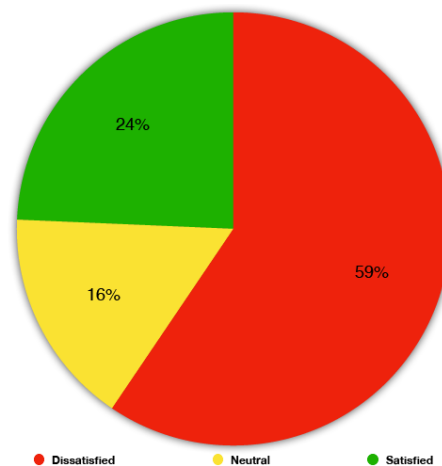
# Survey About Volunteer Management

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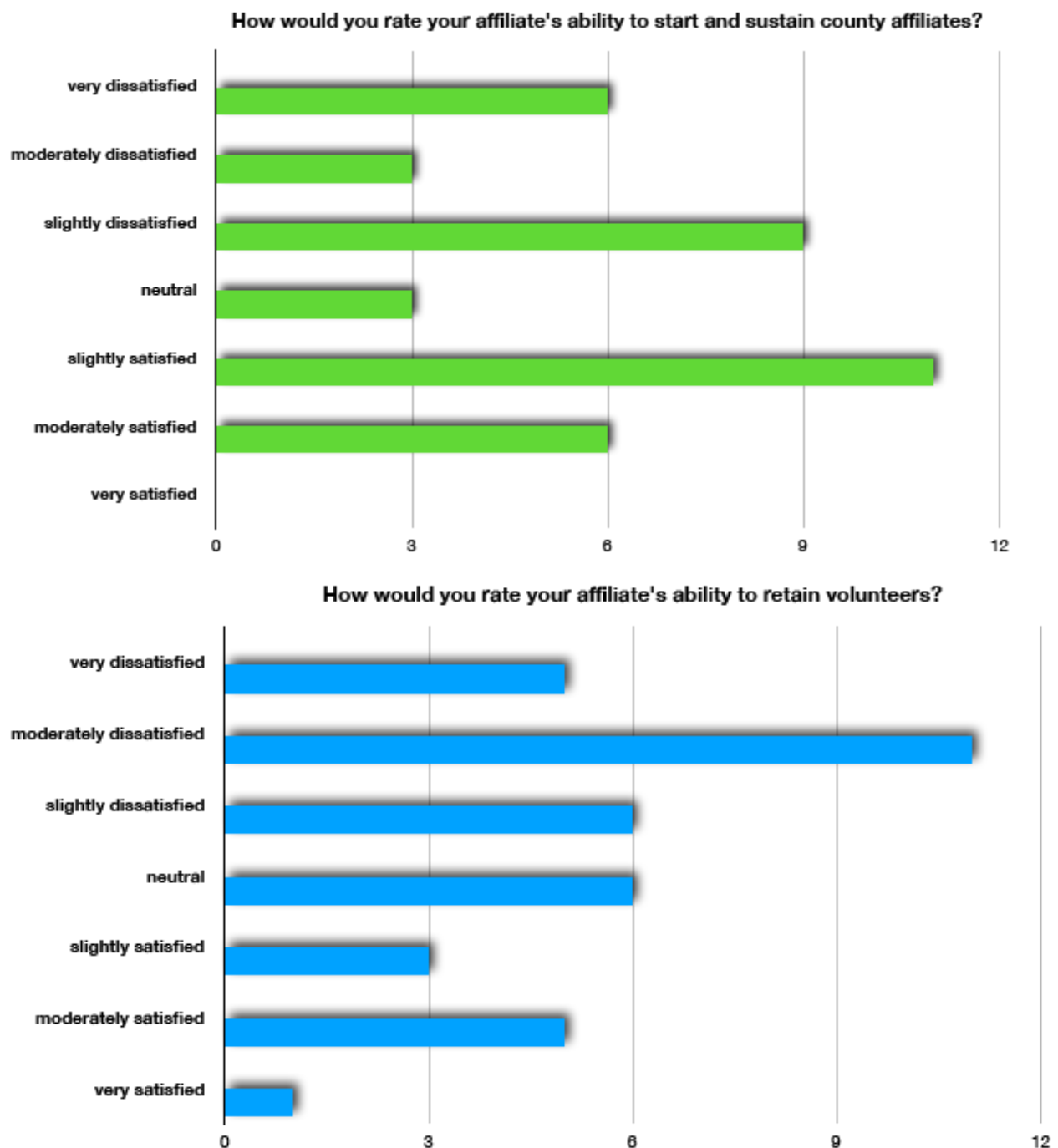
How would you rate your affiliate's ability to start and sustain county affiliates?



How would you rate your affiliate's ability to retain volunteers?



We conducted a survey that had 34 responses mainly from state affiliates and some county affiliate leaders that was two-part, one for current CRM Project users and one for any state and county affiliate leader / volunteer. Out of the volunteer portion we found that affiliates are split with county affiliate sustainability but the larger issue is with volunteer retention at 59% dissatisfaction. This is why a CRM to manage volunteer relationships is so important. More granular representation is below.



# Connecting Volunteers to Campaigns

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We have begun testing of a volunteer opportunities directory. This would show all campaign volunteer opportunities which helps states and campaigns recruit, manage and track volunteers. This is vital to storing this information in the CRM so state and county volunteers can do searches like these:

- Tell me who has petitioned in [state] within the last 2 years
- Tell me who has phone banked in [state] within 6 months
- Tell me who has canvassed in [county] within 3 months
- Tell me who has worked at an outreach booth in [county] within 2 years
- Tell me who has validated petition signatures in [state] within 4 years
- Tell me who has helped with back-office work in [state] like snail-mailings, data cleanup within 1 year

This directory would integrate within a state's website calendar and show as a national directory in list and map form. We are likely to have it 80% there, however some funding would be helpful to ensure it happens and we avoid cumbersome workarounds. I find this to be one of the next critical components to getting people active locally and turning around our issues with volunteer management.

## Migrating States Data

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The most intensive part of this work is sorting out a states existing data situation. Some are okay but most have many excel spreadsheets and we have to sort through how data was acquired in the first place. We also work to import their payment processor(s) contribution history.

For example for Virginia, it may take 8 hours to properly piece together their data so it is ready for import. Many thanks to Ken Moellman on this front in helping Virginia take their 30,000 records and 6 data sources and compiling them together.

# Ticketing System

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Ken Moellman implemented a ticketing system for internal requests. This can be used for any division in a state party (IT, communications, field development, graphic design and so on). Additionally, it facilitates the escalation and communication between party units. For example if LP New York has an issue that needs to go to LP National they can simply re-assign the ticket.

Another benefit is that tasks don't get lost in the deluge of emails and there is clarity on who is responsible for what.

- LP IT Helpdesk
- LP Affiliate Support
- LP Affiliate Support / Graphic Design
- LPKY IT Helpdesk
- LPO IT Helpdesk
- LPNY IT Helpdesk

We will more actively promote this service once a few customizations are done. This service costs \$60/yr (hosting).

I have attempted to steer affiliate support request to this system, though I still process support through my individual email at times.

Since 1/1/2018, affiliate support has received **99 ticket requests** and resolved **92** of those.

**See the following 3 pages for the Development Report**

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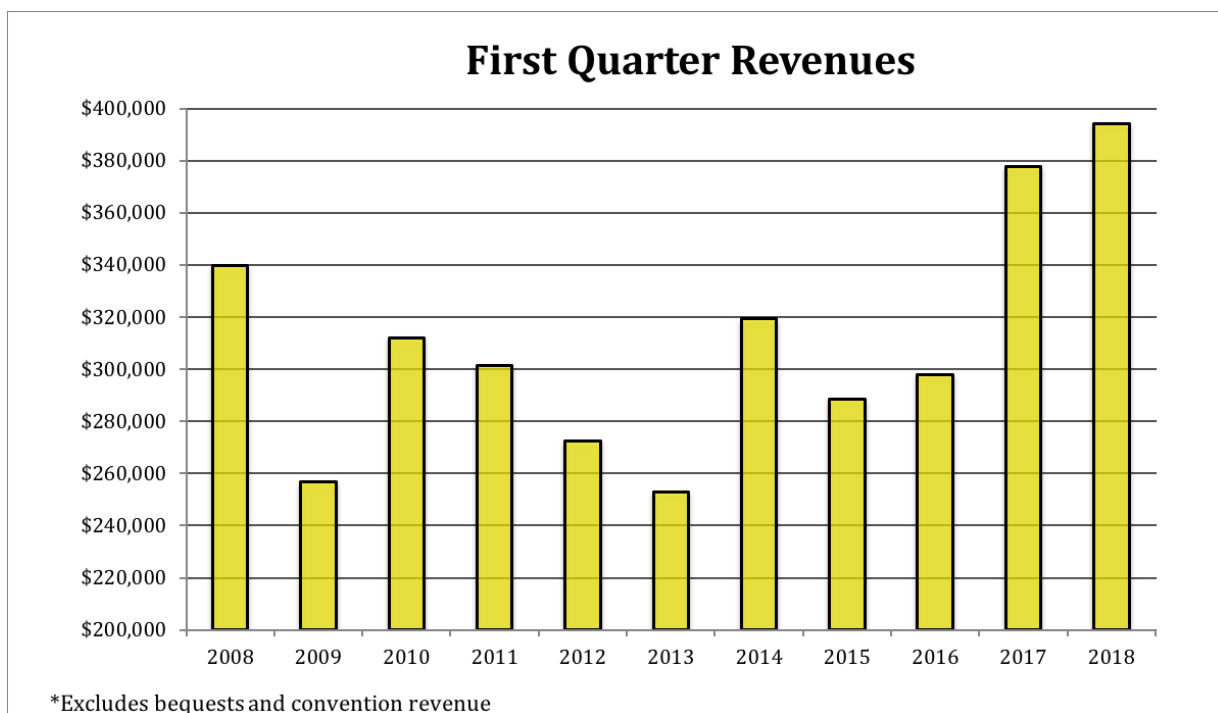
Lauren Daugherty, Head of Development

April 2018

At the beginning of this year, I set a goal that we'd have the best first quarter revenues in 10 years. I knew this was ambitious because the first quarter of 2017 was so solid and this year we'd be fundraising for the national convention simultaneously. (Note: I don't include convention revenues or bequest payments in these quarterly comparisons.)

Thanks to the hard work of our team and the generous support of so many members and donors, we achieved that goal and also my next one of beating the 2005 first quarter revenues.

So, this year, we had the best first quarter going back to 2004.



We surpassed the 10-year-average by 31% and the average of the last 5 even-numbered years by 28%.

I have been told that the Unified Membership Program phased out around 2004-2005 and that if we could compare our current membership program more equally to that one, our current numbers would probably exceed those going even further back. (Under the Unified Membership Program state parties received half of the membership dues given to the national party. Thus, the larger revenue numbers from that time-period are not on equal terms with recent years.)

We continue to work with the Convention Oversight Committee on fundraising for the convention. This is going very well.

This year, 10 weeks out we have sold 482 packages. For perspective, in 2014, 10 weeks out we had sold 59 and total we sold 434. In 2016, 10 weeks out we had sold 431 and total we sold 997.

This year, our convention revenue 10 weeks out is \$187k. In 2014, our total convention revenue excluding the banquet was \$114k. (Including the banquet it was \$137k.) In 2016, our total convention revenue excluding the banquet was \$290k. (Including the banquet it was \$396k.)

In this second quarter I expect our fundraising team will work even more closely with the Convention Oversight Committee as we finalize details on critical elements of the convention that relate to fundraising, such as the gala.

We continue slowly rolling out select, new items in LP Store. The LNC expanded LP Store's budget for this year and that helps facilitate this.

Our newest item is a black shirt that features a stylized snake and the famous "Don't tread on me" statement. Within a few days of launch, this shirt was mentioned in *The Washington Times*...a rare occurrence for any shirt.

*Libertarians have also gone into feisty campaign mode, borrowing the "Don't Tread On Me" motto from the tea party and splashing it across classy T-shirts, complete with signature snake graphic and "1776" front and center.*

We are promoting this shirt as one of our monthly membership promotions. Here is an example of a post on the national party's Instagram account:



Over the last few months, Jess has attended several state conventions on behalf of the national party. At these, she signs up members and builds relationships with members and donors. She's been very well received at these conventions and members and donors have commented about how happy they are to have a representative from the national party in attendance. Caryn Ann has also been attending state conventions and signing up members. Her expenses for one convention were reimbursed by the national party but she has funded the rest of her travel herself. We have coordinated booking so that Jess and Caryn Ann are not overlapping and attending the same conventions. I think this has been productive for short-term membership growth and also for longer-term relationship building that retains members and encourages them to upgrade their giving.

Much of our fundraising success in 2017 and now in 2018 has been because of upgraded giving. Our members and donors have appreciated the increased attention and communication we have been giving them and they respond favorably and generously.

This goes beyond attending events, updating donors, and so on. We have upgraded multiple systems and forms of outreach.

One example is the processing of our in-coming and out-going mail. Mat Thexton processes the mail that comes in at LPHQ and sends out the appropriate membership cards, LP Store items, thank you notes, and more. He has an eye for detail and does an excellent job at making sure what we are sending to our members and donors looks polished and is accurate. His quality work plays a very important role in keeping our members and donors happy.

Another example is prompt replies to inquiries, complaints, or comments from members and donors. Jess monitors the [info@lp.org](mailto:info@lp.org) email address and gives a prompt, polite, and productive response to people who contact us. Some weeks this takes up a great deal of her time but it is important. Often addressing people's concerns this way helps them to be more likely to renew or increase their giving later.

This responsiveness and attention to detail really affects how people view our organization and thus their willingness to be a part of it as a member/donor, or otherwise. We continuously upgrade and finesse as time allows.

In this next quarter, we'll focus a lot of our time on preparing for the national convention. We want it to be a major success for fundraising both in the short term and long term. It is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with our donors and members and encourage them to increase their commitment to the party through many different avenues including monthly pledging, planned giving, and more. The seeds we plant at the convention can have a significant influence on our fundraising for months and even years afterwards.



**See the following 4 pages for the Special Counsel's Report**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Libertarian National Committee

**FROM:** Oliver Hall

**DATE:** April 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Special Counsel's Report

### **Introduction**

This report summarizes my work as Special Counsel to the Libertarian National Committee since I last submitted a report on December 9, 2018. The report is a privileged attorney-client communication, but only relates facts, and not legal advice. As such, it may be appropriate for sharing with a wider audience, including members of the Libertarian Party, at your discretion.

### **General**

As Special Counsel to the LNC, I have reviewed documents and correspondence, responded to questions, and provided legal advice and services on a variety of matters as needed or requested. In particular, I researched and resolved queries relating to several litigation proposals that the LNC received; the legal issues relating to a disciplinary complaint filed against an LNC officer, and my investigation thereof; and the legal issues relating to a school's denial of a Libertarian student group's effort to organize itself on campus.

I also provided the following services:

- Negotiated with bank and prepared materials to establish escrow accounts for deceased donor's bequest;
- Researched factual and legal issues regarding Delaware state party's status and consulted with LNC officers and executive director to develop and execute LNC's response;
- Coordinated the Chair's response to media inquiries relating to pending litigation;
- Reviewed and evaluated proposed litigation challenging the size of the U.S. House and communicated with plaintiff's counsel;
- Researched issues and evidence and provided legal analysis and recommendations relating to disciplinary complaint filed against LNC officer;
- Coordinated effort to secure inclusion of Pennsylvania Libertarian candidate for U.S. House in televised debate, including preparation of demand letter;
- Reviewed FEC complaint filed against Florida state party and provided legal analysis and recommendations.

Additionally, I provided litigation assistance or reviewed and approved filings in the

following actions involving the LNC or a state party affiliate:

- *Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday*: reviewed and provided comments on draft of LNC's opening brief on appeal to 6th Circuit;
- *Cowen v. Kemp*, No. 1:17-cv-04660 (N.D. Ga. Nov. 21, 2017): coordinated with counsel for Georgia state party affiliate regarding request for evidence;
- *Ryan Frazier and Libertarian Party of Colorado v. Williams*, No. 171196 (Sept. 11, 2017): coordinated preparation and filing of amicus brief in support of petition for certiorari;
- *Challenge of Susan Thibedeau against Primary Nomination Petitions of Cody R. Blackburn*: conducted legal research and consultation on behalf of pro bono attorney John Branson in successful defense of Maine state legislative candidate's primary election nomination petitions;

Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: hotel for 2020 party convention; Tennessee petition drive contractor; Ohio petition drive contractor; and Fidelity Vanguard 401k agreement.

### **Litigation**

*Arizona Libertarian Party v. Reagan*, No. 2:16-cv-01019 (D. Ariz. April 12, 2016), No. 17-16491 (9th Cir. July 21, 2017): This case challenges Arizona's newly enacted law that drastically increased signature requirements for Libertarian Party candidates seeking access to AZLP's primary ballot. It requests declaratory and injunctive relief. The Plaintiffs sought preliminary relief in time for the 2016 election, which was denied. Thereafter, the parties conducted discovery and filed cross-motions for summary judgment. On July 10, 2017, the District Court granted summary judgment to the state. The Plaintiffs have appealed to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit and briefing on the appeal was completed in April 2018. Oral argument is likely to follow in early summer. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

*Constitution Party of Pa. v. Cortes* – On July 23, 2015, the federal district court in Philadelphia held that Pennsylvania's ballot access scheme for minor parties is unconstitutional as applied. Specifically, the court held that 25 P.S. § 2911(b), the provision that requires minor parties to submit nomination petitions containing a specified number of signatures, and 25 P.S. § 2937, the provision that authorizes private parties to challenge the sufficiency of those nomination petitions, are unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiffs, including the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. The defendants are the Pennsylvania elections officials charged with enforcing the provisions. They appealed the district court decision to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The Third Circuit affirmed on June 2, 2016. On July 1, 2016, the District Court entered an order significantly lowering the signature requirements for minor party nomination petitions, and enjoining the assessment of costs against candidates who defend their nomination petitions when challenged pursuant to Section 2937. However, the Court also imposed county-based

signature distribution requirements, which are likely unconstitutional under *Moore v. Ogilvie*, 394 U.S. 814 (1969). We therefore appealed this limited aspect of the Court's order. The Third Circuit once again ruled in our favor on March 9, 2017, vacating the District Court's order and remanding for further proceedings. On remand, the District Court agreed to our proposal that it delete the county-based signature requirements from its July 1, 2016 order, but otherwise leave that order unchanged. The District Court did so, entering a new order to that effect on February 1, 2018. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

*Cowen v. Kemp*, No. 1:17-cv-04660 (N.D. Ga. Nov. 21, 2017) – This case challenges the Georgia law requiring that candidates for U.S. House submit nomination petitions with signatures equal in number to 5 percent of the registered voters in the last election. No candidate has ever complied with that requirement since the law was enacted in 1943. Plaintiffs are individual voters and the Libertarian Party of Georgia. The Defendant filed an Answer to the Complaint in February 2018, and the parties are currently taking discovery. Discovery ends July 9, 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel is Brian Sells: (404) 480-4212; [bryan@bryansellsllaw.com](mailto:bryan@bryansellsllaw.com).

*Gary Johnson v. Commission on Presidential Debates*, No. 1:15cv-1580 (D.D.C.) – This case was filed on September 28, 2015, and asserts antitrust claims under the Sherman and Clayton Acts. It asserts that the Commission on Presidential Debates is a commercial enterprise and is prohibited from holding debates and excluding all but the major party candidates. The Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which was granted in August. The Plaintiffs appealed to the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, No. 16-7107, and that Court affirmed on August 29, 2017. The Supreme Court denied certiorari on February 20, 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel is Bruce Fein: (202) 465-8727; [bruce@feinpoints.com](mailto:bruce@feinpoints.com).

*Level the Playing Field v. Federal Election Committee*, No. 1-15-cv-01397: This case challenges the FEC's failure to act upon, and constructive denial of, an administrative complaint against the Commission on Presidential Debates. On February 1, 2017, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and denied Defendant's motion. The Court remanded the case to the FEC with instructions to reconsider the evidence and allegations and issue a new opinion within 60 days. The Court also ordered the FEC to reconsider Plaintiffs' petition for rulemaking and enter a new decision within 60 days. In March 2017, the FEC issued a new decision that upheld its prior position. The case is now back before the District Court, and the Plaintiffs have filed a supplemental complaint. The parties have filed cross-motions for summary judgment, and briefing was completed on the motions in November 2017. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alexandra Shapiro, Shapiro Arato LLP: [ashapiro@shapiroarato.com](mailto:ashapiro@shapiroarato.com); 212-257-4881.

*Libertarian National Committee v. Federal Election Committee*, No. 16-cv-0121: This case challenges the FEC's treatment of a bequest from Joseph Shaber, deceased, to the LNC, which imposes an annual limit on the amount of the bequest that may be distributed to the LNC. The FEC filed a motion to dismiss, which the Court denied on January 3, 2017. The parties have taken discovery. In September 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting that the District Court

certify certain questions of law to the D.C. Circuit for decision. In October 2017, the FEC filed a new motion to dismiss. Both motions are currently pending. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alan Gura, Gura & Possessky: [alan@gurapossessky.com](mailto:alan@gurapossessky.com); 703.835.9085.

*Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday*, No. 3:14-cv-00063 (E.D. Ky.), No. 17-6216 (6th Cir. Oct. 29, 2017) – This case challenges a debate requirement limiting participation to candidates with “a realistic chance of winning” the election. It also requires that the candidate have raised at least \$100,000 for the campaign. On October 11, 2014, the District Court denied the plaintiff candidate injunctive relief that would permit him to participate in the debate. In September 2015, the judge ordered that there be a trial, and the state answered the Complaint. On September 29, 2017, the Court entered an order granting the Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Plaintiffs' appeal is now pending before the 6th Circuit. Briefing was completed on the appeal in March 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel was Chris Wiest: [chris@cwiestlaw.com](mailto:chris@cwiestlaw.com); 859-486-6850. Robert Winter is counsel of record on appeal: [robertawinterjr@gmail.com](mailto:robertawinterjr@gmail.com).

