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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Attending the meeting were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SECRETARY PRO TEM

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

## CREDENTIALS REPORT AND PAPERWORK CHECK

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

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

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Saturday Session

#### **Housekeeping**

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)

3 minutes

**Officer Reports**

Chair's Report (Sarwark)	15 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes

**Recess**

10 minutes

**Staff Reports**

45 minutes

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

30 minutes

(portions may be in Executive Session)

**Adjourn (Lunch)**

12:00pm – 1:30pm

(inclusive of walk-through with hotel)

**Reports of Standing Committees**

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

**Recess**

10 minutes

**Reports of Special Committees**

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

**New Business with Previous Notice**

Adoption of 2018 Budget	90 minutes
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**Evening Adjournment****Sunday Morning Session****Opportunity for Public Comment**

10 minutes

Adoption of 2018 Budget (cont.)	30 minutes
Amendment to the procedure for approving litigation (Lark)	10 minutes
Selection of the 2020 National Convention location (Hayes)	120 minutes
Selection of the April LNC meeting location	10 minutes

**New Business without Previous Notice**

Changes to names of Party donor association levels (Vohra)	10 minutes
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**Regional Reports**

5 minutes each

**Announcements**

10 minutes

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

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

Erin Adams:

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

Whitney Bilyeu:

Member, Steering Committee of the Foreign Policy Alliance

Sam Goldstein:

No longer Political Director of the Libertarian Party of Indiana

Joshua Katz

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

Nick Sarwark:

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

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

Starchild

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

## OFFICER REPORTS

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

The LNC took no action.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Line item accounting for convention revenues versus convention expenses
- Elimination of final mortgage balloon payment if future payments made as planned including Wiener Rule payments (Mr. Kraus will need to confirm whether the mortgage will be paid in full in this time period even if the Wiener Rule pre-payments are not made)
- Amount of mortgage payments (\$2,400 in principal and interest)
- Amount of required reserves (\$57,042 which equals one month of expenses)

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

The LNC took no action.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The LNC took no action.

## STAFF REPORTS

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

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

The LNC took no action.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moellman moved to enter into executive session to discuss ballot access staffing matters. Mr. 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.

The vote on this motion proceeded as follows:

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

Voting "no": Starchild

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Harlos, Sarwark

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

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

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

## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The vote on this motion proceeded as follows:

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

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

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Lark, Sarwark

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

Mr. Moellman moved that the LNC disclose the discussions in the executive session excluding any personally identifiable information which is not just limited to names. Mr. Hewitt moved to postpone until a time certain of tomorrow morning to allow members to write up specifically what is to be released. After debate, this motion was adopted by a show of hands.

## *COUNSEL’S REPORT*

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

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

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

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

The LNC took no action.

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

## *REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES*

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

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

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

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

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

Recommendations were also made to implement ACH and check positive pay; Mr. Kraus indicated that an effort to implement these procedures is already underway.

The LNC took no action.

## AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

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

The LNC took no action.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

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

### *PARTIAL POPULATION OF AWARDS COMMITTEE*

Dr. Lark noted that the Policy Manual (Policy Manual Section 1.03.1) explicitly suggests there should be continuity on this Committee. He also noted that as far as he was aware, two members of the 2016 Awards Committee (Dr. Lark and Mr. Hagan) submitted applications for the 2018 Awards Committee. Mr. Hayes also indicated his willingness to serve.

Mr. Hewitt moved to appoint Hagan, Hayes, and Lark to the Awards Committee (with the understanding that the two other committee members would be selected subsequently). This motion was adopted without objection.

## CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

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

### *REQUEST FOR POLICY MANUAL CHANGE*

Mr. Hayes stated that there is some potential ambiguity in the current Policy Manual language regarding whether other convention-related revenues would count towards donor contribution levels, such as Life Memberships. To clarify the language, he requested that Section 2.05.2 of the Policy Manual be amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Voting "no": none

Abstaining: Lark, Sarwark

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

## CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

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

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

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

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

## ELECTION FOR VACANT EPCC SEAT

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

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Redpath</b>	<b>Starchild</b>
Bilyeu	X	X
Demarest		X
Goldstein	X	
Hagan	X	
Harlos	X	X
Hayes	X	
Hewitt	X	
Lark	X	
Marsh	X	
Moellman	X	X
Redpath	X	
Sarwark	X	
Sharpe	X	
Starchild		X
Vohra	X	
<b>Totals</b>	13	5

Mr. Redpath was elected to the EPCC.