### **Conclusion**

I look forward to discussing this report with the LNC during its next meeting. Should you have questions or need further information prior to that time, please contact me at 617-953-0161 or [oliverbhall@gmail.com](mailto:oliverbhall@gmail.com).

## 2018 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 17, 2018

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Member, 2018 Awards Committee

The members of the 2018 Awards Committee are Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, and Jim Lark; these members were elected by the LNC during the December 2017 meeting. It is likely two additional members will be elected during the upcoming LNC meeting in Denver.

An article soliciting nominations for the 2018 awards appeared on LP.org on Mar. 30; the article is available at [www.lp.org/call-nominations-2018-libertarian-party-awards/](http://www.lp.org/call-nominations-2018-libertarian-party-awards/). A similar article will appear in the next issue of *LP News*. In addition, solicitations for nominations will be sent to the LP e-mail list; such a solicitation was sent on Apr. 12.

Submissions should be sent to [Awards@LP.org](mailto:Awards@LP.org). The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 31. Please note that the committee has already received several nominations.

Two awards ceremonies are scheduled to take place during the LP national convention. At this moment we are uncertain of the dates and times for the ceremonies.

**APPENDIX: Libertarian Party national award recipients and Hall of Liberty members**

1996:

Samuel Adams Award: Don Ernsberger  
Thomas Paine Award: Jacob Hornberger  
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Nolan

1998:

Samuel Adams Award: Steve Dasbach  
Thomas Paine Award: Harry Browne  
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Bergland

2000:

Samuel Adams Award: Richard Rider  
Thomas Paine Award: Michael Cloud  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ed Clark

2002:

Samuel Adams Award: Bruce Baechler  
Thomas Paine Award: Richard Pearl  
Thomas Jefferson Award: John Perry

2004:

Samuel Adams Award: Jim Lark  
Thomas Paine Award: Mary Ruwart  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ron Crickenberger

2006:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Badnarik  
Thomas Paine Award: John Stossel  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Harry Browne

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Samuel Adams Award: Bill Hall  
Thomas Paine Award: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark

2010:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler  
Thomas Paine Award: Rex Bell  
Thomas Jefferson Award: Bill Redpath

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Patrick Henry Award: Lex Green, Travis Irvine  
Samuel Adams Award: Clyde Garland  
Thomas Paine Award: Jim Lark

Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris

Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

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Patrick Henry Award: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

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## Candidate Support Committee

Denver LNC Meeting Report

April 21-22, 2018

Sam Goldstein, Chair  
Erin Adams  
Tim Hagan  
Caryn Ann Harlos  
Jeff Hewitt  
Jim Turney

Since its inception the Candidate Support Committee has undergone several personnel changes with the current membership in place since early 2018. There is one non-LNC vacancy on the Committee that has not been filled since the resignation of Mark Miller.

The Committee has met several times by teleconference and videoconference and is now ready to complete its original assigned task of proposing a set of criteria for LNC financial contributions to LP Candidates' campaigns.

The first motion below presents those 11 criteria the Committee members feel to be the minimum for a candidate nominated by her/his local or state party and who will appear on the ballot either under the Libertarian Party name or in a non-partisan race. With one exception the criteria were approved without objection. #11 had strong objections from one committee member and some reservations by others and the Committee asks the LNC for guidance as to its inclusion.

With the adoption of a set of criteria for Candidate funding by the LNC the original primary task of the CSC will be completed. Therefore the Committee makes a second motion to change the scope of the Committee's duties so that it may become an asset for the ongoing support of candidates beyond the bounds of financial contributions.

I want to thank the Committee for its hard work over the past several months and especially former LNC Chair Jim Turney for writing the initial version of Motion 1. Taking the ramblings of several members and translating them into a workable document was no easy task.

Live Free,

Sam Goldstein  
CSC Chair

## Candidate Support Committee Motion 1

The Candidate Support Committee moves to amend the Policy Manual (Section 2.08 Sub 1) by replacing all wording below “The Party may financially support the candidacies of persons who meet the following requirements:” with the following:

- 1 - The requested contribution from the LNC is legal
- 2 - The candidate is a paid-up member of the national LP & state affiliate
- 3 – The candidate is legally qualified to hold the office & if partisan party registration is available, must be registered as Libertarian, and not registered with any other Party
- 4 - The candidate must have a professional quality website and email address under a campaign-related domain name
- 5 - The candidate has professional quality photos, especially a headshot and at least a one-minute video with audio of the candidate speaking
- 6 – The candidate must have a dedicated campaign manager & a dedicated campaign treasurer
- 7 - The candidate must use the word "Libertarian" in campaign if allowed by law
- 8 - The candidate must have already raised more contributions than requested of the LNC
- 9 – The candidate has a written campaign plan with justifiable and quantifiable expected results (votes, recruits, money, media, etc)
- 10 – The candidate will sign any national Party pledges (<https://www.lp.org/candidate-pledges/>) relevant to their race and will follow the national Party Platform or clearly distinguish where their views differ
- 11 – The candidate will cooperate with potential background check: full resumé, arrest history, explain any association with controversial social or political advocacy groups especially violence advocacy

## Candidate Support Committee Motion 2

The Candidate Support Committee moves to amend the Policy Manual (Section 2.02 Sub 6) by replacing it entirely with the following:

The Candidate Support Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party candidates for public office an application for LNC financial support based on current standards approved by the LNC. The Committee will also review applications and make recommendations to the LNC on their merits.

The Committee will also will review the standards within the first three months of a new LNC term and report any needed changes to the LNC for approval no later than the second LNC meeting of the term.

The Candidate Support Committee will develop, with support of LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff both on-line and to be presented LP training workshops. The Committee will also aid LNC Staff in the development of various campaign templates for websites, printed materials, etc that will be made available to LP candidates at little or no cost.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 17, 2018

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, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath. Mr. Katz and Dr. Lark 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. Mr. Redpath was elected during the LNC meeting in December 2017.

Based upon feedback received from LPHQ staff and LNC special counsel Oliver Hall, the EPCC continues to consider ways to improve the proposed “Whistleblower Protection” and “Document Retention” policies. The EPCC had hoped to provide revised proposals for consideration by the LNC before Mar. 31; however, the committee has not finished the preparation of those proposals.

**IT Committee Report  
April 20, 2018  
Reported by Sean O'Toole**

Since our last report, the IT Committee has stepped back from hands-on development of its own specific projects and has instead concentrated on aiding Andy Burns in his efforts to deliver the State CRM project. Mr. Burns' report provides a thorough overview of that progress so we shall not offer an overview here.

Discussion has begun on the topic of presenting the State CRM at the National Convention this summer. The Committee, along with Mr. Burns, will operate a booth off of the convention floor for the purpose of promoting the State CRM, state affiliate website hosting (Wordpress), and state affiliate email services. Our goal is to spread awareness of the three projects and encourage state affiliates to utilize our services.

As of now, 17 states are using our website hosting platform, 15 states are using the State CRM, and 8 states are using our email services.

Finally, we have moved all IT service requests to a ticketing system that alerts select members of the IT Committee, staff and volunteers.

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

Aurora, Colorado

April 21-22, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

The following memo addresses ongoing petition drives and petitioning opportunities for the LNC in 2018.

The Ballot Access Committee (“BAC”) currently consists of Ed Marsh, Dustin Nanna, Mark Axinn, Richard Winger and me. I want to thank all the BAC members for their work on this committee and input into this written report and any oral report that I will deliver in Aurora. I will likely have updates at this LNC meeting.

I will be using the vernacular “Gross” and “Net” to describe “Total” and “Valid” signatures, respectively.

We currently have ballot access for statewide office in 2018 in the following 40 states: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT (US Senate + one US House district only + two CT House districts), DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MA (5,000 sig primary petition for Dan Fishman is ongoing with a deadline in May), MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NV, NM, NC, ND, OK, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, VT, WV, WI & WY.

We currently have three ongoing petition drives that involve LNC expenditures: OH, TN & IL, which I will address momentarily.

The NY petition drive is for a six week period (July 10-August 20). The LPNY needs 15,000 net sigs to place its statewide candidates on the ballot. If the LPNY candidate for Governor earns at least 50,000 votes, the LPNY will be a recognized political party in New York State through the November 2022 general election, which means no petition drive would be necessary in 2020.

The LPNY stated that it would likely need \$45,000 of outside funds for a successful petition drive. Michael Chastain has very generously offered a \$10,000 contribution to the LPNY petition drive, which means that the LPNY request to the LNC will be reduced to \$35,000. Funds for the LPNY petition drive have not yet been encumbered by the Executive Committee.

The Ballot Access Committee unanimously recommends that the EC encumber \$35,000 for the LPNY petition drive.

Now, the ongoing drives:

OH: Party petition deadline is Thursday, July 5, although we want to turn in as soon as possible, as long as we are highly confident that we have enough valid signatures. Only one sig turn in is allowed. Net sigs needed: 54,965.

As of April 11, the LPOH had 87,977 gross sigs. Of that, according to its 100% validity check, were 54,075 net sigs (for a 61.46% validity rate). However, signatures are “melting,” given that if someone signs with their then current address but later moves and changes their voter registration address before our petition turn-in, their signature is ruled invalid. (As an aside, I wonder about the constitutionality of such a law or rule, but I won’t address that further here.) Also, on a long petition drive (and this started in November 2016), there are going to be some duplicate sigs, which I do not think have been accounted for in the 61.46% validity rate.

Given the recent problems that the LPOH has had with another political party (that shall go nameless), the BAC thinks we need to go in with what we think are AT LEAST 60,000 net sigs (and maybe more). Given the validity rate to date, 5,925 more net sigs would mean that at least 9,640 more gross sigs need to be gathered.

We are working on recruiting more paid petitioners there.

Also, Primary Day in Ohio is Tuesday, May 8. We are organizing a special petitioning effort, consisting mainly of volunteers. Of course, the success of this effort will be highly dependent on weather conditions in Ohio that day, as precipitation and outdoor petitioning are mutually exclusive.

We will be asking not just Ohio LP members, but LP members from contiguous states to go to Ohio to petition on Primary Day. Wes Benedict and I are trying to put a group together to drive from the Washington, DC area to someplace in eastern Ohio to petition at large polling places on May 8.

Further commentary from Ken Moellman, who has been the Ohio petition drive manager, follows:

Short version: We have about \$40k to go from today to hit the 21%-over number, at which point we should be safe. Anything less is likely to be challenged in Republican-heavy courts. They spent \$600,000 to kick us off the ballot. They're not going to let us back on for cheap. Currently there is \$18,317 left in the budget from the LNC.

Long version: If we hit the 10% over number at 60,462, that's not really "safe". In my mind, this is "bare minimum" and I believe that we will get challenged if we turn in with only that many valid signatures.

If we want to be safe, we need to hit the 21% over number, at 66,508 valid. This would require an additional \$21,312.81, according to the spreadsheet.

LPO volunteers are out collecting signatures. They're now active and doing what they can despite the weather. I am trying to get the data together to figure out which precincts will be the busiest on May 8th, the day of the partisan primary in Ohio. That's going to be a big day, if we can pull it off.

I think LPO should look to see if they can do another round of fundraising. While I'm sure the LNC would be unhappy, it may be wise to ask them to take on the additional \$21k as well, since we're bailing out of AL completely. I know it sucks, and I hope that LPO could raise that \$21k now. If the volunteer effort on May 8th is successful this amount will be decreased.



Production slowed significantly in December, when winter hit hard. Since the weather began to break, we've had significant competition for petitioners, especially because of Michigan petitioning. Michigan petitions end May 20th so we need to be ready to hire like crazy on May 21st if we've got the funds to hit 21%-over.

As of today, the LNC has put in \$123,559.76 for signatures (with \$18,317.00 remaining in the current budget), and the LPO has put in \$50,595 for signatures. This does not include the cost of printing petitions or other expenses LPO has incurred. I don't know the exact amount LPO has spent in expenses, but I do know that it's likely close to \$2,000, and maybe more. Dustin would know.

IL: 25,000 net sigs needed. Drive started Tue, March 27. Deadline: Mon, June 25.

Here is the Wed, April 11 report from LPIL Ballot Access Coordinator Krysta Walker. I will probably have an update at the LNC meeting.

Current count: Approx 4,000 gross

1674 volunteer  
1289 paid  
970 contractor in hand

Current validity: 81%

It's been two weeks since our drive started. We have faced a couple hiccups so far. The weather has been bad, I had a contractor go awol and another was ill. Our first weekend was also a holiday weekend. However, we are starting to build momentum now, as I expected. I did see signatures double between week 1 and week 2.

We currently have just south of 4,000 sigs. That includes 1,289 paid signatures, about 970 in hand as of this morning (I expect that number is already higher), and about 1,674 volunteer signatures that were reported to me in time for this report.

Our chapters will be having their county conventions next week, and I should have a very solid count on our volunteer sigs at that time. I expect there are more out there than I know of currently. Some of our Precinct Committeemen have finished half of or all of their 200 signature pledge, which is very exciting.

I am trying to get our members into a routine of turning into their chapter chairs twice a month, but it's a new process for us, so I expect it will take some time to get everyone on board.

The current pace is not fast enough, but I don't think it's indicative of our trajectory. As I said, we had one contractor disappear that I am working to replace; however, two of my contractors have each said they are bringing 1-2 subcontractors on board. Between that and warm weather arriving, parades and events starting up around the state, we should start to see signatures begin coming in much larger numbers.

I am proud to say, while we are ramping up more slowly than I'd like, our validity rates are really solid. Our current average is 81%.

TN: There is a telephone conference call on the LPTN petition drive on Wed, April 18. I will have an oral report on the LPTN petition drive at the LNC meeting.

I will now address other states:

AL: The LPAL decided not to pursue a party petition in 2018. There are county LP and individual candidate petition drives that are ongoing. The LNC and the LPAL can consider a party petition in 2020, but we can also do (and have done over the last several Presidential elections) an Independent petition for 5,000 net sigs.

PA: It is my understanding that there is a 5,000 net sig petition drive in PA to put Ken Krawchuk on the ballot for Governor and candidates for other offices. The EC has not encumbered funds for this.

VA: The Matt Waters for US Senate campaign is funding its 10,000 net signature petition drive itself. As of a week ago, it had 4,000 gross sigs. The deadline is Tue, June 12. Between 13,000 and 14,000 gross sigs will be needed to hit 10,000 net. I think it is likely this petition drive will succeed. If Matt Waters earns 10% of the vote, the LPVA will be a recognized party in VA through the 2021 general election. That might be possible if a strong Donald Trump supporter earns the Republican nomination for US Senate.

Legislation & Lawsuits:

AZ: From ballot-access.org:

On April 6, the Arizona Libertarian Party filed this reply brief in its ballot access case, Libertarian Party of Arizona v Reagan, 17-16491. The issue is the large number of signatures needed for a member of the Libertarian Party to get on the party's primary ballot. The U.S. District Court had upheld the law, which kept all Libertarians off the primary ballot in 2016 except just one candidate for county office.

The new restrictive law, passed in 2015, does not apply to the Green Party, which had a good number of candidates on in Arizona in 2016.

GA: From ballot-access.org:

The Georgia Libertarian Party filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court last year against the state's ballot access laws for U.S. House, which are so severe, no minor party candidate for U.S. House has appeared on the ballot in a regularly-scheduled election since 1942. Cowen v Kemp, n.c. 1:17cv-4660. The requirement for a petition of 5% of the registered voters was passed in 1943.

The court recently set a briefing schedule. Discovery must be finished by June 28, and all briefs must be in by August 20.

Also from ballot-access.org:

The Georgia legislative deadline for bills in the 2017-2018 session to pass one house passed on February 28, and neither of the bills to improve ballot access met that deadline. HB 133 would have reduced the number of signatures for most offices. SB 112 would have eliminated mandatory petitions for all candidates. Neither of them made any headway.

Not only that, no bill was introduced to acknowledge that in early 2017, the Eleventh Circuit agreed with the U.S. District Court that the number of signatures for president is unconstitutional. Until the legislature does something about that, the court order setting the petition at 7,500 signatures remains in effect.

The Libertarian Party lawsuit against the number of signatures needed for U.S. House candidates is in U.S. District Court, in the evidence-gathering phase.

BAN did not know that in 2017, the Georgia legislature made ballot access worse. HB 268, signed into law on May 9, 2017, moved the deadline for petitioning candidates to file their notice of candidacy and filing fee from June to the first week in March. The law does not affect candidates for presidential elector, though. Thanks to Hugh Esco for this news. The vote in the Senate was 32-18; in the House it was 111-57. Similar laws, requiring candidates to file a declaration of candidacy early in the year, have been declared unconstitutional in South Carolina (*Cromer v State*) and West Virginia (*Daly v Tennant*).

NY: We are still waiting on a decision on our lawsuit against the ban on out-of-state petitioners.

OK: A bill to change the retention requirement from 2.5% for Governor or President to 2.5% for any statewide office over a four year period. Richard Winger thinks that we will never have to petition again in OK, if this bill passes.

SD: From ballot-access.org:

On February 21, U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Piersol struck down South Dakota ballot access laws for newly-qualifying parties. *Libertarian Party of South Dakota v Krebs*, 4:15cv-4111. The plaintiffs were the Libertarian Party and the Constitution Party. The case had been filed in 2015.

The opinion says that the March 27 petition deadline is too early, especially given winter weather in South Dakota. It also says the 2.5% (of the last gubernatorial vote) is also too high, given the historical record of few minor parties qualifying. The Reform Party did not qualify in South Dakota in 1996; the Green Party has never qualified; the Natural Law Party never qualified; the New Alliance Party never qualified.

The state defended the March 27 deadline by saying that deadline is necessary to give new parties their own primary in June. But the opinion says there is no state interest in requiring new or small parties to nominate by primary. It says, "In our two-party dominant system, the Republican and

Democratic Parties often have more than one candidate for each political office and thus need to run in a primary election where the registered voters of each party must choose their candidate. But Defendants have not explained why this rationale should apply to new political parties.”

Also from ballot-access.org:

On March 23, South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard signed HB 1286. It permits qualified parties that have registration under 2.5% of the state total to nominate all their candidates in conventions in the summer. It also reduces the petition requirement for newly-qualifying parties from 2.5% of the last gubernatorial vote, to 1%. And it moves the deadline for such a petition from March to July. This bill represents the most significant improvement in any state’s ballot access laws since 2017, when North Carolina made a huge improvement. Thanks to Aaron Aylward for the news of the bill’s signing.

Sum of LNC 2018 petition drive expenditures through April 15: \$31,317.50, plus \$50 for the LNC’s annual Coalition for Free & Open Elections (COFOE) dues expense. LNC 2018 budget has \$250,000 for ballot access expense.

Bill Redpath  
Chair  
Ballot Access Committee

**See the following 11 pages for the Historical Preservation Committee Report**

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# LIBERTARIAN

PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## REPORT

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 21-22, 2018

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### Committee Members

Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)

Dr. Joe Buchman

Joe Dehn

Ed Fochler

James Gholson

SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR CARYN ANN HARLOS

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# COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Libertarian Party Historical Preservation Committee (hereinafter "Committee" or "LPHPC") as per the LNC Policy Manual, Section 2.02, is as follows:

## **11) Historical Preservation Committee**

**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.**

The current work of the Committee is divided into two major parts: physical archive organization and electronic archive management. The anticipated time frame for the initial scope concerning the physical archive is five years with just over one year being already invested. After that point, the electronic archive (LPedia) will need to be maintained and updated.

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## Meetings and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings every two weeks (or as close as practicable) via Zoom electronic meetings. Committee discussions are also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to [lpnpc-request@lists.dehnbases.net](mailto:lpnpc-request@lists.dehnbases.net) with "subscribe" in the subject line. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia ([http://lpedia.org/Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](http://lpedia.org/Historical_Preservation_Committee)).

### ***Meetings conducted since the last report:***

- December 20, 2017
- January 8, 2018
- January 24, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 21, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)
- April 4, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)

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## Motions Considered

*Caryn Ann Harlos moved to authorize Tom Sprague to convert the two remaining helical videotapes. This passed without objection.*



# VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS



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## Volunteers

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In addition to the Committee, there are multiple dedicated volunteers who have worked on this project as well as regular editors who have taken an interest in maintaining their state pages and updating candidate pages. There have been at least 700 hours of volunteer time invested as a conservative estimate, including Committee meetings. One of the volunteers spends nearly every Saturday for a full day organizing and cataloguing with me at the Parker, Colorado storage facility.

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## Interns

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The prior request for interns generated multiple applicants including persons who were more interested in a volunteer rather than an intern position. One such person was Marta Palazzi from Italy (pictured above). Below is a short article submitted for LP News regarding Marta:

There are many people who volunteer in the background for the cause of the liberty that so often go unnoticed. Earlier this year, the Historical Preservation Committee may have had the volunteer holding the longest commute record. Marta Palazzi traveled all the way from Italy to spend several months working on the ongoing historical archive project in Colorado with Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos and Colorado volunteer Sarah Ellsworth. Marta has been involved with libertarian political movements in Italy including the Radical Party of Italy. In her professional life, she works as a medieval document archivist and learned of the LP project through a call for volunteers on LP.org and remembered meeting Harlos at the last convention while vacationing in Orlando. Liberty is not just an American goal; there are fellow workers for liberty all over the world, and the Libertarian Party extends its deepest appreciation to Marta for spending time volunteering to preserve the history of this movement. There are very few people who would travel thousands of miles to give up months of time selflessly and have the courage to tackle immersion in records that are not in their primary language. Marta is a hero of liberty.



Additionally, in the week prior to this meeting, Michael Chastain and Jennifer volunteered multiple half-days to assist in the archive organization.

# DOCUMENT PRESERVATION STATUS

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## Storage Unit

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I and a volunteer (Sarah Ellsworth-Colorado) have committed nearly every Saturday to sorting and organizing the records in the storage unit. This has been a monumental task. Some records were very neatly organized and others were basically thrown into the boxes as the equivalent of “junk drawers.” Also due to age, some labels, rubber bands, and other materials had crumbled which need to be re-done.

The “first pass” of documents has been completed with sorting the information into broad accessible categories such as “LNC Minutes,” “Conventions,” “Training Guides,” and the like. We have now begun the next step of organizing within those categories. This will be the most lengthy (multi-year) part of the project. There is some downtime presently as I am travelling to conventions every single weekend through June and Sarah needed to take some time off for family responsibilities.

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## Lyrasis

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Lyrasis is a digitization collaborative which coordinates discounted services for libraries and other cultural heritage projects. The first batch of *LP News* was done through Lyrasis with the member discount so that we could test their services. The work was excellent, and the Committee joined Lyrasis through July 2018.

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## Digitization

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### **DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS**

As reported previously, the first priority for the Committee was items of most general Party membership interest which have been determined to comprise newsletters such as *Liberty Pledge* and *LP News*. All of these have been scanned and are being inventoried, electronically sorted with a standard naming convention, and are being uploaded to LPedia.

The next phase of digitization has begun with segregating out other large format documents that need to be done professionally and other high-interest items such as brochures. These documents have been inventoried and sent to Lyrasis for digitization.

Some training manuals and official records such as minutes and governing documents have been digitized and uploaded.

### **AUDIO/VIDEO/ELECTRONIC DATA MATERIALS**

There are voluminous audio/video/electronic data materials on multiple formats spanning the gamut of technology from the 1970s forward including: 2-inch quadraplex broadcast reels; audio cassettes; audio reels; Betacam tapes; VHS tapes; U-matic cartridges; 5 ¼ inch discs; 3 ½ inch discs; and ZIP drive disks. A great deal of these items can be digitized/converted by volunteers and arrangements are being made for the audio cassettes, Betacam tapes, audio reels, and 3 ½ inch discs.

All of the “odd” format and very aged items have been converted included all of the 1970s helical reels. These items are being made available on the Committee’s YouTube channel.

Keith Thompson has been converting VHS tapes in batches.

Among digitized items was footage of Alternative 1980.

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## Update on Acquisitions

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As word of this project spreads, opportunities have arisen to supplement the Party's institutional memory and acquire important early documents. Several prolific editors have joined LPedia to supplement the information found there.

### *DAVID NOLAN ARCHIVE*

Committee member Dr. Buchman has been sorting through these boxes now that his congressional run is over. Critical items will be moved to the Parker storage facility.

### *ORIGINAL DRAFT OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WITH HOSPERS' NOTES*

This has been donated to the National Party and in my possession to bring to NOLA.

### *PRE-LP (1971) REEL TO REELS "SHAPING THE FUTURE LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE"*

These tapes were obtained from Dan Karlan and digitized by Dr. Buchman and are being uploaded to LPedia.

### *LP EMAILS*

The gmail address for the Committee has been subscribed to National emails as well as state party emails where available. Ken Moellman indicated that he has archives of past National emails.

### *OTHER ARCHIVES*

The online catalogue for the University of Virginia holdings proved to be incorrect. It was decided that it would be useful for volunteers in the areas of the various archives to go and take a look-this is a pending item. Joe Dehn related that when he last visited the UVA archives there were about eighty boxes of items that were not inventoried or catalogued.

Joe Dehn has been visiting and cataloguing the Hoover archives in California.

It has also been discovered that Susan Nolan (David Nolan's first wife and the first Chair of the Party) is still in Denver and meeting arrangements are being made.

Exploration has begun into preserving archives of old Yahoo discussion lists, particularly those in which David Nolan had been active.



## STATUS OF LPEDIA

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### Background

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LPedia is a collaborative history wiki of the Libertarian Party started in February 2005 by Shane Cory as a replacement for the older archive.lp.org. Since June 2013, the site had fallen into technical disrepair as the MediaWiki engine went through version upgrades which were not installed on LPedia primarily due to the fact that there simply was not enough staff time to keep the site updated ;and new account creation was leading to potential security risks as it was installed on the same server as the main LP.org website and thus had to be disabled. During the IT infrastructure cleanup, LPedia was moved to a fully hosted wiki-farm host; however, the database was bloated with over 20 gigabytes of spam and required serious cleaning in addition to the desperately needed updates to the MediaWiki software. Volunteer Bonnie Scott (Vermont) spent dozens of hours over the course of over a month doing this cleanup work which was successfully transferred to the new host. LPedia was re-opened for general account creation and restoration to its purpose as a crowd-sourced collaborative effort on March 31, 2017.

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### Completed and Ongoing Projects

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In order to keep LPedia functional and useful (as well as easier to maintain for successive custodians) a great deal of infrastructure work has been done with much more to come. Following is a bullet-list of project with explanatory notes as needed.

- Categories
  - Focused effort is now being made on properly categorizing all of the biographies.
- Development of Policies and Page Naming Conventions
  - The policies continued to be developed as the need arises.
- Templates and Extensions
  - An image template is being developed so that images can be properly catalogued.
- Site Statistics
  - Solutions for gathering site statistics are being explored
- PDF preview
  - A generic pdf icon is shown on search results where a thumbnail is preferred.

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## User Statistics

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Last Report: 2,314 Articles / 1,579 Uploads

Present Report: 2,515 Articles / 1,823 Uploads

# DOCUMENT/RECORD MAINTENANCE

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## Inventory and Management

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As boxes are sorted, basic inventories are being created. The final inventory will identify what items are preserved on LPedia with a location coding system so that they can be easily retrieved from the physical archives. Standard naming conventions will also make them easily retrievable in the electronic archives. Duplicates are being noted and culling recommendations made.

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## Data Back-Ups

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The expanding e-archive of documents is backed up when it hits LPedia and is also backed up at my home. Periodically a copy of the archive is taken to an off-site safe deposit box as a last-ditch failsafe.

# BUDGET

The 2018 budget is \$5,000 with an expectation that these funds will be raised to even out the ledger. A fundraising email will be sent at some time in the future.

Following are the current expenditures and revenue:

**Total Expenses Booked: \$1,322.25**

**Total Revenue: \$760.00**

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## Earmarked Funds

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Up to \$400 was dedicated from special donations for the framing of the Statement of Principles. A donor will be giving funds for t-shirts if the LPHPC wishes to fund-raise using these at Convention.

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## Recurring Expenses

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- MyWikis hosting and maintenance: \$310/year – this is charged off to the IT budget.
  - This is a fully supported option. The host installs all upgrades and resolved trouble tickets.
- Amazon server: up to \$25/month



- Some files are too large to upload directly to the wiki host (audios, videos, large graphics) and are hosted on a separate server. The Amazon server also hosts LPedia database backups.
- Dropbox: \$100/year (this has been an in-kind donation so far)
  - This is the portal for volunteers to upload and retrieve documents for assignments by the LPHPC. It also contains backups of other maintenance documentation and a redundant copy of the database backups.

## 2018 NOLA CONVENTION

A table has been reserved for the Committee at the Convention. Items of interest will be brought and displayed.

## LP NEWS

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THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY — WWW.LP.ORG

DECEMBER 2017

### Reunited (and it feels so good): The remarkable tale of a priceless piece of LP history

By Caryn Ann Harlos  
Chair, LNC Historical  
Preservation Committee

It started with an impromptu eBay search for the Libertarian Party, something I never had done before. What I found was so incredible, so unlikely, so surreal, that it felt like fate: a listing purporting to be the original of the typed "Statement of Principles" with handwritten notes as presented by John Hospers at the Libertarian Party's founding convention in 1972.

Some background is in order. The "Statement of Principles" is my passion. I have a framed copy on my wall, and have spent the past several years researching its history and giving presentations at numerous LP state conventions on the subject. As chair of the Libertarian Party's Historical Preservation Committee, I have spent countless hours preserving and reconstructing party history. This was kismet.

There was no doubt that the document was genuine. The LPHPC possessed a low-quality scan of this document bearing the same handwriting and type, although it appeared to have obtained a new coffee stain. Excitement ensued. Several known LP historical enthusiasts were bidding, but it seemed at the last minute that an unknown bidder had snapped the item up at \$430.

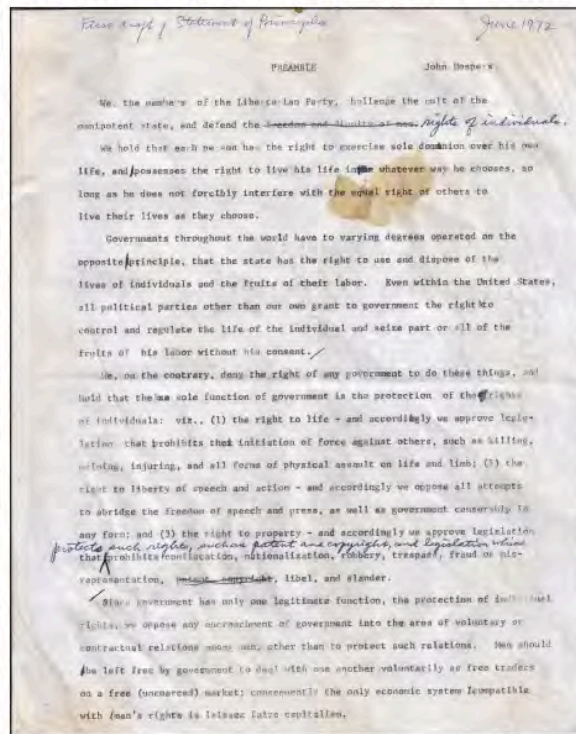
After some despair and self-consolations, it was revealed that Washington state Libertarian Lellius Rose was the final bidder, because he wanted to ensure that the

document was obtained and donated to the party. He was willing to donate the document to the party to be displayed at headquarters.

There were still many unanswered questions. Who was the seller? How did they obtain it? Where has it been all these years? The seller responded to these inquiries thusly:

*I'm more than happy to tell you about it. My mom, Shirley Gottlieb, ran the Libertarian Party office out of her home in the 1970s. My mom and dad had many meetings at their home and came to personally know Dr. John Hospers. I remember being in high school and coming home to a house full of people in the living room. My mom recruited me to go to downtown Los Angeles to help count votes when the party was trying to obtain ballot status. I didn't know that my parents even had it. I've been going thru the house after my dad's passing in March (I lost my mom in 2005), and came across a picture frame containing a black and white photocopy of Ayn Rand. It seemed odd to me because it wasn't even a photo. More like a photocopy, and I couldn't understand why they would have framed it. When I took it apart I found the document you now have!!*

Fact mimics fiction. A historically significant document found hidden behind a picture frame and returned to its source. The "Statement of Principles" affirms the philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail (LNC Bylaws 3.1). And it is coming home.



# COMMITTEE RE-FORMATION

This Committee's term ends with the final LNC meeting prior to the 2018 convention. If the current members are willing, I recommend that they be appointed for another term as we are in the middle of projects with specialized knowledge and skills that would set back progress if handed off mid-stream.



### Awards Committee Election Details

Voter	Laube	MacCutcheon	Perry	Werther	Wetsman
Bilyeu				X	X
Demarest			X	X	
Goldstein	X	X		X	
Hagan	X	X		X	
Harlos	X		X	X	
Hayes			X		X
Hewitt			X		X
Lark	X	X	X	X	X
Marsh	X				X
Mattson	X				X
O'Donnell		X	X	X	
Redpath	X			X	
Sarwark	X				X
Starchild			X	X	
Van Horn	X	X			
Vohra			X		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

### Blockchain Committee Election Details

Voter	Demarest	Drake	Duncan	Fisher-Owens	Heise	Larson	Merced	O'Donnell	Smith	Taylor	Van Horn	Vohra	Weeks	Wetsman	Whittington	NOTA
Bilyeu	X		X					X		X		X		X	X	
Demarest	X															
Goldstein				X			X	X		X	X			X		
Hagan	X						X	X	X		X			X		
Harlos	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		
Hayes																X
Hewitt	X	X	X				X	X	X					X		
Lark	X				X		X	X	X		X	X		X		
Marsh								X	X			X		X		
Mattson			X		X		X	X	X		X			X	X	
O'Donnell	X				X	X	X	X	X		X			X		
Redpath	X				X		X	X	X		X	X		X		
Sarwark	X							X	X			X		X		
Starchild	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
Van Horn					X	X	X	X	X		X			X		
Vohra	X				X	X	X	X	X		X		X			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

## Bilyeu motion to amend Policy Manual Section 2.05, “Membership Policies”

### Section 2, “Association Levels”

The following levels of association are recognized by the Party:

- Chairman’s Circle\* \$25,000 annually or \$2500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Select Benefactor\* \$15,000 annually or \$1500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Beacon of Liberty\* \$5,000 annually or \$500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Pioneer of Freedom\* \$2,500 annually or \$250 monthly in dues or contributions
- Lifetime Founder\* \$1,500 annually or \$150 monthly in dues or contributions
- ~~Patriot~~Platinum \$500 annually or \$50 monthly
- ~~Minuteman~~Gold \$250 annually or \$25 monthly
- ~~Advocate~~Silver \$150 annually or \$15 monthly
- ~~Supporter~~Bronze \$50 annually
- ~~Foundation Member~~Basic \$25 annually

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.

Staff shall have discretion as to when to list any or all membership/donation levels and/or benefits online, in print, or elsewhere, based on practical considerations such as layout, and with their priority being to maximize both membership and donations.

### Section 4, “Benefits”

Non-member contributors shall be provided all benefits provided to member contributors, except for those rights specifically granted only to members or sustaining members by the Party Bylaws or this Policy Manual.

A contributor (member or non-member) shall be entitled to the following basic benefit:

- 1-Year subscription to *LP News*

A member with a future benefits lapse date shall also be entitled to the following basic benefit:

- Customized Party membership card, updated annually, identifying the individual’s level of association and lapse date.

A Lifetime Founder shall be entitled to the following benefits: **\$1,500 level**

(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special ~~N~~ame badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Mention in program at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention
- ~~Mention in LP News~~
- ~~Mention on LP website~~

A Pioneer of Freedom shall be entitled to the following benefits: **\$2,500 level**

(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

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- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention
- VIP seating at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention banquet\*\*
- ~~Mention in LP News~~
- ~~Mention on LP website~~

A Beacon of Liberty shall be entitled to the following benefits: **\$5,000 level**

(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention
- VIP ~~S~~seating ~~with LNC member~~ at ~~N~~ational convention banquet\*\*
- ~~Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor~~
- ~~Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor~~

A Select Benefactor shall be entitled to the following benefits: **\$15,000 level**

(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention
- VIP ~~S~~seating ~~with National Chair or LNC officer~~ at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention banquet or other events\*\*
- ~~Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor~~
- ~~Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor~~

A Chairman's Circle member shall be entitled to the following benefits: **\$25,000 level**

(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention
- VIP ~~S~~seating ~~(includes guest if requested) with National Chair, LNC officer, special guest, or POTUS nominee~~ at ~~N~~ational ~~C~~onvention banquet or other events\*\*
- Naming of an event\*\*
- ~~Direct contact with National Chair, POTUS nominee, or significant LP candidate during campaign season\*\*~~
- ~~Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor~~
- ~~Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor~~

~~Those maintaining Torch Club status shall also be entitled to the following benefits:~~

- ~~Special mailings~~
- ~~Invitation to the Torch Club event at the convention~~

Maintaining the Torch Club membership is based on contributions from the start of the previous national convention to the END of the next national convention and shall consist of all those in the highest 5 levels (denoted by \*). For monthly pledges at the Lifetime Founder and higher levels, membership at that level begins at the beginning of the fourth month of the pledge.

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Those benefits designated with \*\* will be subject to availability on a first-come basis, to address the HIGHLY WELCOMED possibility that there will be too many qualifying people for a single table.

National Convention VIP seating, signage, and programs, will be determined prior to the start of the event.

Staff shall have the discretion to create and bestow additional benefits.

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**See the following 72 pages for the Region 1 Report**

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# LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

REGION 1 REPORT  
APRIL 21-22, 2018

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ALASKA, ARIZONA, COLORADO, HAWAII, KANSAS,  
MONTANA, UTAH, WASHINGTON, AND WYOMING

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# REGION 1 OVERVIEW AND RE-FORMATION

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), in-person contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. I attended the 2017/2018 affiliate conventions in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Unfortunately Kansas had been scheduled on conflicting weekends for both years. The Hawaii convention was not realistic to attend due to its short length and distance/cost. Regular contact is maintained with the affiliates and members through email (including a newsletter), telephone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group, and informational website. Plans were considered for a regional teleconference to hear from members (this did not happen this term, and I would urge my successor to consider). Further, I remotely attend as many Regional Board meetings as I am able.

I am presently working with the Regional states to sign a re-formation agreement, and particularly to see if it should be modified to suit our needs more efficiently. New Mexico has approached me to join Region 1, and I will be speaking with South Dakota, Idaho, and Oregon.

Notice has been given to Region 1 members that I am not re-running for this position in favor of running for Party Secretary. Former Region 1 Alternate Steven Nielson resigned, and a majority of the Region 1 Chairs elected Craig Bowden as his replacement.

## National Memberships

### YEAR OVER YEAR TRENDS TO NEAREST PERCENTAGE

#### March 2017 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	90	40
ARIZONA	400	17
COLORADO	638	10
HAWAII	76	43
KANSAS	167	33
MONTANA	83	41
UTAH	146	35
WASHINGTON	618	11
WYOMING	37	51

ALASKA MEMBERSHIP UP 2%

ARIZONA MEMBERSHIP DOWN 23%

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP DOWN 36%

HAWAII MEMBERSHIP DOWN 40%

KANSAS MEMBERSHIP DOWN 26%

MONTANA MEMBERSHIP DOWN .06%

UTAH MEMBERSHIP DOWN 46%

WASHINGTON MEMBERSHIP DOWN 22%

WYOMING MEMBERSHIP SAME

#### March 2018 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	92	39
ARIZONA	325	16
COLORADO	469	11
HAWAII	54	44
KANSAS	132	34
MONTANA	78	41
UTAH	100	37
WASHINGTON	507	10
WYOMING	37	48

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## State Party Memberships

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### States with Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Registrations	Registered Voters	Percentage Libertarian	Change Since 12/18 Report
ALASKA <sup>1</sup>	7,350	531,810	1.4%	None
ARIZONA <sup>2</sup>	5,258	485,424	1.08%	+.21%
COLORADO	46,087	3,819,423	1.20%	+.01%
KANSAS	15,463	1,776,703	.87%	Same #s
UTAH <sup>3</sup>	14,080	1,557,550	.90%	+.02%
WYOMING <sup>4</sup>	2,411	262,406	.91%	+.01%

### States without Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Members	How Determined	Growth Since 12/18 Report
HAWAII	54	Nat'l BSM	-.03%
MONTANA	78	Nat's BSM	+7.69%
WASHINGTON <sup>5</sup>	507	Nat'l BSM	-10%

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<sup>1</sup> The AKLP Bylaws states that a personal shall become a member of the ALP when the person has become a registered Libertarian voter in the State of Alaska or submits a membership application to the secretary, and pays an annual fee as enumerated in the bylaws.

<sup>2</sup> Percentage of active registered voters. 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.

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

<sup>4</sup> The WYLP Bylaws provides for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters. This membership was only a handful at the time of this report.

<sup>5</sup> The LPWA has about 300 dues-paying state party members.



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## Ballot Access Requirements and Retention

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### Alaska

In order to be a recognized political party, Alaska requires that the gubernatorial candidate receive at least 3% of the total votes cast or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. If the race for governor is not on the ballot, the race for US Senator is used to calculate the 3%, and if neither the governor nor the US Senate is on the ballot, the race for US Representative is used.

US Senate candidate Joe Miller achieved over 3% (he received 29.39%) thereby securing continued ballot access.

2018 will include ballot access races.

### Arizona

There is no vote test needed. The AZLP needs to maintain .67% of registered voters (partisan) with the number currently at 1.08%.

### Colorado

There is no vote test needed. The LPCO needs to maintain 1,000 registered Libertarians; the number is presently well over 40,000 of us.

### 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. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years.

### 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. This threshold has been met across several races in 2016 and will need to be met in 2018.

### Montana

The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden. This will also need to be met in 2018.

### Utah

The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%). This will not need to be met again until 2020 (every four years).

## **Washington**

1,000 signatures need. The LPWA will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved (which they were robbed of in 2016).

## **Wyoming**

The vote test requirement this race is 2% in a US House race which was met by US Representative candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).

The vote test is limited in presidential years to just US House which must be achieved in order to remain on the ballot. If 10% is achieved, primary status would be retained, otherwise, nominations by convention would resume. In mid-term years, three offices count: US House, Governor, and Secretary of State.

## **Note on Major/Minor Party Designation**

As per Richard Winger, there are 16 two-tier states and the other 34 states just have one category of qualified party. The two-tier states are Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

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## State Conventions

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### **Alaska**

The 2017 Convention date took place May 6, 2017. I was in attendance. The 2018 Convention will be on May 12, 2018.

### **Arizona**

The 2017 Convention took place on January 21, 2017. I was in attendance. The 2018 Convention took place on January 28, 2018, and I was in attendance but in the capacity of national membership recruiter.

### **Colorado**

The 2017 Convention took place on March 24-26, 2017. I was in attendance. The 2018 Convention took place on March 23-25, 2018, and I was in attendance.

### **Hawaii**

The 2017 Convention took place on December 3, 2017. I was not able to attend. They do not have conventions in even-numbered years.

### **Kansas**

The 2017 Convention took place on April 21-23, 2017. I was not able to attend. The 2018 LPKS State Convention is slated to be held April 20-21 in Overland Park, Kansas and unfortunately conflicts with this LNC meeting.

### **Montana**

The 2017 Convention took place on March 11, 2017. I was in attendance. An additional Convention took place on September 9, 2017. The 2018 Convention is scheduled for May 19, 2018.