## IT COMMITTEE

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

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

## PLATFORM COMMITTEE AND BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. Marsh moved to strike the agenda items for the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee. This motion was adopted without objection.

## 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.

## BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

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

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

Mr. Moellman resigned from the Ballot Access Committee, creating a vacancy on that Committee to be filled by an LNC member or alternate via approval voting as per the Policy Manual (Section 1.03.1). Mr. Hewitt nominated Mr. Nekhaila. Mr. Goldstein moved to postpone the vote until tomorrow. Mr. Redpath moved to amend to postpone voting for an email ballot to occur within the next two weeks. After debate, the amendment was adopted by a show of hands. The main motion then proceeded to a vote as follows:

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

Voting "no": Adams, Demarest, Hewitt, Marsh, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

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

## PRESENTATION OF AWARD

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

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

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

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dr. Lark took over as Secretary pro tem.

### HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

### REQUEST FOR POLICY MANUAL CHANGE

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Harlos resumed as Secretary pro tem.

### SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

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

## ***ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET***

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

Ms. Daugherty was requested to speak on fundraising efforts and costs. Mr. Sarwark suggested that the Bequests Receivable number of \$66,800 in the draft budget might be too low. After a brief discussion, the number was changed to \$67,800. As previously agreed, each LNC member took turns to comment briefly, request information, express concerns, and/or state intent to offer amendment(s).

## ***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

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

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

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

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

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

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

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

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Salvette</b>	<b>Hogarth</b>
Bilyeu	X	X
Demarest		X
Goldstein	X	
Hagan	X	X
Harlos		X
Hayes	X	X

Hewitt		X
Lark	X	
Marsh		X
Moellman	X	X
Redpath	X	
Sarwark	X	X
Sharpe	X	X
Starchild		X
Vohra	X	X
<b>Totals</b>	10	12

Ms. Hogarth was appointed as interim Credentials Committee Chair.

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

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

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

Starchild repeated a request from Saturday for an itemized ledger supporting 2017 revenues and expenditures and was told that it was not available. He 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:

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

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

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

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

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

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

Mr. Goldstein moved to add this proviso to budget line 7380-10: "No funds are to be distributed to state parties without verifiable evidence of that state having achieved its planned contribution. This requirement may be waived for states with a record of two successful drives, and with the sign-off of the LNC Executive Director and/or LNC Chair."

Mr. Redpath moved to amend by adding: "This proviso can be overridden by a majority vote." After debate, this amendment was adopted by a show of hands with a vote total of 12-2.

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

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

Voting “no”: Lark, Vohra

Abstaining: Redpath, Sarwark

This motion was adopted a vote total of 11-2-2.

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

After debate, voting on this motion proceeded as follows:

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

Voting “no”: Lark, Starchild

Abstaining: Harlos, Redpath, Sarwark

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

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

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

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

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

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

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

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

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Moellman

Abstaining: Sarwark, Starchild

This motion was adopted with a vote total of 11-2-2.

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

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

Voting “no”: Lark, Starchild

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark

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

	<b>2018 Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	<b>2018 Budget As Amended</b>
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
20-Membership Dues	550,600		550,600
21-Donations	226,800		226,800
22-Recurring Gifts	463,400		463,400
23-BoardSolicitation Major Gifts	60,000		60,000
24-Convention Revenue	160,000		160,000
25-Project Program Revenue	23,800		23,800
26-Brand / Political Materials	100,000	25,000	125,000
27-Ballot Access Voter Reg Donations	153,200		153,200
28-Member Communications	7,400		7,400
29-Other Revenue & Offsets	0		0
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>1,745,200</b>		<b>1,770,200</b>
<b>Cost of Support and Revenue</b>			
32-Fundraising Costs	187,700		188,400 <sup>2</sup>
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	226,200	59,700	285,900
35-Convention	150,000		150,000
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	11,600		11,600
37-Building Fundraising Exp	0		0
<b>Total Cost of Support and Revenue</b>	<b>575,500</b>		<b>635,900</b>
<b>Net Support Available for Programs</b>	<b>1,169,700</b>		<b>1,134,300</b>
<b>Program Expense</b>			
40-Administrative Costs	333,964	24,000	357,964
45-Compensation	495,600		495,600
50-Affiliate Support	60,000		60,000
55-Brand / Political Materials	100,000	25,000	125,000
58-Campus Outreach	0		0
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	58,800		58,800
70-Ballot Access Petitioning Related Exp (see provisos)	250,000		250,000
75-Litigation	6,000		6,000
80-Media	51,000		51,000
85-Membership Communications Exp	54,600		54,600
88-Outreach	9,000		9,000