### **Utah**

The 2017 Convention took place April 22-23, 2017. I was not able to attend as I was in Washington. The next convention took place April 14, 2018, and I was in attendance.

### **Washington**

The 2017 Convention was first set for April 21-23, 2017 but did not achieve quorum. I was in attendance. The Convention successfully re-convened on July 8, 2017. The 2018 Convention took place February 16-18, 2018, and I was in attendance in the capacity of national membership recruiter.

### **Wyoming**

The Convention took place September 23, 2017. I was in attendance. Their 2018 nominating Convention took place March 31, 2018. I was not able to attend.

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## Membership Growth

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I have been promoting National memberships at the state conventions with great success.

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## Region Re-Formation

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Per LP Bylaws, Article 7, Section 2(c):

Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.

The present make-up of Region 1 has 1740 BSM members which is 12% of the national total.

If the Region stays the same, the entitlement to LNC representation will remain the same. I am working on a more specific regional agreement to present to the State Chairs. New Mexico has asked to join Region 1, with Oregon and South Dakota also showing potential interest.

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## Other

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

I confer regularly with the Chairs on Regional issues and send suggestions and interact regularly with the membership.

# ALASKA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure - Staggered Terms

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Jon Watts, [jon.watts@alaskan.com](mailto:jon.watts@alaskan.com)

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Secretary: Cean Stevens, [mermaidcean@yahoo.com](mailto:mermaidcean@yahoo.com)

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Communications: Joel Hadley, [joelhadley@hotmail.com](mailto:joelhadley@hotmail.com)



Website: <http://www.alaskalp.org>

### Office Space

None.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

None at this time.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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### Number of Libertarians

7,350. This represents 1.4% of the registered voters (531,810). This is numerically a 2.9% decrease since my last report.

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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	The AKLP Constitution defines members as registered Libertarians voters who pay dues. That number is presently under 50. There is an ambiguity in the Constitution that was brought up to Chair Watts for possible correction as the way it currently reads, one interpretation could allow members of other parties could pay dues and be members and all registered Libertarians (whether they pay or dues or not) could be members.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement/Retention</b>	<p>The AKLP has ballot access.</p> <p>Access is obtained through nomination from state-recognized political party.<sup>6</sup></p> <p>2016 US Senate candidate Joe Miller received 29.39% of the vote.</p> <p>2018 is a ballot access year so the affiliate will need to have a governor candidate to maintain.</p>
<b>Method of Determining Candidates</b>	At convention or committee vote as per 2017 Bylaws. I spoke with Chair Watts about the importance of following these procedures so that no challenge can be made to their candidates.
<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	3 / 5 (anticipated) for state offices.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$5K yearly. A Café Press account has also been opened for potential revenue but is still in development.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	<p>The website is fresh and professional.</p> <p>Facebook has 4,443 likes and is now ranked at 26 which remains unchanged since my last report. I suggested that the affiliate might want to look</p>

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

	into Meet-up.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	The last newsletter was sent 2/16. This is a work in progress.
<b>Database?</b>	This is an area that they need to work on but they are relying on Excel spreadsheets and the National data dump. I alerted Chair Watts to the CRM program.
<b>BSM Members</b>	92. This places Alaska at 39 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is unchanged since my last report and is up 2% over a one-year period.

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## Governing Documents

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### *PLATFORM:*

On website (<http://www.alaskalp.org/platform.html>). Adopted May 7, 2016. The Platform has been updated but is not yet reflected on the website. Chair Watts is looking into this.

### *BYLAWS:*

On website (<http://www.alaskalp.org/bylaws.html>). Adopted 2017.

### *CONSTITUTION:*

On website (<http://www.alaskalp.org/constitution.html>). Adopted 2017.

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## Board Meetings

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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 using Zoom software. Meetings have been quarterly.

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## State Convention

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The 2018 Convention will take place on May 12, 2018 with officer positions up for election.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### *LEADERSHIP:*

Party leadership may change at the May Convention but negotiations for regional re-formation will be started with Chair Watts this month.

## DELEGATES:

Alaska has seven delegate spots and expects to fill them all at their May Convention.

## State Level Membership

The AKLP Constitution defines members as registered Libertarians voters who pay dues. That number is presently under 50. However see above “at a glance” portion for potential ambiguity.

## Sub-Affiliates

The state is broken down into burrows, and the location of new affiliates, gatherings, and candidates are a featured part of the new website. The Facebook page shows the following groups: ALP Local Affiliate Support Group, ALP Matanuska-Susitna, ALP Sitka, ALP Interior Alaska, ALP Kenai, ALP Eagle River, ALP Ketchikan.



## Elections

### Current Election Cycle (2018)

Mark Fish has announced for State House and has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fishforhouse2018/>). He is listed on the National site.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STATE	OFFICE	ELECTION DATE	WEBSITE
Mark	Fish	Alaska	State House 8	November 6, 2018	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/fishforhou">https://www.facebook.com/fishforhou</a>

### ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:

- Rick Robb (Bethel Mayor)
- Ken Jones (Cordova City Council)

### PRIMARIES:

Alaska is a blanket primary state.<sup>7</sup> The date of the mid-term congressional primary is August 21, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> From Richard Winger: A blanket primary puts all candidates on the same primary ballot. Then the top vote-getter from each party goes to the November ballot.



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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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US Senate candidate Joe Miller achieved over 3% (he received 29.39%) thereby securing continued ballot access. 2018 will be a ballot access race year and thus there will need to be a gubernatorial candidate with several qualified persons being interested.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

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Washington state invented the blanket primary in 1934, and used it until it was declared unconstitutional in 2002. Washington state voters liked the blanket primary. After it was taken away from them by the courts, that set up a bad situation in which the top-two got a foothold. Washington voters passed the top-two initiative in 2004, because they resented that they had lost their blanket primary.

California had a blanket primary in 1998 and 2000. California voters had passed Prop. 198 for a blanket primary in 1996. It passed easily. Unlike Washington State's blanket primary, the California blanket primary did not include independent candidates. They did not participate in the blanket primary and petitioned for a place on the November ballot.

The California Dem, Rep, Libt and Peace & Freedom Parties filed a lawsuit in early 1997 to fight the blanket primary. We lost in US District Court and in the 9th circuit. But we won in the US Supreme Court. The decision, *Calif. Dem Party v Jones*, was 7-2. Scalia wrote it. He said the freedom of association part of the First Amendment protects political parties from having to let members of other parties help determine their nominees. His decision came out in June 2000. So California switched starting in 2002 to a semi-closed primary.

Although we were very happy with this decision at the time, in retrospect it has done more harm than good. Because of that decision, the top-two movement began. After Washington state passed the initiative for top-two in 2004, the US District Court struck it down, and the 9th circuit agreed. But then in March 2008, in a decision by Clarence Thomas, the US Supreme Court said that the top-two primary was not unconstitutional on its face, at least as to freedom of association. So then California top-two people saw their chance and got the California legislature to put it on the ballot in June 2010. That US Supreme Court decision of 2008 was called *Washington State Grange v Washington State Republican Party*.

Meanwhile, Alaska had a blanket primary, which survived, because the parties in Alaska liked it. The law permits a blanket primary if the parties agree to it. In Alaska, the Libertarian, Green, Alaskan Independence, and Democratic Parties all liked it. But the Republican Party doesn't like it. So Alaska has two primary ballots. One has the candidates of the Democratic Party and all the qualified minor parties. The other ballot just has Republican candidates. The Green Party is no longer qualified in Alaska, so currently the blanket primary ballot just has Libertarians, Democrats, and Alaskan Independence Party members. The Alaska LP likes the blanket primary because (a) there are virtually never two Libertarians running against each other for a single nomination so it really doesn't change anything for us; (b) it is easier to get people to register Libertarian because they are still free to vote for Democrats in the blanket primary. We need lots of registrations in Alaska to remain on the ballot, because we can't count on meeting the alternate vote test. Although we did pass the vote test in both 2014 and 2016.

<sup>8</sup> Per Ballot Access News, the last time a minor party or independent candidate won a Constitutional ballot access lawsuit in Alaska was in 2016 (*Hall v. Bennett*: 3% petition in special elections for U.S. House is too difficult).

Alaska does not have this distinction but has recognized political parties and registered political groups.

**OTHER:**

N/A

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## Activities

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Focus is presently on local affiliate building and candidate recruiting and a new event series of "Fireside Chats with the Chair" is being planned.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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This has been progressing and the affiliate is in healthy shape.

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## Media Coverage

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None came across my newsfeed.

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## Other

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As noted in my past reports, tension and rivalries between social conservatives and social liberals has been a source of dissension within the affiliate. They are presently focusing on candidate recruitment.

Also from *Ballot Access News*:

On September 19, 2017, professional petitioner Darryl Bonner and Alaska Libertarian activist Scott Kohlhaas filed a federal lawsuit against the Alaska law that bans out-of-state circulators for initiative petitions. *Bonner v Bahnke*, 3:17cv-202. On October 20, the state said it would not attempt to defend the ban, and so a stipulated judgment and order was issued. Out-of-state circulators can now circulate initiative petitions in Alaska, and they are permitted to cross out language on the petition saying they are Alaska residents.

Alaska never had a ban on out-of-state circulators for candidate petitions.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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The National Party needs to focus on credibility and decorum issues that end up harming the Party. The level of intelligence within the Libertarian Party is very high, but conversely the wisdom is low. Alaska has been quite resolute in its opposition to the actions of Vice-Chair Arvin Vohra.

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## Statement from the Chair

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The Libertarian Party may very well have the highest IQ per member of all time. What we need right now however is a great influx of wisdom – Not factional partisanship, not ego-centered power-grabs, but the judgment to choose practical, unifying, and yes, sometimes corrective action to negate influences that impede the combined forward movement of libertarian principles AND political success. With all the knowledge and reason at our disposal, we continue to have unwise decisions that enable and sustain harm to the LP. This must change at the national convention. We will see you there.

*~Jon Watts, Chair*

# ARIZONA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure<sup>9</sup>

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Howard Blitz, [chairman@azlp.org](mailto:chairman@azlp.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Jonathan Winder

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Kevin McCormick

Treasurer: Robert Allen Pepiton

Assistant Treasurer: Laila Aussie

Secretary: Jeff Daniels

Assistant Secretary: Emily Goldberg



Website: [www.azlp.org](http://www.azlp.org)

The AZLP has three statutory officers and four non-statutory officers. There are restrictions on which members may vote for the statutory officers at Party elections. The affiliate is active, healthy, and acts as a leader and facilitator with county parties on various initiatives, ballot access issues, and the like.

### Office Space

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<sup>9</sup> The AZLP board is elected every 2 years and was elected in 2017. Due to resignations during 2017 the board filled positions according to its Bylaws. The members that were placed by the board were only temporary and the bylaws required that they hold an election to fill those positions at the 2018 convention during which elections were held for every position except for Treasurer and assistant Treasurer. The current board's term will expire at the 2019 convention at which time a board will be elected again to two-year terms. our next convention to be held Jan 2019.

No.

## **Paid Staff/Contractors**

No.

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## **At a Glance Statistics**

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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	5,258. This represents 1.08% of the registered voters (485,424). The numbers represent a .21% increase since my last report.
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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	Registered voters. <sup>10</sup>
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<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
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<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	<p>The AZLP has ballot access. However, there is also a requirement on a per-county level for ballot access.</p> <p>.67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%).</p> <p>Currently has 1.08% of the registered voters.</p>
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<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	26 / Chair Blitz did not yet have an estimated total for me for the 2018 races. 6 candidates are listed on the website, and 9 are listed on the national party website.
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<b>Estimated Budget</b>	Last year went very well with over 20K raised and set to do likewise this year.
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<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Website is modern and current. Facebook page likes are at 5,912. This would place Arizona about 17 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up two ranks since my last report. I suggested linking their community group with their Facebook page.
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<sup>10</sup> 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.

<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes, NationBuilder.
<b>BSM Members</b>	325. This places Arizona at 16 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is the same as my last report and down 23% over a one-year period.

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## Governing Documents

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### *PLATFORM:*

On website (<http://www.azlp.org/arizonaplatform>). Adopted January 21, 2017.

### *BYLAWS:*

On website (<http://www.azlp.org/bylaws>). Amended January 2005.

### *CONSTITUTION:*

On website (<http://www.azlp.org/constitution>). Adopted August 31, 1999.

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## Board Meetings

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The Board now meets once per month and with some attending in person and others attending electronically.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention took place on January 21, 2017. I was in attendance. The 2018 Convention took place on January 28, 2018, and I was in attendance but in the capacity of national membership recruiter.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### *LEADERSHIP:*

I have discussed with Chair Blitz the region re-formation agreement.

### *DELEGATES:*

The affiliate has 23 delegate spots and has filled them all. They have not yet been submitted to the Credentials Committee.

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## State Level Membership

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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.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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Arizona comprises 15 counties, and there are eight county level affiliates. They are working to add affiliates and recognized county parties for Apache, Coconino, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Navajo, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai Counties. 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, the AZLP website lists affiliates in the following counties: Cochise, Gila, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2018)

6 candidates are listed on the website, and 9 are listed on the national party website. The only candidates listed on the AZLP website as there are minimum requirements for listing including a multi-page website. All of the candidates meeting the requirements are listed.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STATE	OFFICE	ELECTION DATE	WEBSITE
Jeff	Daniels	Arizona	US House 4	August 28, 2018	<a href="http://www.jdforaz.com/">http://www.jdforaz.com/</a>
Zhani	Doko	Arizona	US House 9	August 28, 2018	
Jeff	Funicello	Arizona	Governor	August 28, 2018	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Jeff-Funicello-6">https://www.facebook.com/Jeff-Funicello-6</a>
Barry	Hess	Arizona	Governor	August 28, 2018	<a href="http://hessforgovernor.com/">http://hessforgovernor.com/</a>
Stephen	Kessen	Arizona	US House 9	August 28, 2018	
Doug	Marks	Arizona	US Senate	August 28, 2018	<a href="https://www.Doug2018.com/">https://www.Doug2018.com/</a>
Kevin	McCormick	Arizona	Governor	August 28, 2018	<a href="http://www.McCormickForLiberty.com/">http://www.McCormickForLiberty.com/</a>
Michael	McFarland	Arizona	State House 14	August 28, 2018	<a href="https://mcfarlandforaz.com/">https://mcfarlandforaz.com/</a>
Nicholas	Sarwark	Arizona	Phoenix Mayor	November 6, 2018	<a href="https://SarwarkForPhoenix.com/">https://SarwarkForPhoenix.com/</a>

**ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:**

- Jeff Daniels (re-elected to Christopher Kohl's Fire District Board)
- Ruth E. Bennett (re-elected to Continental Elementary School District Board)
- Levi Tappan (elected to Page City Council) PRIMARIES:

The AZLP has the choice of a closed or semi-closed primary and has chosen a closed primary.<sup>11</sup> This primary will take place August 30, 2018.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The first hurdle in Arizona ballot access is having registered Libertarians comprise .67% of active registered voters. Right now, they have 1.08% 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. 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 choose the eventual Party officers. If the State Party ever falls off, they must petition and obtain about 21,000 valid signatures as any Party that loses qualification cannot get back on via registrations. Petitions are now allowed to be collected online.

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

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<sup>11</sup> A semi-closed primary is one in which registered Democrats must choose a Democratic primary ballot, ditto for Republican, but independents can choose whichever primary ballot they want. In an open primary, each party has its own primary and its own nominees, but on primary day any voter can choose any party's primary ballot. Generally open primary states' voter registration forms don't ask about political party choice. The question is missing. There are 19 open primary states. Most southern states are open primary states.



mathematically impossible for the write-in to obtain the required number of votes from the pool of registered Libertarians.

The AZLP has lost this case in the US District Court and an appellate brief has been filed with the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Former Chair Buttrick did not believe that any decision will come down in time to possible help the 2018 candidates in their petitioning requirements.

*Ballot Access News* reported thusly: On July 10, U.S. District Court Judge David G. Campbell, a Bush Jr. appointee, upheld the 2015 Arizona law that sharply increased the number of signatures a member of an established small qualified party needs to get on his or her own party's primary ballot. *Arizona Libertarian Party v Reagan*, cv-16-1019. The decision is 30 pages. The new law also sharply increased the number of write-in votes needed for a member of a minor party to be considered nominated (assuming he or she gets the most votes of anyone seeking that nomination).

The 2015 law, passed by the majority Republicans in the legislature, seemed aimed at stopping Libertarians, and only Libertarians, from running for partisan office. It did not injure the ballot-qualified Green Party, and made only slight changes for Democrats and Republicans. Whereas the old law set the number of signatures to get on a party primary ballot as a percentage of the party's number of registered voters, the new law says the number of signatures is a percentage of all the registered voters. However, not all registered voters can sign. A Libertarian primary petition can be signed by registered voters who are not Democrats or Republicans.

The Green Party was not injured by the 2015 law because it is considered a "new" party, even though it last petitioned for party status in 2014 (for the 2016 and 2018 elections), and members of new parties only need a tiny number of signatures to get on their party's primary ballot, and only need one write-in to get a nomination by write-in. The decision says the law is not discriminatory, relative to Libertarians and Greens, because it wasn't passed with discriminatory intent, and also because the Greens (due to their failure to ever have registration of at least two-thirds of 1%) are forced to do a party petition every four years.

The decision is based on *Munro v Socialist Workers Party*, a 1986 U.S. District Court decision that upheld Washington state's old ballot access law. That old law said a minor party or independent candidate could not appear on the November ballot unless he or she got 1% in the September blanket primary (all voters got the same ballot, and it listed all candidates from all parties). The Arizona decision says that law was also hard on minor party and independent voters, because under the Washington state law, only one of twelve minor party candidates got the 1%, and yet it was constitutional. But the Arizona decision doesn't mention footnote eleven of the *Munro* decision, which said that 40 minor party and independent candidates (out of 45 who tried) successfully got on the Washington state general election ballot for non-statewide office. The reference to one of twelve only referred to statewide offices. The impact of the Arizona law on the 2016 Libertarian campaign was so severe that only one Libertarian for any partisan office managed to appear on the November ballot (excluding president, which has nothing to do with primaries).

The decision excludes some of the evidence submitted by the Libertarian Party, for various procedural reasons. It is very likely that the party will appeal to the Ninth Circuit. The major flaw with the decision is that it requires Libertarian candidates, seeking their party's nomination, to ask for signatures for independent voters, which violates the party's associational rights. In response to that point, the Arizona decision says the party should just go out and increase its registration (see pages 21 and 27).

UPDATE: under the logic of the decision, there is no rational reason why all voters shouldn't be allowed to sign Libertarian primary petitions. Yet the law doesn't allow Democrats or Republicans to sign.

#### **MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:**

Arizona does not have that distinction, but only has "recognized political party."

#### **OTHER:**

N/A

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### **Activities**

The Facebook page lists an active schedule with a mix of education, activism, and social activities. The AZLP participates in regular outreach. The AZLP has also created an attractive specialized Facebook profile picture graphic. During my term, I have seen the AZLP rise exponentially in polished presentation. There will be a presence at the state fair.

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### **Finances & Fundraising**

The AZLP gets an average of \$1,000 year from a truly voluntary state income-tax return check off in which taxpayers can voluntarily fund a political party that then increases or reduces the amount of taxes owed and also conducts regular fund-raising drives.

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### **Media Coverage**

Significant press mentions include:

[http://www.yumasun.com/news/longtime-yuman-blitz-chosen-to-head-ariz-libertarian-party/article\\_7df29cf4-1a8b-11e8-bc61-cf5f5f7a8876.html](http://www.yumasun.com/news/longtime-yuman-blitz-chosen-to-head-ariz-libertarian-party/article_7df29cf4-1a8b-11e8-bc61-cf5f5f7a8876.html)

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### **Other**

The affiliate continues to grow and strengthen at the local levels.

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### **What does the affiliate think National should be doing?**

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Chair Blitz believes national should continue to improve on its support of and communications with the state parties.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Our new board was elected January 28, 2018 to finish out the remaining 1 year left on the term of office of many of the board members. Since then our 7-person board meets monthly by phone conferencing as the seven of us live in a variety of different places throughout the state of Arizona. One board member is from Gila County, one from Mohave County, one from Yuma County, three from Maricopa County, and one from Pima County.

Our first challenge has been to select 23 delegates to represent AZLP at the LNC convention in June in New Orleans. The body at the January 28 convention decided to use the first come first serve method as a basis for deciding those delegates, which has proven to be a very ineffective method since we now have more people wanting to be delegates than slots available unlike in the past when we did not have enough people wanting to fill all of the slots. One of the first priorities this year is to put a Bylaws change in place in making delegate selection smoother and more efficient.

Another item on our agenda this year is to have all of our committees operational and functional submitting suggestions on not only the delegate selection process but also setting up procedures on how a county can become organized and distributing them to the counties throughout Arizona. We are also looking into how to make the AZLP website more available to everyone including candidates and candidate listing so that the public will be aware of who is running for which offices. This includes making our bylaws available to the public. Another item we are investigating is appointing someone to be our website master to keep the AZLP website updated at all times.

In summary the following are the goals for 2018 of the AZLP:

- AZ delegate selection process established
- Committees operational and functional
- County Organization protocol established
- Make website user friendly and information available to the public
- Identify a website master

Big goals, but doable, especially with the type of individuals on the board. They are all awesome!!!

*~Howard Blitz, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure - Staggered Terms

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Wayne Harlos (chair@lpcolorado.org)

Vice Chair: Marc Montoni (vicechair@lpcolorado.org)

Treasurer: John Hjersman (treasurer@lpcolorado.org)

Records: Mike Spalding (recordsdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Membership: Matt DiGiallonardo

(membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Communications: Lance Cayko

(communicationsdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Outreach: Kevin Gulbranson (outreachdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Regions: Steve Gallant (regionsdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Campaigns: Bruce Griffith (campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org)

Legislative: Michael Stapleton (legislative@lpcolorado.org)

Fundraising: Roger Barris (fundraisingdirector@lpcolorado.org)

#### *APPOINTED POSITIONS*

Database Manager: David Aitken (databasemanager@lpcolorado.org)

Technology Chair: Clayton Casciato (technologychair@lpcolorado.org)

Website: <http://www.lpcolorado.org/>

### Office Space

No. Meeting space is provided monthly by The Independence Institute.



## Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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Number of Libertarians	46,087. This represents 1.20% of the registered voters (3,819,423) and is up .01% percentage-wise from the last Region 1 report.
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Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
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Partisan Registration?	Yes.
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Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPCO has ballot access.  The access requirement is 1,000 registered Libertarian voters.
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Number of Candidates 2016/2018	26 / 36- they are not all listed on the national site.
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Estimated Budget	\$12K yearly
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Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 25,005. This would place Colorado about 4 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which remains unchanged but closing in on number 3. The affiliate has a dedicated social media volunteer team. Website is current and managed by an IT professional.
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Newsletter?	No. Mail blasts are sent regularly. A regular newsletter is being planned with the election of a Membership Director and change to the affiliate Bylaws.
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Database?	Yes through NationBuilder and managed by an IT professional.
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BSM Members	469. This places the affiliate at 11 <sup>th</sup> in rankings which is down one rank since my last report and down 36% over a one-year period.
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## Governing Documents

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*PLATFORM:*

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/platform](http://http://www.lpcolorado.org/platform)). Adopted March 2017. **The 2018 changes are not yet reflected.**

#### **BYLAWS:**

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/bylaws](http://http://www.lpcolorado.org/bylaws)). Adopted March 2017. **The 2018 changes are not yet reflected.**

#### **CONSTITUTION:**

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/constitution](http://http://www.lpcolorado.org/constitution)). Adopted March 2017. **The 2018 changes are not yet reflected.**

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## **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, emails, and documents are available online in an effort to move towards greater transparency and interface with the membership.

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## **State Convention**

The 2018 Convention took place March 23-25, 2018 with elections of nearly every Board member due to multiple resignations.

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## **National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation**

#### **LEADERSHIP:**

The Board has staggered terms, and the Chair will not change in 2018. I will be discussing re-formation of Region 1 with Chair Harlos.

#### **DELEGATES:**

The affiliate has filled all of its 34 delegate slots. These have not yet been uploaded to the Credentials Committee.

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## **State Level Membership**

State party members are the registered Libertarians. There is no separate membership structure. However the Libertarian registrations have grown at a pace outpacing both old parties.

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## **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, Boulder, Delta, Douglas, and El Paso counties. There are approximately nine Development Groups. Regular data dumps are provided to the affiliates and development groups to spur growth.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2018)

A healthy slate of candidates are being ran in 2018 with a mixture of serious candidates and line-holders. Chair Harlos is running for a non-partisan Town Council position.

#### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*

- Mike Spalding (Ken-Caryl Water and Sanitation Board)
- Beau Woodcock (Miliken Mayor)
- Dylan Lewis-Silt Town Trustee
- Mike Spalding (Ken-Caryl Water and Sanitation Board)

#### *PRIMARIES:*

With the passage of Propositions 107 and 108 creating semi-closed primaries, the LPCO, as a minor party, can easily opt out though a primary is required when multiple candidates for a single office have significant support at convention—and in that eventuality, the primary is June 8, 2018.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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

#### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

The LPCO is a recognized minor political party. Major party recognition requires 10% of the vote in the gubernatorial race.

#### *OTHER:*

From *Ballot Access News*: On February 14, a U.S. District Court issued a ruling in *Semple v Williams*, 1:17cv-1007, a case over the 2016 law change that made it more difficult to get constitutional amendments on the Colorado ballot. The ruling makes it almost certain that the restriction will be invalidated. It requires signatures of 2% of the registered voters in each of Colorado's 35 State Senate districts.

The flaw in the restriction is that it requires 2% of the registered voters, instead of some percentage of the population of each district, or instead of a flat number in each district. The ruling says that because some districts contain approximately 50% more registered voters than other districts, the law violates "one person, one vote."

Additionally, the LPCO lost a Colorado Supreme Court case seeking fees in an election access claim joined with a civil rights claim. This case is being appealed to the United States Supreme Court with the national party filing a supporting brief.

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## Activities

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Regular Op-Eds are being submitted by the Media Action Committee led by Jay Stooksberry. There is regular well-staffed and attended Outreach events. A tax day protest was led by the Douglas County affiliate.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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The LPCO was without an active Fundraising Director for a lengthy period of time (years) and is attempting to fire back up an active donor solicitation program.

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## Media Coverage

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Significant media coverage included:

<http://www.westword.com/news/35awaii-ban-in-denver-ripped-by-libertarian-party-of-colorado-9908252>

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## Other

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The LPCO is supporting a major tax reform initiative.

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## What Does the Affiliate Think National Should be Doing?

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Leaders in the LNC need to stop sabotaging affiliate parties with reckless “shock and awe” statements.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Colorado has had a bit of a slowdown in activity since we are into the Fall and holiday season, but we have built good momentum for the upcoming year.

We had a great year that closed with a great Convention. We have many new board members including the election of Marc Montoni, formally of Virginia, Roger Barris, who just returned from England, Bruce Griffith, Lance Cayko, and Matt Digi.

This is a powerhouse group and I expect a fantastic year.

Cheers to all.



*~Wayne Harlos, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Tracy Ryan, [tracyar@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:tracyar@hawaiiantel.net)

Vice Chair and Big Island Chair: Gregory Arianoff, [info@arianoff.us](mailto:info@arianoff.us)

Treasurer: Pat Brock, TBD

Secretary: Joe Kent, [joe\\_kent@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_kent@hotmail.com)

At Large: Feena Bonoan (Maui Chair, TBD), Eric Weinert ([ericdraheweinert@gmail.com](mailto:ericdraheweinert@gmail.com)), Anthony Higa (Oahu Chair, [37hawaii37.higa.hawaii@gmail.com](mailto:37hawaii37.higa.hawaii@gmail.com))

International Ambassador of Liberty & Goodwill: Ken Schoolland, [ken.schoolland@gmail.com](mailto:ken.schoolland@gmail.com)



Website: <http://www.libertarianpartyofhawaii.org>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	54 (BSM members).
<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	National Membership BSM.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	No.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	<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 (1/10<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	12 / the number for 2018 cannot yet be estimated.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$2-3K in odd years, and \$8-10K (or more depending upon campaign assistance) in even years.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	<p>The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 5,837. This would place Hawaii about 19<sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down one place since my last report. I alerted Chair Ryan that the frequency of postings seems to have dropped down over many months. The page dropped in the amount of likes.</p>
<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes, but scattered over several locations and formats.
<b>BSM Members</b>	54. This places Hawaii at 44 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is a decrease in one ranking since my last report and down 40% over a one-year period.

## Governing Documents

***PLATFORM:***

On website (<http://www.libertarianpartyofhawaii.org/platform>). Adopted 2015.

***BYLAWS:***

On website (<http://www.libertarianpartyofhawaii.org/by-laws>). Adopted 2015.

***CONSTITUTION:***

None.

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## Board Meetings

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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.

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## State Convention

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The LPHI 2017 Convention took place December 3, 2017 in several locations; it was not possible for me to attend remotely. The affiliate does not have conventions in even-numbered years.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### *LEADERSHIP:*

I have been in touch with Chair to begin the re-formation of the Region 1 with Hawaii.

### *DELEGATES:*

The delegate allocation of 5 has been filled and reported to the Credentials Committee.

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## State Level Membership

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The LPHI has state level membership for dues-payers and life members (\$20/year for renewals; \$25/year for new members, and \$1,000 for life members). There are under 100 members combined in those categories, but they have several hundred lapsed that get back involved periodically. In addition there are 54 BSM members.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The Libertarian Party of Big Island (Hawaii County) is an active sub-affiliate that has tapered off somewhat but they are working to keep it going. Maui County had an active affiliate, but it fell apart, and they are working on getting that going again; they really need representatives for the Maui area. They are striving to be competitive in Hilo (settlement in Hawaii County) and Kona (district in Hawaii County).

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## Elections

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### **Current Election Cycle (2018)**

The affiliate is recruiting for 2018 candidates with a focus on the state legislature.

### *PRIMARIES:*

Hawaii has a mandatory open primary that the LPHI must participate in which will be held on August 11, 2018.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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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. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years. The affiliate, however, wishes to qualify each time as it grants even greater credibility to the Party and although ballot access is secured they do have to run candidates in state elections.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

Hawaii does not have this distinction but rather simply has recognized political parties.

### *OTHER:*

The Hawaii state elections office has determined that the Constitution Party petition for party status has enough valid signatures.

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## Activities

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They do hold two general meetings per year in different locations to facilitate attendance.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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The affiliate will be working on fundraising for its 2018 candidates.

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## Media Coverage

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None at this time.

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## Other

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H.B. No. 2739 is presently in committee which would provide a right-to-die in limited circumstances.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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The LNC needs to continue on its program of candidate and affiliate support, and continue to secure and maintain our ballot access, but should be concentrating on changing the ballot access laws rather than pouring petition money in year after year. Chair Ryan was very disappointed in the unprofessional actions of the Vice-Chair.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Our focus is on running candidates and legislative actions.

*~Tracy Ryan, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KANSAS

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHAIR LOGAN HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY AND WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO GIVE AN UPDATE OR CONFERENCE WITH THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SO THIS IS INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE



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## State Organization - Staggered Terms

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Kris Logan, [chair@lpks.org](mailto:chair@lpks.org)

Vice Chair: Sharon DuBois, [vice-chair@lpks.org](mailto:vice-chair@lpks.org)

Treasurer: Ric Koehn, [treasurer@lpks.org](mailto:treasurer@lpks.org)

Secretary: Mike Kerner, [secretary@lpks.org](mailto:secretary@lpks.org)

1<sup>st</sup> District Coordinator: Vacant

1<sup>st</sup> District Deputy Coordinator: Mike Wilson, [dist1@lpks.org](mailto:dist1@lpks.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> District Coordinator: Rachéll (Shelly) Rowand, [dist2@lpks.org](mailto:dist2@lpks.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> District Deputy Coordinator: Vacant, [dist2@lpks.org](mailto:dist2@lpks.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> District Coordinator: Jeff Caldwell, [dist3@lpks.org](mailto:dist3@lpks.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> District Deputy Coordinator: Brandon Caldwell, [dist3@lpks.org](mailto:dist3@lpks.org)

4<sup>th</sup> District Coordinator: Steven Rosile, [dist4@lpks.org](mailto:dist4@lpks.org)

4<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Coordinators: Maria Church, [dist4@lpks.org](mailto:dist4@lpks.org)



Website: <http://www.lpks.org>

### Office Space



No.

## **Paid Staff/Contractors**

No.

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## **At a Glance Statistics**

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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	Approximately 15,463. This represents .87% of the registered voters (1,776,703). There has not been new numbers released by the Secretary of State since the last few reports.
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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	Registered voters.
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<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
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<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	<p>The LPKS has ballot access.</p> <p>The access requirement is 1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation). This threshold was met 2016 this year over several races and will come up again in 2018.</p>
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<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	14 / Chair Logan was not available for an update. 6 are listed on the affiliate website but only 1 is listed on the national website.
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<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$6K yearly
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<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Website is current and attractive. Facebook pages likes are at 3,412. This would place it about 34 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up two since my last report.
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<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
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<b>Database?</b>	Yes, NationBuilder.
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<b>BSM Members</b>	132. This places Kansas at 34 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which ranking remains unchanged since my last report and down 26% over a one-year
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## Governing Documents

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### *PLATFORM:*

On website (<http://www.lpks.org/platform>). Adopted April 26, 2014.

### *BYLAWS:*

On website ([http://www.lpks.org/party\\_bylaws](http://www.lpks.org/party_bylaws)). Adopted April 30, 2016.

### *CONSTITUTION:*

On website ([http://www.lpks.org/party\\_constitution](http://www.lpks.org/party_constitution)). Adopted April 30, 2016.

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## Board Meetings

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

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention took place on April 21-23, 2017. I was not able to attend. The 2018 LPKS State Convention is slated to be held April 20-21 in Overland Park, Kansas which is the same time as the LNC meeting.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### *LEADERSHIP:*

I will be in touch with Chair Logan regarding the re-formation of Region 1 with Kansas.

### *DELEGATES:*

I will find out from Chair Logan if the 11 delegate slots were filled at their 2018 convention.

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## State Level Membership

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There is no dues-paying structure. The interest level has stabilized and remains high with new prospects. A lot of new persons are attending the Ex-Comm meetings.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are four congressional districts , each of which has executive committees. There are 105 counties in Kansas, which are unevenly divided between the districts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District is very active , and there are about eight active county groups. They are working on developing the Libertarians of Northern Kansas (LNK pronounced L-Neck) which is the area that contains the capital city so it is important they are active there.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2018)

Jeff Caldwell is seeking the nomination for Governor and former Chair Rob Hodgkinson for Secretary of State. Four other candidates are listed on the affiliate website but Chair Ryan was not available to discuss.

#### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*

- Nick Schlossmacher (Mission City Council Ward 2)

#### *PRIMARIES:*

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.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The LPKS has had access since 1992. The access requirement is 1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation). This threshold was met in 2016 over several races and will come up again in 2018.

In order to obtain major party status, the LPKS needs to obtain 5% in the gubernatorial election.

#### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

Major party status is achieved by obtaining 5% vote in gubernatorial race.

#### *OTHER:*

Nothing else found of note.

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## Activities

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Chair Logan was not available for an update.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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A fundraising campaign of "You Might be a Libertarian if..." is being started. Chair Logan was not available for an update.

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## Media Coverage

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None at this time.

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## Other

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Chair Logan was not available for an update.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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Chair Logan was not available due to family emergency.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Chair Logan was not available due to family emergency.

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# MONTANA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Francis Wendt, [francis.wendt@mtlp.org](mailto:francis.wendt@mtlp.org)

First Vice-Chair: Elinor Swanson, [elinor.swanson@mtlp.org](mailto:elinor.swanson@mtlp.org)

Second Vice-Chair: Sid Daoud, [sid.daoud@mtlp.org](mailto:sid.daoud@mtlp.org)

Treasurer: Joe Leavengood, [joe.leavengood@mtlp.org](mailto:joe.leavengood@mtlp.org)

Assistant Treasurer: Rick Breckenridge,  
[joe.leavengood@mtlp.org](mailto:joe.leavengood@mtlp.org)

Secretary: Cindy Dyson, [cindy.dyson@mtlp.org](mailto:cindy.dyson@mtlp.org)

Assistant Secretary: Conor Burns, [conor.burns@mtlp.org](mailto:conor.burns@mtlp.org)

Website: <http://www.mtlp.org> (new website in development)

NOTE THAT THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HAD WITH  
FORMER CHAIR FUCCI JUST PRIOR TO HIS RESIGNATION.



### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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Number of Libertarians

About 252.

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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	National Membership BSM and sign-up. Dues have been functionally eliminated.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	No.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	<p>The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US House Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden. They are sufficient candidates to meet this requirement in 2018.</p> <p>Montana has mandatory open primaries.</p>
<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	10 / 21 which are all listed on the national website. The affiliate website needs to be updated from the 2017 candidates.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$900 with the rest being covered by in-kind contributions.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Website is modern and current due to recent efforts. Facebook is presently at 2,381 likes and ranks 40 <sup>th</sup> which is up one rank since my prior report.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	The affiliate is working on instituting an email or other regular electronic updates and is exploring MailChimp.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes through manual Excel Sheets. The affiliate is also one of the test cases for the CRM project.
<b>BSM Members</b>	78. This places Montana at 41 <sup>st</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is down one rank since my last report and .06% down over a one-year period. Montana earned a per-capita Platform Committee seat.

## Governing Documents

***PLATFORM:***

On website (<https://www.mtlp.org/platform/>). Same as National Party.

***BYLAWS:***

On website (<https://www.mtlp.org/s/MTLP-Bylaws-as-Adopted-9-9-17.pdf>). Amended March 6, 2018.

***CONSTITUTION:***

Not applicable.

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## Board Meetings

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They are setting up regular meetings and have added me to the attendance notice list. They can modify Bylaws at meeting, and that is a current project.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention was on March 11, 2017, and I was in attendance. This was their first convention in about twenty years and by any metric was a success. About 50 enthusiastic members attended (including seasoned and new members). An additional convention was had on September 9, 2017 and new officers were elected. The 2018 convention is scheduled for May 19, 2018.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### *LEADERSHIP:*

I am speaking with new Chair Wendt about the re-formation of Region 1.

### *DELEGATES:*

Delegate selection will take place at their May convention. The affiliate has 7 slots and is expected to fill them all.

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## State Level Membership

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The MTLP Bylaws provide for free memberships to those who certify in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals, dues are optional. There are about 250 state members.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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Chapters are established/starting in multiple counties as the affiliate is in re-building mode, including Gallatin County (Libertarian Party of Gallatin Valley), Lake County (Lake County Libertarian Party), Missoula County (Missoula County Libertarian Party - organizing), and Ravalli County (Libertarian Party of Ravalli County – becoming inactive ). Yellowstone, Lincoln (organizing), and Cascade counties are currently organizing. Flathead Libertarians has an active monthly meeting with guest speakers

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## Elections

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### **Current Election Cycle (2018)**

Elinor Swanson has declared for the sole US House seat, and Rick Breckenridge has declared for the US Senate race.

### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*



- None.

#### **PRIMARIES:**

Montana has a mandatory open primary on June 5, 2018 but the affiliate does not need to participate as there are no contested nominations.

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### **Ballot Access and Party Status**

The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In 2016 it was met by three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US House Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor).

#### **MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:**

Montana does not have that distinction but only qualified political parties.

#### **OTHER:**

The Montana Green Party has regained its ballot access.

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### **Activities**

Nothing specifically scheduled, and the affiliate just went through a leadership change. The Flathead affiliate is active with events such as a presentation on jury nullification: <https://www.lp.org/montana-libertarians-promote-sweet-justice-event-jury-nullification/>

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### **Finances & Fundraising**

The affiliate is still in re-organization mode and is working on a fundraising base.

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### **Media Coverage**

Significant media coverage includes:

<http://www.krtv.com/story/37551545/sen-tester-files-as-candidate-field-may-be-complete-for-mts-top-2018-race>

<http://www.ktvh.com/2018/02/billings-lawyer-enters-montana-u-s-house-race-as-libertarian-candidate>

<https://www.greatfalltribune.com/story/news/2018/03/05/libertarian-says-hell-enter-montana-u-s-senate-race/396186002/>

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## Other

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Nothing at this time.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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The LNC needs to be able to guide affiliates through financial reporting requirements with the FEC.

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## Statement from the Chair

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The candidate filing period in Montana ended on March 12th, and I am happy to report that the Montana Libertarian Party will be fielding more candidates than it has in 35 years! Twenty-One Libertarians are running for office this year in Montana, including for all three statewide and federal races. Eighteen Libertarians are running for state legislature with ten in two-way races (four vs. Democrats, six vs. Republicans).

On March 6th, the Montana Libertarian Party Executive Board completed its work on the state party bylaws. This project was undertaken at the request of State Central Committee during the Officers Convention in September 2017. The Board is pleased with the results and believe the document is a significant improvement over the prior version.

The MTLP's State Delegate convention will take place on May 19th in Butte, MT. Business will include: Electing delegates and alternates to the national convention, amending or adopting the MTLP platform, and electing a representative to the 2020 National Platform Committee. Additional details, including speakers and ticket prices are still to be announced.

*~Michael Fucci, Former Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF UTAH



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure (2-year terms odd-numbered years)

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Joseph Buchman, [chair@libertarianutah.org](mailto:chair@libertarianutah.org)

Vice Chair: Barry Short

Treasurer: Shawn Curtis

Secretary: Justin Bake

Website: <http://www.libertarianutah.org>



### Office Space

They do not have physical office space.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

Scott Linsley is a volunteer who has been acting as Executive/Communications Director but is not paid.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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Number of Libertarians	14,080. This represents .9% of the registered voters (1,557,550). This is up .02% since my last report.
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 vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met in 2016 by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%). This must be met every four years. This will not need to be met again until 2020.
Number of Candidates 2016/2018	11 / 17 (8 are listed on national site)
Estimated Budget	\$10-12K per year
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is modern. Facebook page likes are at 2,814. This would place Utah 40 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings, unchanged since my last report.
Newsletter?	They are experimenting with sending out postcards.
Database?	They purchased the state database and have that archived into a database.
BSM Members	100. This places Utah at 37 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down two rankings since my last report and is down 46% over a one-year period.

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## Governing Documents

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*PLATFORM:*

On website (<http://www.libertarianutah.org/our-party/platform/>). No date listed. Changes were made at 2018 convention.

***BYLAWS:***

On website (<http://www.libertarianutah.org/utlp-bylaws/>). No date listed. Changes were made at 2018 convention.

***CONSTITUTION:***

On website (<http://www.libertarianutah.org/constitution/>). Adopted March 31, 2012.

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## Board Meetings

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There are monthly open meetings. Chair Buchman is working on organizing a Central Committee to meet quarterly.

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## State Convention

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The 2018 convention took place April 14, 2018. I was in attendance.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### **LEADERSHIP:**

I am speaking with Chair Buchman about regional re-formation.

### **DELEGATES:**

The affiliate's 8 delegate slots were filled at the 2018 convention.

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## State Level Membership

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Yes. 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. Chair Buchman will let me know membership numbers.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are a few active groups and several County Chairs (Davis, Utah, and Weber). Chair Buchman also has plans for a Southern Utah multi-county group., and central coalition of four counties (Libertarians of Castle Country) has been formed and is being spearheaded by Barry Hess.

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## Elections

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### **Current Election Cycle (2018)**

These candidates were nominated at convention:

US Senate: Craig R. Bowden

US House of Representatives: Jeffrey Whipple (District 2)

Utah State Senate: Kevin L. Bryan (District 18)

Utah House of Representatives:

- District 16: Brent Zimmerman
- District 19: Joe Speciale
- District 22: Amber Christiansen Beltran
- District 26: Jonathan Greene
- District 27: Joseph Geddes Buchman
- District 35: Chelsea Travis
- District 43: Shawn Curtis

- District 46: Lee Anne Walker
- District 68: Denyse Housley Cox
- District 72: Barry Evan Short
- District 74: Daniel Holloway
- District 75: Michael A. Gardner

Tooele County Commissioner A: Justin Bake

Utah County Attorney: Andrew McCullough

#### ***ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:***

- Apollo Pazell (Copperton Metro Township – won seat November 2017)

#### ***PRIMARIES:***

The LPUT does not participate in the primary system although they could opt in, but rather they nominate through convention, and primaries only become relevant when two candidates get 35% of the vote in a party endorsements meeting.

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### **Ballot Access and Party Status**

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The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%). This will not need to be met again until 2020.

### MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

Utah does not have these distinctions but rather has registered political parties and qualified political parties.

### OTHER:

This year will see the LPUT facing not only candidates from United Utah and the Independent American Party, but also the Greens (who obtained ballot access as a party last year from signature gathering), the Constitution Party, and some unaffiliated candidates like Sean Whalen.

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## Activities

There was a 2A rally on the morning of the convention also attended by Chair Sarwark.

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## 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. This public funding works very much like the Federal system in that selecting this option does not increase or decrease the amount of taxes owed. Chair Buchman mentioned that in the past they advertised that they would refund this money to anyone who came by their office and asked and that this earned some media attention. For 2017 the affiliate received \$5,416.00. The 2018 numbers are not yet known.

The affiliate is always trying out new and innovative fundraising events that at least garner attention if not successful at the original goal.

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## Media Coverage

Media coverage includes:

<https://stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2018/04/14/jmr-libertarians-lead-rally-in-cedar-city-in-support-of-second-amendment-gun-rights/#.WtfgwtPwbBJ>

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## Other

Utah still has straight ticket voting which failed in a repeal effort in 2016. A special session will likely be called in 2018 to consider repeal of the .05 BAC for DUI. The LPUT will be cooperating and assisting in the efforts by the Utah Patients Coalition to put medical cannabis legislation on the ballot via initiative. Watch for an announcement of dates for signature gathering.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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A standard procedure for rating and vetting candidates along with an updated best practices candidate handbook would be very useful.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Requested.

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE



## LIBERTARIAN Party of Washington

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### State Organization

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#### Party Leadership Structure - Staggered Terms

##### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Randy McGlenn, [chair@lpwa.org](mailto:chair@lpwa.org).

Vice Chair: Tiffany Diaz De Leon, [ladyliberty@lpwa.org](mailto:ladyliberty@lpwa.org)

Treasurer: Charles Schaefer, [charlesschaefer@lpwa.org](mailto:charlesschaefer@lpwa.org)

Secretary: Daniel Hodun, [danielhodun@lpwa.org](mailto:danielhodun@lpwa.org)

The LPWA also has eight Regional Directors (Jacob Lamont, Bryan Simonson, Bill Johnson, Chris Rholoff, Josh Smith, Sonny Patterson, Rory Leckland, and Mike Leimon.

Website: [www.lpwa.org](http://www.lpwa.org) - which is undergoing re-structuring due to security and speed issues and so is not up-to-date.

#### Office Space

No.

#### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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### At a Glance Statistics

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#### Number of Libertarians

507 BSM members, and approximately 300 state Party dues-paying members.

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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	National Membership BSM and Party Bylaws.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	No.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.
<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	13 /16 . 5 listed on national site.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$13K yearly
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	The website is undergoing re-structuring due to security and speed issues and so is not up-to-date.. Page likes are at 9,730. This would place Washington about 12 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is an increase of one rank since my last report.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	Yes this has been started successfully.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes, CiviCRM but they are exploring other issues.
<b>BSM Members</b>	507. This places Washington at 10 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up one rank since my last report and down 10% over a one-year period. The affiliate is organizing a Retention Committee.

## Governing Documents

### *PLATFORM:*

None. Has an "Issues" section on website."

### *CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS:*

On website (<https://lpwa.org/activist-resources/constitution-and-bylaws/>). Adopted July 8, 2017.

## Board Meetings

The LPWA meets quarterly in person and monthly via teleconference. I have asked to be on this distribution list.

## State Convention

The 2018 Convention took place on February 16-18, 2018, and I was in attendance functioning as national membership recruiter.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### **LEADERSHIP:**

Party leadership is now on two-year terms and will not change at the 2018 Convention. I am speaking with Chair McGlenn about Region 1 re-formation.

### **DELEGATES:**

LPWA has 35 delegate slots and has filled 22 of them with the remainder expected to be filled. They do not seat out-of-state delegates.

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## State Level Membership

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Yes, as defined by the LPWA Bylaws. They have about 300 dues-paying members.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The LPWA has eight regions (with regional directors mentioned on site) and about 12-15 county groups, but none of them are recognized and there was a dispute with the county parties over a provision that was added to the governing documents that county affiliates or officers could not endorse non-Libertarian candidates. Only King County is officially recognized.



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## Elections

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### **Current Election Cycle (2018)**

From the national party site:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STATE	OFFICE	ELECTION DATE
Isa	Cline	Washington	Long Beach City Council	August 7, 2018
Michelle	Darnell	Washington	State Senate 48	August 7, 2018
Matt	Dubin	Washington	State House 36	August 7, 2018
Mike	Luke	Washington	US Senator	August 7, 2018
Krystol	McGee	Washington	US House 5	August 7, 2018

For 2018 they have likely candidates for all of the Federal races and are working on the State races though some important races may be missed. Anthony Welty's race for Insurance Commissioner will be high profile. Matt Dubin's State House race has already raised over \$20,000.

#### ***ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:***

- Barbara Brenner (Whatcom County Council District 3 Position B)
- Robb Gibbs (Kelso School Director Position 3)
- Don Myers (Moses Lake City Council Member #3)
- Joshua Penner (Orting City Council Position 5 and Pierce County Charter Review Committee, District 1, Position 3)
- Joseph Cimaomo (Covington City Council Position 4 ELECTED 2017)
- Kevin "Isa" Cline (Long Beach City Council Position 4 ELECTED 2017)

#### ***PRIMARIES:***

Washington is a "top-two" state in which only two candidates make it out of the primaries onto the general ballot.

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## **Ballot Access and Party Status**

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Unless LPWA becomes a major party, they are required to obtain 1,000 signatures in order to petition onto the ballot.

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%.

#### ***MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:***

In order to obtain qualified party status and have automatic ballot access (as well as other benefits including higher placement on ballots), the LPWA must obtain 5% in the Presidential race. The Washington Secretary of State does not appear to use the distinction of major and minor party status though that is the common parlance. Ballot status was denied in 2016 by the Secretary of State in a

shocking break with precedent by including write-in votes in the total which lowered Johnson's vote result to under 5%; however, the write-ins were invalid votes.

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## Activities

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King County is the most active group and has regular events. I recommended that the affiliate may wish to try Meet-Up in order to attract more attendance.

Thurston County is also becoming very active but focusing on activism events instead of meetings.



The Madison Jamboree is planned for possibly August 2018.

Jacob Lamont has also been working on opposing post-Parkland gun controls measures.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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The LPWA's primary source of funding is membership dues and voluntary donations. Chair McGlenn has a capital growth plan of 10%.

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## Media Coverage

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Significant media coverage included:

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/news/local/article206330769.html>

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## Other

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The LPWA does not have any specific issues they are focusing on as a party, but housing has become a critical issue for Kitsap County with a lot of moving pieces and a growing homelessness problem. Post-Parkland gun control issues are now also an issue. The pay-per-mile gas tax (fee) appears to have been defeated.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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Continue with our program of candidate support and development.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Requested.



# WYOMING LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Dee Cozzens, RCozzens@aol.com

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Kit Carson, csboa@aol.com

Secretary: Tammy Porambo, touchdowndavis@yahoo.com

Executive Director: Joe Porambo, papajoe192@yahoo.com



Website: <http://wyolibertarianparty.com/> (see below)

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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### Number of Libertarians

2,411 registered voters representing .91% of the voters (262,406) and is up .01% since my last report.

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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	Dues-paying registered voters. <sup>12</sup> These number about 20.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	<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. This was met by US House Representative candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).</p> <p>The affiliate expects to easily meet the threshold this year as well.</p>
<b>Number of Candidates 2016/2018</b>	4 / 5 (anticipated) 2 are listed on national site.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	None at this time. There were already some funds in the account that they are using to rebuild.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	<p>Andy Burns has created a new website for the affiliate at wy.lp.org but they have some concerns about privacy and security and are exploring some other options. After that exploration they will make a decision—this has been pending for several years. Facebook has been a rocky experience with trying to get control of two prior pages for the affiliate, and a third one just started. I advised them to make every attempt to have these pages merged as it is difficult to get traction. It does not appear that they have settled upon which page they will be using, and this is an issue that needs to be addressed.</p>

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<sup>12</sup> 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. This number is just a handful.

Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No.
BSM Members	37. This places Wyoming at 48 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up two rankings since my last report and flat over a one-year period.

## Board Meetings

The Board meets regularly via conference call.

## State Convention

I attend the 2017 Convention and Board elections. Their 2018 nominating convention was March 31, 2018.

## National Convention Preparation/Region

### *LEADERSHIP:*

I am speaking with Chair Cozzens about Region 1 re-formation.

### *DELEGATES:*

The affiliate expects to fill its 3 delegate slots.

## State Level Membership

The WYLP Bylaws do provide for dues-paying state level membership. They presently only have about 20 dues-paying members. The Bylaws are in a period of review and revision.

## Sub-Affiliates

There are 23 counties in Wyoming but the affiliate is having difficulty starting active county groups. One group has successfully started in Natrona County.

## Elections

### Current Election Cycle (2018)

From the national site:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STATE	OFFICE	ELECTION DATE
Bethany	Baldes	Wyoming	State House 55	November 6, 2018
Kit	Carson	Wyoming	Secretary of State	November 6, 2018

Larry Streumpf is likely to run for Governor with Richard Brubaker to run for US House.

#### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*

- None.

#### *PRIMARIES:*

In Wyoming, parties that receive 10% in a qualifying race receive their own primary while other qualified parties nominate by convention. This threshold was met in 2014 for Secretary of State, but was not met in 2016 so the WYLP will be nominating by convention, which is more economical to the taxpayers and didn't really give the Party any advantage at all.

### Ballot Access and Party Status

The vote test requirement this race is 2% in a US House race which was met in 2016 by US House of Representatives candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%). The affiliate expects to easily hit that threshold in 2018 with Kit Carson's Secretary of State race.

The vote test is limited in presidential years to just US House which must be achieved in order to remain on the ballot. If 10% is achieved, primary status would be retained, otherwise, nominations by convention would resume. In mid-term years, three offices count: US House, Governor, and Secretary of State.

#### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

The Wyoming Secretary of State lists the WYLP as a major political party but this will change as the Party did not obtain 10% for US House, Secretary of State, or Governor, which is the required threshold.

### Activities

There is nothing currently planned.

### 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 and motivated Executive Director.

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## Media Coverage

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None.

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## Other

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The issues that are of unique concern to the WYLP are common core and public lands with the catchphrase “public lands in public hands” being popular.

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## What does the affiliate think National should be doing?

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The LNC needs to continue on its program of candidate and affiliate support and be willing to help rebuild struggling affiliates. Apollo Pazell has been a big help to them.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Requested.

April 18, 2018

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 Recueto

Florida LP convention was held in Ft. Walton Beach from Feb. 23-25, 2018. Several new county affiliates have been organized or are in process of being chartered.

Georgia

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

The LP of Georgia held its annual convention at Andretti's in Marietta, Georgia, February 3, 2018. Ted Metz was nominated and will be the Libertarian candidate for Governor. In addition a total of 10 Libertarian candidates will be running this fall.

Tennessee

Website: lptn.org  
Chair: Cole Ebel  
Vice-Chair: David Sexton

The Tennessee Libertarian party held its convention at the Wilson County Expo in Lebanon March 17 2018. A complete set of new officers were elected, Cole Ebel becoming the elected permanent chair. Presentations were given by Jess Mears and Larry Sharpe on community engagement and activism.

**See the following 13 pages for the Region 3 Report**

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# Libertarian National Committee

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## Region 3 Report

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Regional Report - Region 3  
Libertarian National Committee  
Meeting April 21-22, 2018  
by Elizabeth Van Horn

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### **Region 3 Representative**

Elizabeth Van Horn, Indiana  
Libertarian National Committee  
[Elizabeth.VanHorn@lp.org](mailto:Elizabeth.VanHorn@lp.org)

### **Region 3 Alternate**

Dustin Nanna, Ohio Libertarian  
National Committee  
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## Region 3 States:

Region 3 : Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

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### National Membership for the Region

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The four states in the region declined in membership between March 2017 to February 2018

#### **Mar 2017 National Membership**

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3562	533	13
KENTUCKY	1337	179	32
MICHIGAN	5576	642	9
OHIO	5749	782	6

#### **Feb 2018 National Membership**

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3322	413	13
KENTUCKY	1193	139	31
MICHIGAN	5090	499	10
OHIO	4925	590	7

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## Party Leadership

**State Chair:** Timothy Maguire ([chair@lpin.org](mailto:chair@lpin.org))

**Vice Chair:** Rodney Benker ([vicechair@lpin.org](mailto:vicechair@lpin.org))

**Treasurer:** Michael Schultheiss ([treasurer@lpin.org](mailto:treasurer@lpin.org))

**Secretary:** Frank Rossa ([secretary@lpin.org](mailto:secretary@lpin.org))

Elected by County Chairs within the District - 2018 some districts will elect new District Reps

**District 1 Rep:** Perry Sheetz

**District 2 Rep:** Nick Hamill

**District 3 Rep:** Kristi Avery

**District 4 Rep:** Dan Church

**District 5 Rep:** Greg Noland

**District 6 Rep:** Jeremiah Morrell

**District 7 Rep:** Chris Spangle

**District 8 Rep:** Lindsay Marie

**District 9 Rep:** Greg Hertzsch

Appointed by the SCC:

**Technology Director:** Jesse Riddle

**Political Director:** Jared Hall

**Paid Staff/Contractors:** Libertarian Party of Indiana is currently all volunteer.

LPIN State Membership:

LPIN has 202 state only members. Those who donate \$25 annually to LPIN, or who belong to the 1994 Society. The 1994 Society celebrates achieving ballot access in that year, and acts as a fund-raiser with reoccurring monthly donations.

Current Indiana membership with National and State combined: 587

Contact Information:

Mail: Libertarian Party of Indiana

1300 E. 86th Street #40573

Indianapolis, IN 46240

Telephone: 317-920-1994

Email: [lpinhq@lpin.org](mailto:lpinhq@lpin.org)

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## County Affiliates

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LPIN has county affiliates. Currently there are 24 affiliated counties, 6 temporary chairs in unaffiliated counties, and 62 unaffiliated counties.

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## Elected Office

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Indiana has numerous Libertarian Party members throughout the state who hold public office. Current elected Indiana Libertarian officeholders:

Susan Bell, Hagerstown Town Court

Cheryl Heacox, Clay Township Advisory Board, Wayne County

Dennis Denney, Shirley Town Council – North Ward

Larry Walker, Dublin Town Council

Elizabeth Brewer, Claypool Town Clerk/Treasurer

Joel Samuelson, Culver Town Council At-Large

Jessica Whitfield, Larwill Town Council At-Large

Renee Sweeney, Ossian Town Council

Complete list of current and past Indiana elected Libertarians. Also, appointed Libertarians:

<https://lpin.org/elected-libertarians/>

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## Ballot Access

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### Ballot Access

LPIN has had ballot access since 1994, because they have consistently surpassed 2% in the Secretary of State (SOS) race. Ballot access was maintained with the 2014 SOS race, with candidate Karl Tatgenhorst.

### 2018 Ballot Access Efforts

Every 4 years in the Secretary of State race, the LPIN candidate must get at least 2% of the total vote in the election. This allows LPIN to retain ballot access for another 4 years. LPIN will nominate a candidate for the SOS race at the state convention in May. At this time there's one declared potential candidate (Mark Rutherford) seeking the nomination for SOS for LPIN.

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## Events

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### State Events - Upcoming

#### 2018 STATE CONVENTION

The 2018 Libertarian Party of Indiana Convention will be May 4th, 5th, and 6th, at the Downtown Indianapolis Marriott 350 W Maryland St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Focus will be on training. With workshops for officer training - Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Also, workshops for candidates, campaigns, and advocacy.

Prior to the business meeting will be delegate business meeting training. Statewide candidates will be nominated and selected by delegates during the business meeting.

## **Party Leadership**

**Chair:** Harlan Compton

**Vice Chair:** Bryan Short

**Treasurer:** Ken Moellman

**Secretary:** Chris Wiest

At-Large: Mark Gailey

At-Large: Dan Hull

District 1 Chair: David Watson

District 2 Chair: Chris Dillingham

District 3 Chair: Chris Roberts

District 4 Chair: Cristi Kendrick

District 5 Chair: Sidney L. Cline III

**Paid Staff/Contractors** - Libertarian Party of Kentucky is currently all volunteer

## **State Membership**

State membership requires residence in KY and paying at least \$30 annual donation. LPKY has various membership levels that range from the annual \$30, to a Lifetime membership, that requires an annual (or one time) donation of \$2,500.

**Contact Information:**

PO Box 432 Independence, KY 41051

502-791-LPKY | [info@lpky.org](mailto:info@lpky.org)

## Ballot Access and Candidates

### Ballot Access

The Libertarian Party of Kentucky has ballot access for the first time. LPKY doesn't need to collect signed petitions in 2018 to place candidates on the ballot.

#### Candidates selected to appear on the 2018 ballot:

Joshua Gilpin	- KY HOUSE – District 2
Shane Walker	- Magistrate/J.P.
James Conley	- Constable
Anthony Scott Fillback	- Constable
Joseph Redmon	- Constable
Gregory Boles	- US CONGRESS - 3rd District
John Hicks	- KY HOUSE - District 43
Trevor Applegate	- MAGISTRATE/J.P.
A. J. “Lex” Hannan	- KY HOUSE – District 66
Race Nichols	COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Christopher Robinson	- KY HOUSE – District 65
J. Kyle Sweeney	- CONSTABLE – 2nd
Ann Cormican	- KY HOUSE - District 72
Shannon Denniston	- MAGISTRATE/J.P.
Frank Harris	- US CONGRESS - 6TH District

### Events

The LPKY 2018 State Convention was March 24th, 2018 at:

Bellarmino University  
 Nolen C. Allen Hall, Room 460A  
 2120 Newburg Rd.  
 Louisville, KY 40205

A business meeting with candidate and national delegate selection took place. Also, platform and bylaws were covered. There was one change of officer, with a new treasurer selected.

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## **Party Leadership**

Chair – Bill Hall - [chair@michiganlp.org](mailto:chair@michiganlp.org)

1st Vice Chair (Affiliates) – Tim Yow - [vcandidates@michiganlp.org](mailto:vcandidates@michiganlp.org)

2nd Vice Chair (Political) - Gregory Stempfle - [vcpoliticaldirector@michiganlp.org](mailto:vcpoliticaldirector@michiganlp.org)

Secretary – Emily Salvette - [secretary@michiganlp.org](mailto:secretary@michiganlp.org)

Treasurer – Jason Brandenburg - [treasurer@michiganlp.org](mailto:treasurer@michiganlp.org)

## **Executive Committee Representatives:**

District 1 - Donna Gundle-Kreig

District 2 - Mary Buzuma

District 3 - Jamie Lewis

District 4 - Tim Coon

District 5 - Mark Sanborn

District 6 - Wendi Parker

District 7 - Norman Peterson

District 8 - Jeff Wood

District 9 - Mike Saliba

District 10 - John Kanan

District 11 - Paul Connolly

District 12 - Lawrence W. Johnson

District 13 - Adam Zientarski

District 14 - Ben Carr

## **Judicial Committee Members:**

James Hudler

Kerry Morgan

Ken Proctor

## **Contact Information:**

PO Box 27065, Lansing, MI 48909

888-373-3669 | [info@michiganlp.org](mailto:info@michiganlp.org)



LPMI has several county affiliates with regular activities.

### Ballot Access & Canidates

LPMI has major party status and ballot access. Member Bill Gelineau is the first third-party governor candidate in 48 years to qualify for the Michigan primary.

As of late March LPMI had 22 candidates who filed to run for office.

The following candidates have already qualified for the primary:

Governor – Bill Gelineau

Congress – Leonard Schwartz (D11)

State Senate – Chad McNamara (D17)

Erwin Haas (D26)

Max Riekse (D34)

Tim Coon (D35)

State House – Anthony Croff (D39)

Frederick Mercado (D57)

Norm Peterson (D64)

Jason Rees (D65)

Jamie Lewis (D72)

Patty Malowney (D77)

Tyler Palmer (D93)

Robin Melcher (D95)

### County Affiliates

LPMI has various active county affiliates and is working to grow more.

### Events

LPMI held their 2018 state convention/Liberty Summit on Saturday, March 10, 2018. The morning focus was on campaign workshops. The afternoon business meeting included the selection of national delegates, officer reports, and some pre-endorsement of LPMI candidates.

### LibertyFest:

Defender of Liberty Awards ("Libbies") are annual awards presented at LPMI LibertyFest. Celebrating individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Winners must live and/or work in the state of Michigan.

Keith Wood, a businessman, convicted of "jury tampering" for handing out jury nullification pamphlets on a public sidewalk, was presented with the "Spokesperson for Liberty Award". Loel Gnadt received the Producer of Liberty Award, which is awarded to a "dedicated, behind-the-scenes Libertarian whose quiet labors over the years exemplifies the backbone of the Libertarian Party".

## **Party Leadership**

Scott Pettigrew, Chair (513) 252-2542  
Dustin Nanna, Vice Chair (740) 816-9805  
Linda Comstock, Treasurer (740) 972-1031  
Robert Coogan, Secretary (513) 746-9849  
Ann Leech, At-Large (513) 248-9244  
Aarica Burwell, At-Large (740) 260-7270  
Tim Smyth, At-Large (330)-495-3878

## **LPO Central Committee**

The Central Committee consists of two (2) members from each Congressional District. Four (4) of the members are elected as the Central Committee officers

### Central Committee Members:

District 1 - Seat A: Bob Frey - Chair  
District 1 - Seat B: Scott Pettigrew  
District 2 - Seat A: Rick Kanis  
District 2 - Seat B: Ann Leech  
District 3 - Seat A: Harold Thomas  
District 3 - Seat B: Open  
District 4 - Seat A: Jason Tyson  
District 4 - Seat B: Open  
District 5 - Seat A: Brian Hammer  
District 5 - Seat B: Sarah Kissick  
District 6 - Seat A: Dan Hines  
District 6 - Seat B: Aarica Burwell  
District 7 - Seat A: Robert Leist  
District 7 - Seat B: Open  
District 8 - Seat A: Bob Coogan  
District 8 - Seat B: Open  
District 9 - Seat A: Derek Strelow  
District 9 - Seat B: Open  
District 10 - Seat A: Aaron Harris  
District 10 - Seat B: Kelli Rodin  
District 11 - Seat A: Open  
District 11 - Seat B: Open  
District 12 - Seat A: Linda Comstock  
District 12 - Seat B: Dustin Nanna  
District 13 - Seat A: John Fockler - Vice Chair  
District 13 - Seat B: Open  
District 14 - Seat A: Open  
District 14 - Seat B: David Macko - Secretary  
District 15 - Seat A: Open  
District 15 - Seat B: Open  
District 16 - Seat A: Tim Smyth  
District 16 - Seat B: Janis Smyth - Treasurer

Political Division

Tricia Sprankle- Director (614) 264-2984

Harold Thomas-Deputy Director

Nicholas Rodriguez-Deputy Director - Legislative Affairs

Senior Liaison Candidates and Campaigns

Harold Thomas- (614) 581-6832

Regional Liaisons - Special Liaisons

Josh Butler- Youth Engagement Liaison

Joe Giffen- College Liaison

Chris Guyer- Volunteer Coordinator

Communications Division

John Fockler- Director (330) 559-0097

Dustin Nanna- Deputy Director (740) 816-9805

Communication Team

Aaron Harris- Media Contact

Finance Division

Homer Taft-Director (440) 333-1333

Vacant-Deputy Director

IT Division

Ken Moellman- Interim Director

Vacant- Deputy Director

Web Team

Scott Pettigrew

Bob Frey

Janis Smyth

Contact Information:

(888) 371-2956

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 29193

Columbus, OH 43229-0193

Physical Location (& Package Delivery)

6230 Busch Blvd., Suite 102

Columbus, OH 43229

## County Affiliates

Franklin County- Representative: Harold Thomas  
Phone: 614-581-6832  
Website: [www.FCLPO.org](http://www.FCLPO.org)

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Hamilton County- Representative: Jon Mohler  
Phone: 937-371-8674

Wood County

Regional Liaisons - develop and support the counties.

Northwest Region- Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Wood, and Van Wert counties.

Dan Faust - (419) 566-9888

North Coast Region- Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit counties.

Joe Loyd – ( 440) 549-0488

Southwest Region- Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren counties.

Jon Mohler- (937) 371-8674

South Region- Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties.

Mark Jenkins- (740) 935-1884

## Ballot Access

### **Ballot Access Actions and Report:**

LPOH is working on achieving ballot access for the 2018 election year. A net total of 54,965 signed petitions needs to be delivered to the state by July 5th, 2018. This is an ongoing project, with many volunteers and paid petitioners. (See Ballot Access Committee Report for details)

Candidates: Ohio state law prevents naming candidates until 125 days before the general election. LPOH can endorse candidates after they're official nominated, which will take place at the May state convention.

### Events:

State Events - Upcoming

### 2018 STATE CONVENTION

The 2018 Libertarian Party of Ohio Convention will be May 18th, 19th, and 20th at Holiday Inn Columbus - I 270 Worthington, 7007 N. High S, Worthington, OH 43085

A full three day schedule is planned with guest speakers and a business meeting for Constitution, Bylaws, and the Platform to be addressed. Candidate and campaign skills will also be covered. LPOH has a new physical office location with much needed space and a tour of the office may be available after the convention.

## LNC Region 4 Representative Report April 2018

### Nevada:

No Report Submitted.

### California:

In August 2017 membership had gone down to 897 members after losing people that joined to be delegates to the National Convention in 2016 but by the end of March 2018 membership was up to 1012 which is an increase of 12%

In November LPC sent out a mailing to all national members that weren't members of the LPC. The mailing cost approximately \$1,100 from 86 members joined directly from that mailing with first year dues totaling \$5,260, a 478% return.

On January 5, 2016 LPC had 120,578 registered Libertarians in California and as of January 2, 2018 there were 140,001 registered Libertarians, an increase of 16%.

### 2018 Convention:

So far this year we LPC has pre-sold 164 packages for attendees with 119 confirmed delegates. Historically, many packages sell the week before the event as well as at the door so these numbers should go up. In 2017 total attendance was 142 people with 93 delegates which was already up from the previous years. This leaves LPC on track to have the largest state convention in at least a decade.

### Confirmed speakers:

Governor Bill Weld  
Congressman Tom Campbell  
Judge Jim Gray  
Ed and Alicia Clark  
Nicholas Sarwark  
Larry Sharpe  
Matt Welch  
Brando Eaton  
Avens O'Brien  
Maxine Doogan  
Melinda Pilsbury-Foster and Brock D'Avignon  
Jim Turney  
Sophia Cope  
Kevin Shaw

### Confirmed events:

Moderated Q&A with Bill Weld (Matt Welch moderating)  
Governor candidates' debate (Zoltan and Nickolas Wildstar)  
LNC chair candidates' debate (Nicholas Sarwark, Joshua Smith and Alicia Dearn)  
Elected officials forum (Jim Turney, Jeff Hewitt and Susan Marie Weber)  
State Candidates Forum (many of our candidates)

We have 20 candidates for statewide offices and legislative seats:

Governor: Nickolas Wildstar and Zoltan Istvan

Lt. Governor: Tim Ferreira (endorsed)

Secretary of State: Gail Lightfoot (endorsed)

U. S. Senator: Derrick Michael Reid

U. S. Representative:

CD17: Kennita Watson (endorsed)

CD22: Bill Merryman (endorsed)

CD34: Angela McArdle (endorsed)

CD48: Brandon Reiser (endorsed)

CD49: Joshua Hancock

State Senator:

SD6: Janine DeRose (endorsed)

SD10: Ali Sarsak (endorsed)

SD26: Mark Matthew Herd

SD38: Antonio Salguero

State Assembly:

AD8: Janice Marlae Bonser (endorsed)

AD24: Bob Goodwyn (endorsed)

AD25: Robert Imhoff (endorsed)

AD52: Ben Gibbins (endorsed)

AD53: Mike Lewis (endorsed)

AD70: Honor "Mimi" Robson (endorsed)

Additionally, there are many local candidates including two standouts with Jeff Hewitt running for County Supervisor and Aaron Starr running for Oxnard Mayor putting on competitive campaigns in all aspects including donations.

Also, attached is the ad that will run on KFI AM 640 in the week of April 23-27, as well as the LPC membership for the last year through February.

Jeff Hewitt  
LNC Region 4 Representative

County Affiliation	Life Members	Total Membership	Central Committee Members	Total Membership	Central Committee Members
		2/28/2018		1/31/2018	
Unaffiliated	9	23	20	21	18
No County	0	5	0	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>
		Northern California		Northern California	
<b>Alameda</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>
Amador	1	1	1	1	1
Butte	1	4	3	4	3
Calaveras	1	4	3	5	4
Colusa	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>El Dorado</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Humboldt	0	4	4	4	4
<b>Kings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
Lake	0	1	1	1	1
Madera	1	1	1	1	1
Marin	7	16	11	16	11
Mendocino	2	5	5	5	5
Merced	0	2	2	1	1
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
Napa	1	2	2	2	2
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Placer</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>
Plumas	0	2	2	2	2
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>
San Benito	0	1	1	1	1
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
Shasta	0	4	4	4	4
Sierra	0	1	1	1	1
Siskiyou	1	2	2	3	3
Solano	3	10	9	9	8
Sonoma	7	15	13	15	13
<b>Stanislaus</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Sutter	0	1	1	1	1
Tulare	1	5	5	5	5
Trinity	0	1	1	1	1
Tuolumne	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Yolo</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Yuba	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Region Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>438</b>
		Southern California		Southern California	
Imperial	1	2	2	2	2
<b>Kern</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>104</b>
San Luis Obispo	2	13	13	11	11
Santa Barbara	6	12	12	12	12
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Region Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>446</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>902</b>

Note: Counties in **BOLD** are affiliated with the State.

## REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 17, 2018

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 New Orleans meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Denver 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/98.9 FM in Charlottesville, Virginia).

### Delaware

Sean Goward ([sean.goward@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.goward@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He indicated that the LPD held its annual convention in Dover on Mar. 24. The officers elected are:

Chair: Sean Goward  
Vice Chair: Brad Thomas  
Secretary: Will McVay  
Treasurer: Mary Pat McVay

Nadine Frost was nominated for the U.S. Senate.

(Note by Jim Lark: I had the pleasure of attending the LPD convention. I greatly appreciate the hospitality I received during the convention.)

### District of Columbia

John LaBeaume ([jvlab@electiondissection.com](mailto:jvlab@electiondissection.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. He provided the following report:

Hello!

Here's an item from Ballot Access News summing up the strong position of the DC LP pre our Libertarian primary election in June:

<http://ballot-access.org/2018/02/17/so-far-no-republicans-have-filed-in-district-of-columbia-for-citywide-office/>



For the record DC Libertarians have filed for DC Council Member At-Large, Delegate to Congress, Mayor and DC LP chair (which we'll elect by a vote of the 1,049 registered DC Libertarian voters in the primary).

Further, a candidate has let us know he'll be a write in for the nomination for DC "Shadow" US Representative on the June DCLP primary ballot.

## Maryland

Bob Johnston ([bob.johnston@lp.org](mailto:bob.johnston@lp.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report:

The Maryland Libertarian Party has nominated 20 candidates for the 2018 elections. This is the third time the state party has nominated a full slate of candidates for federal office in the last six general elections.

17 of the 20 candidates are running for the first time. The party has until July 2 to nominate candidates and have them file with the Board of Elections.

The MDLP held its annual convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, MD on March 10. LNC chair Nicholas Sarwark was the banquet speaker.

The MDLP has 21,152 registered voters as of March, 2018, which is 0.5% of the registered voters in the state. Four years ago at this time, the MDLP had 13,049 registered voters. We have increased over 7,000 voters.

The MDLP will be holding its annual summer picnic on Saturday, 18 August in North East, MD.

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## North Carolina

Susan Hogarth ([hogarth@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth@gmail.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. She reports that after heavy recruiting, the LPNC has 50 candidates (including four primaries). She also noted that the LPNC convention will take place on May 18-20.

## Pennsylvania

Drew Bingaman ([chair@susquehannavalleylp.org](mailto:chair@susquehannavalleylp.org)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. He provided the following report:

My apologies as things have been quite hectic for me of late.

Anyways as you may know Drew Gray Miller "beat the spread" in his bid for Congress 18th and has become quite notorious as a result.

The LPPA held our convention March 4 and we have nominated Ken Krawchuk and Kathleen Smith for Governor and LT Governor respectively. We also nominated Dale Kerns for US Senate.

We also elected delegates to NOLA and I will be serving as delegation chair.

We are currently in petition drive season and look to put upwards of 25 total candidates on the ballot for November.

Once again I apologise for this report coming late. I will try to be on time in the future.

Thank you,  
Drew Bingaman

## **Virginia**

Bo Brown ([bocbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:bocbrown@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. The LPVA held its state convention on Mar. 10 in Richmond. Mr. Brown was reelected as chair; Bill Redpath was reelected as vice chair. Jim Lark was elected as secretary; he was elected to the position in December 2017 following the resignation of the previous secretary. Mark Lewis was elected as treasurer.

The convention nominated Matt Waters to run for the U.S. Senate. Among other requirements, he must submit at least 10,000 signatures of registered Virginia voters to the State Board of Elections by June 12.

## **West Virginia**

Luke Brumfield ([luke.brumfield@lpwv.org](mailto:luke.brumfield@lpwv.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

There isn't much of an update on my end, but our convention is coming up on April 28th. It will be in Clarksburg, WV.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2036834676343405/>

**See the following 10 pages for the Region 6 Report**

DRAFT

# Region 6 Report – April 21-22, 2018

## Denver LNC Meeting

Submitted April 18, 2018 by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative  
with contributions by Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate

### ***FREEDOM, Nothing More, Nothing Less***

## **1 SUMMARY**

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The big news in Region 6 is a number of ambitious candidate slates and new officer boards in most Region 6 affiliates.

The Illinois state convention was held on March 2-3, with guest speaker Nicholas Sarwark. Illinois is focused on their ballot access campaign led by Krysta Walker.

Iowa will participate in primaries for the first time in 2018. Jake Porter and Marco Battaglia, two stalwart Libertarians, are running for Governor and holding a series of town halls and debates across the state.

Nebraska Libertarian State Senator Laura Ebke's is in the final stages of preparing for the May 15<sup>th</sup> primary leading up to her critical 2018 reelection campaign. Apollo Pazel is bringing a team of libertarian activists to assist Senator Ebke, Jeremy Jensen, and Laura's campaign team prior to the primary.

Kudos to those who braved the elements in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and contributed to successful state conventions over the April 14-15 weekend despite a severe out-of-season blizzard in the Northern Plains.

North Dakota has cleaned up their bylaws. Roland Riemers is running for Secretary of State to maintain major party status.

Missouri is going all out with their candidate recruiting, training and support programs.

## 2 ILLINOIS

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The Libertarian Party of Illinois convention was held on March 2-3, with guest speaker Nicholas Sarwark. A full slate of candidates for statewide executive offices was chosen at that time, with hotly contested races for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor spots. All their campaigns have been coordinating for maximum public exposure. They are experiencing unprecedented levels of media interest in print, radio and television.

At the convention, we selected our delegates to the National Convention in New Orleans. For the first time in years, the primary delegation was filled to the 40-member capacity. We are looking at potential alternate delegates.

The Ballot Access drive has kicked off after excellent planning by seasoned Ballot Access Director Krysta Walker. Krysta has organized a committee of volunteers. All of them have teams in place. Snowstorms and freezing weather have hampered the first weeks of the drive but have not discouraged volunteers and contractors from obtaining signatures. Although we are below what we expect our weekly average to be, we are still ahead of previous drives. We have again hired a fund raiser. The donations are coming in even faster than in 2016.

Counties will have had their conventions by the time the LNC meeting convenes, and new officers and State Central Committeemen will have been elected. Bennett Morris of Bloomington, who is running unopposed, will become the new Chair. Bennett works for State Farm Insurance and has a master's degree in Business Administration. Bennett has a proven track record at the county level by tripling attendance and activism in the McLean County chapter after taking over.

The Board of Directors, a group of unpaid volunteers, is effectively transforming the state party from a small number of overworked leaders into a unified team where everyone works independently toward a common goal. By incorporating Precinct Committeemen in growing numbers into our organization, we can leverage the individual talents of more members. As a result, the party is expanding in numbers and popularity.

### 3 IOWA

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Joseph Howe  
LPIA Chair  
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Looking forward to building on our past successes, here is what is going on in Iowa:

2018 has been a year of change for the Libertarian Party of Iowa (LPIA). We held our first statewide caucus on February 5th across fifteen regional sites throughout the state. The caucus process led to the official organization of twenty-two county parties under major party rules, our first county level conventions and an elected delegation to our state/district convention held on March 23-24th.

The state convention also elected a new State Central Committee, with several district members that moved to statewide officer roles in addition to new members that joined the committee. The prior committee served half a term and vacated their seats due to the caucus to convention cycle for major parties in Iowa which runs on even numbered years.

We have our first ever primary election on June 5th with a contested gubernatorial race between Jake Porter and Marco Battaglia. Building on their campaign successes, both candidates participated in multiple forums and debates, including other major party candidates. In addition to our two gubernatorial candidates, we have a dozen other candidates on the LPIA primary ballot.

We will be reconvening our state/district convention on June 9th to nominate our Lt. Governor candidate and fill any ballot vacancies at the U.S Congressional and state level. Jules Ofenbakh, a West Des Moines Attorney, will seek nomination for Secretary of State at the convention. Multiple candidates have expressed interest in running for congressional nominations.

At the state level we are assisting county parties in organizing post-primary county level conventions to fill ballot vacancies at the state house, senate and county levels. Major party status affords us the ability to easily place candidates after the primary. We intend on taking full advantage of this rule.

## 4 MINNESOTA

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Chris Holbrook  
Chair LPMN

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota (LPMN) conducted its annual state convention on Saturday April 14 in Maple Grove, a northwest suburb in the Minneapolis metro area. Maple Grove received 22" of snow over April 13-15. We had a figurative and literal liberty blizzard.

With the worst April snow storm ever recorded in the Twin Cities, half of the prepaid attendees and half of the speakers could not make it at the last minute. However, we trudged on with the half who did, and it was one of the greatest times we've ever had. We efficiently took care of party business in the morning by electing our 2018 leadership, judicial committee, national delegates, as well as bylaw changes and candidate nominations.

Most of the educational local speakers in the early afternoon did brave the storm to be with us and got rewarded with extra time and lively discussion. They included a Minnesota House Representative, a Ranked Choice Voting Director, a Crypto Currency Club President from the University of Minnesota, a direct pay clinic doctor (who is an LPMN member), a radio host (who is an LPMN member), and a legendary local activist who has been President of Twin Cities C.U.A.P.B. for 20 years (Communities United Against Police Brutality).

With the keynotes getting stranded at airports and all attendees stranded in our hotel, the party after started early and lasted until early in the morning. Our new LPMN family was formed and we are all excited for our 2018 and beyond.

In addition to the convention, since the last report, we approved a new Congressional District affiliate and have four other affiliates conducting start up meet ups. Over the winter three different local gun shows had LPMN outreach booths present. Our social media team has remained active and innovative by growing our Facebook page to over 8000 followers. We have just started trying our hand on Twitter and Instagram.

While the updates so far may sound good, the most exciting thing we have done recently is run in the special election in Minnesota House District 54. This special election was announced by Governor Mark Dayton in very late November. We searched for and discovered a candidate in December who became a member to run as a Libertarian, a state correctional facility nurse from Hastings. We then were allowed a three-day window to collect 500 signatures for ballot access. The days given were a Mon-Wed in mid-January. In the dark and cold we gathered our troops and also garnered 600 signatures! It was the first winter special election filing by petition the S.O.S. said they have ever seen.

The subsequent race was quick and ineffective, with the election taking place three weeks after on February 12. We developed a soft partnership with a nearly identical situation in the LP of Florida, but the entire experience was priceless learning. We tried innovative new tools and focused efforts unlike any before. Supporters were rewarded by the effort. While we only received 2% of the vote, we doubled our first quarter donations compared to last year and had 10 new members join in that stretch.

Going forward we have more nominees on the horizon and will probably end up with 5-10 official candidates for the fall. With limited resources and a small petition window of May 22 to June 5, we have chosen to target the smaller statewide races and state house races that are under radar for many people. We need 5% in a state-wide race to gain 'major party' status in Minnesota (unlimited ballot access). That could happen in a seemingly overlooked state auditor or attorney general race, but it will never happen here in either of the two well-funded US Senate races, nor in US Congress races that will see a record infusion of DFL and GOP cash into Minnesota. We will be ready for such races in the future.



## 5 MISSOURI

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Bill Slantz  
Chair LPMO

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

We held our state convention on February 24. LNC Vice-Chair Arvin Vohra was our keynote speaker and was well received.

This was our first "nominating convention" where we determined who we wanted to represent the party for state-wide offices in the August Primary.

Japheth Campbell of Springfield is our US Senate candidate. Sean O'Toole is our State Auditor candidate.

With filing now closed, the Libertarian Party of Missouri has 29 candidates for races including US Senate, State Auditor, US Congress, State Senate, and State Representative. All state-wide slots have been filled as have all eight Congressional slots. Two Congressional primaries will be contested.

## 6 NEBRASKA

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Scott Zimmerman  
Chair LPNE

Additional information provided by Matt Maly, newly elected Chair of the Libertarian Party of Douglas County (DCLP):

"All hands on deck" for Laura Ebke. We are looking for more volunteers to assist those who have made countless calls, completed hundreds of hand-written postcards, and joined forces in many literature drops and canvassing efforts, among many other campaign support activities.

Our State Convention will be held in Lincoln on May 5th. Senator Ebke will be our keynote speaker. New board members will be elected as well as delegates to the national convention in New Orleans. We expect a lively business meeting with many new county affiliates and the participation of elected county delegates for the first time.

Our Bylaws committee has made excellent progress in recent months and will present a report that discusses changes to the bylaws. We will look for bylaws proposals from the floor.

We are considering hiring an Executive Director and have four impressive candidates for the position to be selected after the state convention and the new board has been seated.

We are also considering several proposals, including a membership program and additional subcommittees to cover fund-raising, platform, and candidate recruitment, training, and support.

## 7 NORTH DAKOTA

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Steven Potter  
LPNORTHDAKOTA Chair

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

In a recent statewide meeting we finally trashed our ancient bylaws and adopted new bylaws better in line of how we operate. We also elected a new set of state officers. For this election we had an absence of people willing to run for statewide office. We need to get 5% of the November vote for SOS or we lose our ballot status.

I decided to run for this office again, having received 5.3% of the vote 4 years ago. I expect no problem getting the needed 5% again this year, and in fact got 23% of the vote for State Auditor two years ago. The state party endorsed several state legislative candidates and is working to build up party strength and numbers in the next two years.

The SOS race may turn into a spotlight contest this year when the Republican incumbent of 25 years recently lost his party's endorsement and is now out of the race. That leaves an experienced statewide Libertarian candidate that is running against two young old party candidates with no statewide experience.

I will be closely watching my June primary vote. If I get a significant increase in my previous primary vote, then I will run a serious campaign. If about the same, I will work to maintain my 5%+ in the November election.

Another race of interest this year is the open seat for our sole congressman. It appears that half the state is running or plans to run. One of the contesting Republican candidates is also about as Libertarian as you can get. In any case, unofficial support of candidates is likely to swing some of these statewide elections.

## **8 *SOUTH DAKOTA***

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Aaron Alyward  
LPSOUTHDAKOTA Chair

The Libertarian and Constitution Parties won a huge victory in court. The South Dakota legislature then passed an emergency bill (HB 1286), which now allows us to nominate any legislative seat, U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and Governor, by member vote at convention.

Because of this, we have 5 legislative candidates, one County Commissioner and one U.S. House candidate as of now. Due to our main convention getting some horrible weather, we may hold another convention within the next couple of months to possibly nominate more candidates. We have until August to do so.

We are now at 1,707 registered Libertarians in South Dakota, and we're the ONLY party in South Dakota that has added registered voters in the last year. The Republican, Democrat, Constitution, and Independent voter groups have all lost voters within the last year.

We now have two county parties in the state. Hopefully more to come!

## 9 *WISCONSIN*

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Phillip Anderson  
LPWI Chair  
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The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin State Convention was held in Madison on Saturday, April 14th. Speakers included Larry Sharpe, Kevin Fortune of Liberty America, and Jeffrey Tucker. Despite the terrible weather, attendance was good.

During the afternoon, the convention recessed to attend a gun rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol building, at which our State Chair and gubernatorial candidate Phil Anderson spoke.

At convention LPWI passed several changes to its platform, nominated and elected a full delegation to the Libertarian Party Convention in New Orleans, and endorsed the following candidates for statewide office: Phil Anderson for Governor, Patrick Baird for Lieutenant Governor, and Tyler Danke for Secretary of State.

Also, at convention, LPWI raffled off a Bushmaster rifle, artwork created by LPWI member Brian Defferding, and various other items.

In election news, Brian Defferding was elected to Winnebago County Board. LPWI is currently fielding 14 candidates for office in fall elections, with a few more still making up their minds.

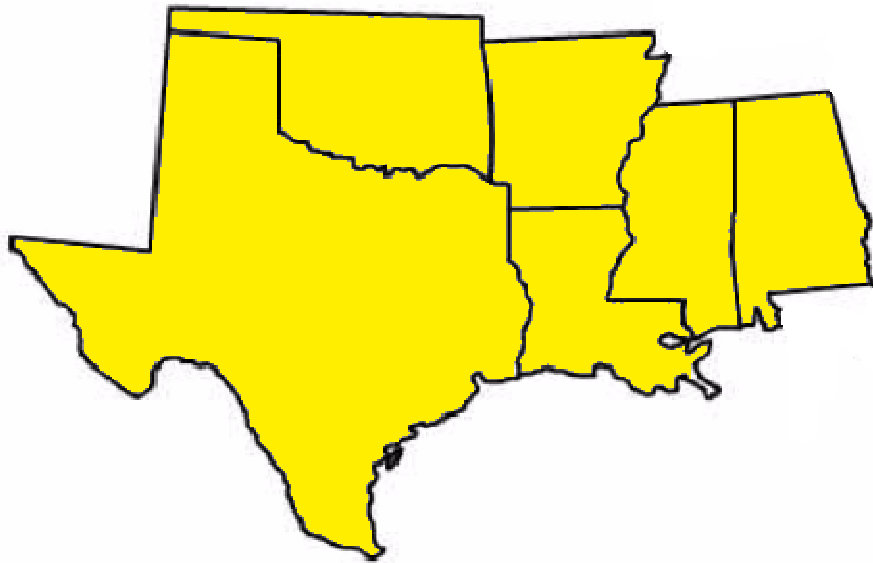
LPWI looks forward to attending the National Convention with a full delegation. Hope to see you all there!

**See the following 8 pages for the Region 7 Report**

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# Libertarian National Committee Region 7

*Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu*  
*Region Alternate - Erin Adams*



April 21-22, 2018

DENVER, CO

## ☐ ALABAMA - Laura Lane

### ☐ STATE ORGANIZATION

- At Convention in March, an entirely new Executive Committee was elected. The focus is on creating a strategic plan to help grow membership, recruit candidates, and achieve ballot access for 2020. Committees are being established to assist with this effort.

### ☐ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Our membership database is not up to date at the moment, but we are working to fix that. There were issues with Paypal accounts that were not set up correctly and were not recording data in NationBuilder. The Paypal issue has been corrected, but we are having to manually input data. Membership is approximately 140.

### ☐ COUNTY NEWS

### ☐ ELECTIONS

- There are three (3) candidates running for Alabama House; A.P. Godwin for District 77, Elijah Boyd for District 10, and Matt Shelby for District 96. Frank Dillman is running for Macon County Commission District 4 and Michael Reeves is running for Baldwin County Board of Education District 2. All are well on their way towards getting valid petition signatures, websites, etc. Mr. Shelby has already received enough donations to purchase literature and yard signs.

### ☐ BALLOT ACCESS

- Alabama does not have ballot access at this time; past efforts to fundraise for paid petitioners fell well short of needed funding. Some volunteers are still collecting signatures, but there will not be enough to have full ballot access for Nov 2018. Most Executive Committee members, as well as general membership, feel that with no declared candidate running for U.S. office(s), that we would just be throwing away \$\$\$. Consensus is to run select, focused campaigns in a few counties, evaluate the information, and move forward based on that data.

### ☐ LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### ☐ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- The LP of Alabama is a Platinum Sponsor for the South Alabama March for Marijuana, a sub-program under the National March for Marijuana being lead by NORML.



☐ **FINANCE & FUNDRAISING**

- We received a \$1k endowment from the Poarch Creek Tribe of Indians that is earmarked for ballot access expenses.

☐ **MEDIA**

- At Convention in March, the body voted to condemn the actions of the Etowah County Sheriff in the arrest of someone that was quoted in a local newspaper about the misuse of prison food funds for the Sheriff's personal gain and a press release went out. It was picked up by national news, so the Sheriff is in the hot seat over pocketing \$750k, and the State is looking at changing the grossly outdated law.

☐ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- Executive Committee members are becoming more skilled with NationBuilder and actually love using it. We've also decided to switch to a video conferencing platform - Zoom - which will allow us to do committee meetings via video, as well as record webinars, etc. Everyone is excited about it.

☐ **OTHER**

- We have recruited a former Birmingham City Council member to the Party. She is now on the Executive Committee, and has taken on leading the committee for Legislature and Lobbying.

☐ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

☐ **STATE ORGANIZATION**

☐ **STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP**

- In November, the LPAR Executive Committee voted to change the state party dues structure to recognize a minimum \$25 annual dues payment to the national LP as the equivalent of a membership dues payment directly to the LPAR. As a result of that change, our official dues-paying membership increased by 50% to 132. Since then, our membership roles have increased an additional 21% to 153.

☐ **COUNTY NEWS**

☐ **CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS**

- At our 2018 convention on February 24-25, the LPAR nominated 33 candidates for public office – a new record high. By nominating candidates for all seven statewide constitutional offices, and all four U.S. Congressional seats, we assured that all Arkansans will see at least seven Libertarians on their ballots in November. In the state legislature, 62 out of 118 seats up for election will be uncontested in November, but

eight otherwise uncontested candidates will face opposition from Libertarians.

☐ BALLOT ACCESS

☐ CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- In addition to candidate nominations, we passed several modifications to our bylaws, and selected delegates to the national convention. For the first time in our recent history, our delegate slots were oversubscribed prior to the convention.

☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

☐ MEDIA

- The media has been quite inclusive in covering our newly-nominated candidates. A leading political media outlet covered our nominations prominently, and granted our gubernatorial candidate a television interview promptly. <https://talkbusiness.net/2018/02/libertarians-make-a-splash-with-candidate-nominations/>  
<https://talkbusiness.net/2018/02/libertarian-candidate-for-arkansas-governor-mark-west-wants-to-offer-something-different/>
- Here's an in-depth discussion of West's campaign themes appearing in another local business/politics journal: <http://amppob.com/libertarian-mark-west-brings-message-big-stage/>

☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

☐ OTHER

- Of course, we were extremely gratified to receive the attention of the national LP in their coverage of our "Success Story".  
<https://www.lp.org/ballot-access-arkansas/>

## ☐ **LOUISIANA - Rufus Craig**

### ☐ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Rufus Craig - Chairman
- Michael Dodd - Vice Chairman
- Shannon Thomas - Secretary
- Richard Fast - Membership Coordinator
- Matt Fotsch - Treasurer
- Sarah Stewart - Elections Officer
- Keith Thompson - Communications Officer

### ☐ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Ten (10) Organized Parishes

### ☐ PARISH NEWS

### ☐ ELECTIONS

### ☐ BALLOT ACCESS

### ☐ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- LPLA Convention was held in Kenner on April 7th & 8th

### ☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

### ☐ MEDIA

### ☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### ☐ OTHER

☐ **MISSISSIPPI - Denise Cranford**

- ☐ STATE ORGANIZATION
- ☐ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ COUNTY NEWS
- ☐ ELECTIONS
- ☐ BALLOT ACCESS
  - We do not have problems with ballot access.
- ☐ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
  - State convention in Jackson MS April 28
- ☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- ☐ MEDIA
- ☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- ☐ OTHER
  - Danny Bedwell is running for US Senate

☐ **OKLAHOMA - Erin Adams**

- ☐ STATE ORGANIZATION
  - Officers are Erin Adams (Chair), Christina Wright (Vice Chair), Chad Williams (Treasurer), and Traci Baker (secretary).
- ☐ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ COUNTY NEWS
- ☐ ELECTIONS
  - We Have three (3) gubernatorial candidates who will face a primary on June 26th.
  - SB 788 that will allow for Medical Cannabis will be on our Ballot on June 26th. We expect it to pass.
- ☐ BALLOT ACCESS
- ☐ CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS
  - On March 31st Oklahoma held its State convention.

- The existing Bylaws were repealed, and replaced with a new set.
- We adopted a platform, as we have never had one.
- We passed four (4) Resolutions, including resolution calling for the resignation of Arvin Vorha, and the censure of an OKLP candidate.

☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING.

☐ MEDIA

- Our Candidates are campaigning Hard and getting good media coverage.

☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

☐ OTHER

- The Oklahoma Libertarian Party elected Traci Baker as our new Secretary. This marks the first time in the history of the state of Oklahoma that a trans individual has been elected to serve on the executive committee of any political party.
- As of April 7th 2018 the number of registered Libertarian voters in Oklahoma is 5549.

☐ **TEXAS - John Wilford**

☐ STATE ORGANIZATION

☐ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- We had over 300 delegates at our state convention with a growth of over 50% from 2016.

☐ COUNTY NEWS

- 80+ Affiliated Counties

☐ ELECTIONS

- At the LPTexas Convention, the following statewide candidates were nominated:

Neal Dikeman - US Senate

Mark Tippetts - Governor

Kerry McKennon - Lt Governor

Michael Ray Harris - Attorney General

Ben Sanders - Comptroller

Richard Carpenter - Agriculture Commissioner

Matt Piña - Land Commissioner (running against another Bush)

Mike Wright - Railroad Commissioner (regulates the petroleum, natural gas, and mineral industries)

William Bryan Strange III - Court of Criminal Appeals, Position 1

Mark Ash - Court of Criminal Appeals, Position 8

☐ LEGISLATIVE ACTION

☐ BALLOT ACCESS

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☐ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

☐ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

☐ MEDIA

☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

☐ OTHER



## Region 8 Report

*Submitted on 4/17/17 by Regional Representative Justin O'Donnell*

### **Massachusetts:**

The Massachusetts Party has been working tirelessly on ballot access, and their statewide candidate this year, Daniel Fishman has secured enough valid signatures to earn his spot on the Primary Ballot in September. The results of Fishman's race will determine Ballot access in Massachusetts for the 2020 LP Presidential Ticket.

Marc Mercier is also on track to secure Ballot access in the race for Governor's Council this year as well, though his race will have no impact on future Ballot access concerns. Other candidates are petitioning for a variety of lower level seats in the state house, and at least 1 candidate is petitioning for ballot access in a race for a US Congressional seat, however their petition progress has not been reported to the state committee, and is unknown.

Daniel Fishman has received several notable media mentions in regards to his campaign, and his recent endorsement by Former Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld.

### **New Hampshire:**

The LPNH Convention will be held on 04/28/2017 in Concord New Hampshire. 4 of the 5 incumbent EC Members intend to step down and not seek reelection for various reasons, some to focus on their own campaigns full time, and others because of new conflicts of interest. The upcoming convention is to feature speakers including Lily Tang Williams, and Caryn Ann Harlos, and based on current ticket sales is projected to be the largest attended convention in over a decade for the LPNH.

The LPNH will also be participating in the 4/20 Rally at the Concord NH Statehouse, and recently had several Candidates speaking and participating in the 04/14 2nd Amendment Rally at the same location. The LPNH Candidates were covered by local media as speakers at the event, which Higher profile republican candidates withdrew from last minute.

The LPNH will have an Open Primary for state and federal offices this coming september, for the first time since 1996. In order to retain Ballot access, the LPNH Gubernatorial Candidate must attain a minimum of 4% in the November General Election. Currently, Jilletta Jarvis is the only declared LP Candidate for the position, and her race is the only one which is eligible for ballot access requirements. Representative Caleb Dyer had submitted numerous bills in the state legislature for the 2017 session that would have eased these requirements, or provided

alternative methods for attaining ballot access for minor political parties, but all of his efforts were defeated with bipartisan support.

## **Maine:**

### *Major Events*

- We've had one candidate qualify for the June primary ballot as a party candidate. This is Cody Blackburn for Maine House 125. The Democrats challenged the validity of his petitions but Cody prevailed in the hearing and was allowed to remain on the ballot.

### *Upcoming Events*

- Our Biennial convention will be held on May 12th. The theme for this year is Ready for Growth.
- We are working on lining up tabling events for the summer.

### *Ballot Access Status/Concerns*

- Maine will likely not be officially recognized past 2018. We currently have 5549 registered Libertarians in the state. We need to have 10,000 registered Libertarians show up to vote in the November election. To account for turnout that would be about 18,000 registered Libertarians. The cost of registering another 13,000 Libertarians is estimated at approximately \$50,000. We simply don't have the money nor do we have any large donors we can tap. We have been in touch with Richard Winger and our counsel about legal precedents that we may be able to use to our favor.
- Even with ballot access this year, we were unable to put candidates on the ballot. State House candidates needed to get 25 signatures from enrolled Libertarian residents of their district. Only about 60% of districts have 25 enrolled Libertarians. With our closed primary system, the cost of switching parties can be high. Three tried and one was successful. We had a candidate for US Senate also try to get on the ballot as a Libertarian, but the 2,000-signature threshold proved too much and he unenrolled to make it easier to get ballot access. We have a house candidate pursuing this route as well.

### *Help from National*

- The only help we need at present is with ballot access—we've reached out, but given the LP's limited resources and our small electoral count we are probably not a priority.

### *Changes in Leadership*

- Chairman Clark Phinney resigned effective 4/9/18. At present our Vice Chair position is vacant. We have yet to decide if we will elect a chair pro tempore or just wait until elections at our May 12th convention.

### *Prominent Media Coverage*

- Cody Blackburn's petition challenge got some mention but was mostly buried and overshadowed by the Republican US Senate petition challenge.

## **Connecticut:**

LPCT recently held their convention, and nominated 5 statewide candidates, as well as a candidate for US Congress, and several For the state Assembly. The petition for the Gubernatorial Candidate will require 7500 valid signatures by the first week of August, and the



Party already has 1000 Signatures collected in hand. Funds to help expedite this Process would be Incredibly Helpful.

The state chair, Dan Reale, is engaged in discussions with SIX state legislators involving a conversion to joining the LPCT, and feels confident at least 2 of them will be moving forward with the paperwork soon. There is a legitimate question about whether or not resources could be freed up to help with this reelection moving forward.

#### **New Jersey:**

The Libertarian Party of New Jersey held it's annual convention on 03/24/2018, Patrick McKnight did not seek reelection as Chair. The New Chair of NJLP is Kevin Lowery. Murray Sabrin has recieved some media coverage in the wake of his nomination to run for US Senate on the NJ LP Ticket, Including winning an unofficial poll hosted by InsiderNJ that included all 3 major party Candidates.

#### **Vermont:**

The Vermont LP Finished it's reorganization at the end of 2017 and reaffirmed their recognition as a political party in the state of Vermont. The primary focus the past few months has been outreach and support regarding opposition to the New Gun Control measures being put into place. This is the first major attempt at gun control on a state level in Vermont's history, and the measure is seeing unexpected support from the incumbent governor.

The LPVT is holding it's 2018 Convention on 04/28/2017 in Burlington, VT.

#### **New York:**

We are having our annual convention on April 20-22. I believe this will be the first multi day convention for the LPNY. It is an important year we are preparing for because it is a gubernatorial election year. If we finally receive support from a sufficient number of New York voters we could become an officially recognized political party. If that happens everything changes, especially relative to the expense and effort related to our candidates petitioning to get on the ballot.

The LPNY is still growing. We added a new chapter in February (Steuben). [This totals 10 new chapters since 2015. With a loss of 3 chapters -two due to the influence of Republicans and one because of an internal conflict - we now have a total of 18 chapters - up from the 11 we had three years ago.]

We are still growing internally, with more paid members than last year at this time. That makes three years of continuous growth in LPNY members. I believe some of that growth has been reflected in the NLP membership.

We are waiting for the federal judge to issue a ruling on the use of out of state petitioners.

We have made progress with the BoE's registration of individuals desiring to affiliate with the Libertarian Party. We finally have a mechanism to get people's party affiliation fixed immediately. Now the task is to find the (probably 10's of thousands) of new yorkers that have been wrongly registered BLANK or wrongly affiliated with the Liberal or other parties.

We will need assistance from the NLP again this year with the petitioning expense. We are attempting to put together a superb volunteer group, but this is an important year and we have to take steps to insure we get all of our candidates on the ballot

## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 17, 2018

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 Denver 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 the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations.
- 3) 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.

I gave an address at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater on Feb. 14; the address was sponsored by the Students For Liberty and Young Americans for Liberty organizations. Phil Anderson, chair of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, attended the event.

- 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 participated in my capacity as a Board of Advisors member in “LibertyCon 2018” (the 2018 SFL international conference) in Washington, D.C. in early March. Among other things, I met with Alexander McCobin and John Mackey of the organization Conscious Capitalism to discuss some potential projects.

On Apr. 13 I delivered an address at the annual European Students For Liberty conference (also known as “LibertyCon 2018”) in Belgrade, Serbia. During the conference I was approached by Kyle Walker of SFL to discuss the design of an online education programs for SFL campus leaders. In addition, I received invitations to visit various countries (e.g., Austria, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, and Turkey) during the summer and fall to work with campus organizations.

- 5) In May I shall give at least one address at a conference in Sydney, Australia, sponsored by the Australian Libertarian Society and the Australian Taxpayers’ Alliance. Following the conference, I shall give some lectures for students working with the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in Perth, as well as a couple of workshops for Mannkal Foundation staff. In addition, I anticipate

addressing a meeting of the Liberal Democrats (the Australian version of the Libertarian Party) in Western Australia.

6) I shall give a lecture at the 2018 Liberty International World Conference, sponsored by Liberty International and the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation in Poland. The conference will take place on Aug. 12-15 in Krakow, Poland. During the conference I shall work with student attendees to help them build their campus organizations.

7) LPHQ continues to receive inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus continues to respond rapidly and professionally to these inquiries. I greatly appreciate Mr. Kraus' fine work in this matter.

8) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects. I anticipate giving an address at the annual YAL national convention this summer.

9) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I am interested in working with FEE to develop a couple of workshops on understanding public policy data and risk analysis.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 17, 2018

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International Representative, Libertarian National Committee

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

- 1) The new website for the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) is available at <http://ialp.com/>.
- 2) An IALP Members Assembly will take place on Apr. 21-22 in Prague, Czech Republic. Agenda items will include election of officers, consideration of amendments to the IALP charter, and discussion of the direction of the organization. I plan to participate in the conference via the internet.
- 3) On Jan. 2, a vote was taken on admission of the Liberty Party of Poland (<https://wolnosc.pl/z-kazda-chwila-kurczy-sie-twoja-wolnosc/>). After viewing the material on the website, I contacted some Polish libertarian friends to seek their opinions about the organization. They indicated concern about some of the organization's policy positions. After considering the evidence, I abstained on the admission motion; the motion was approved.
- 4) I addressed the annual European Students For Liberty conferences ("LiberCon2018") in Belgrade, Serbia on Apr. 13. During the conference I had the opportunity to discuss various issues with a few members of Libertarian parties from other countries. In particular, I chatted with Robert Valentine of the Dutch Libertarian Party (Libertarische Partij). I consider it likely that I shall visit the Netherlands in the not-too-distant future to meet with Mr. Valentine and his colleagues.
- 5) In May I shall speak at a conference in Sydney, Australia, sponsored by the Australian Libertarian Society and the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance. Following the conference, I shall visit Perth to conduct some lectures and workshops for the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation. In addition, the Liberal Democrats (the Australian version of the Libertarian Party) in Western Australia have invited me to address one of their meetings.