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

90-Project Program Other	5,000		5,000
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,423,964</u></b>		<b><u>1,472,964</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)</b>	<b>(254,264)</b>		<b>(338,664)</b>
Capital Expenditures	15,000		15,000
Bequest Receivable	67,800		67,800
Unrestricted Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	(269,264)		(354,264)
Net Surplus (or Deficit) After Capital Expenses & Bequest	<b>(201,464)</b>		<b>(286,464)</b>

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

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

## **AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVING LIGATION**

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

## **SELECTION OF 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION LOCATION**

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

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

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

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

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

Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC proceed to a vote on the three potential locations using ranked choice voting. This motion was adopted without objection. Mr. Sarwark requested that all members sign their ballots. After debate and recess, ballots were distributed with the following results:

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

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

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

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

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Alexandria</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>
Bilyeu		1		
Demarest		1		
Goldstein	3	1	2	4
Hagan	4	1	2	3
Harlos	4	1	2	3
Hayes	3	2	1	4
Hewitt	4	3	1	2

Lark	2	1	4	3
Marsh		2	1	
Moellman		1	2	
Redpath	2	1	3	4
Sarwark	4	1	3	2
Sharpe	3	2	1	4
Starchild	1			
Vohra	3	2	1	4
<b>Totals (Rank 1)</b>	1	9	5	0
<b>Totals (Rank 2)</b>	2	4	4	2
<b>Totals (Rank 3)</b>	4	1	2	3
<b>Totals (Rank 4)</b>	4	0	1	5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Marsh moved for the LNC to contribute \$1,000 to the campaign of Alison Foxall. Mr. Marsh informed the LNC that Ms. Foxall does not want any campaign contributions to be over \$1,000. Her Republican opponent does not presently live in the district, and she has already raised \$14,000. Jess Mears is her campaign manager. The number of votes needed to win is estimated to be between 6,000 and 7,000.

After debate, voting on this motion proceeded as follows:

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

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

Abstaining: Demarest, Goldstein, Moellman, Sarwark

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

## ***REGIONAL REPORTS***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

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

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

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

See the following 6 pages for the Secretary's Report

## **Secretary's Report**

For December 9-10, 2017 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on August 19-20, 2017:

- August 19-20, 2017 LNC session – auto-approved on September 19, 2017
- September 21, 2017 EC teleconference – auto-approved on October 9, 2017
- November 19, 2017 EC teleconference – auto-approved on December 4, 2017

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- Brett Bittner resigned as Region 3 Representative effective November 30, 2017. The Region has not yet filled the vacancy.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The LNC created a Candidate Support Committee during its August 19-20, 2017 session, appointing Brett Bittner, Sam Goldstein, Larry Sharpe, Jeff Hewitt, and Caryn Ann Harlos. Two additional non-LNC members were to be appointed by the LNC Chair. During the week of November 9, 2017, he appointed Jim Turney (FL) and Mark Miller (TX) to the remaining seats.
- On September 29, 2017 the Secretary received notification that the LSLA appointees to the Affiliate Support Committee had been changed, with Susan Hogarth and Tom Arnold replacing Michael Pickens and George Phillies.
- BetteRose Ryan resigned from the Convention Oversight Committee in October. Mr. Sarwark designated Daniel Hayes as the new committee chair and on November 15, 2017 appointed Drew Layda as the seventh member of the committee.
- When Brett Bittner resigned from the LNC, it created vacancies on the Advertising & Publications Review Committee, on the Candidate Support Committee, on the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee, and on the Social Media Process Review Committee.

Other tasks I have completed include:

- Notified the applicants Credentials Committee of the results of the LNC appointments.
- Contacted all states eligible to make appointments to the remaining positions on the Credentials Committee to notify them of their eligibility and the appointment deadline.
- Provided staff an article for LPNews summarizing the August LNC meeting.
- Updated the Policy Manual for the change adopted during the August LNC meeting.

Per LP Bylaws Article 10.4.a, December 31, 2017 is the date on which sustaining memberships will be counted for determining the final delegate allocation component for the 2018 national convention. The component based on the 2016 Presidential vote total has already been determined and distributed. Once the sustaining membership component has been determined, the final delegate allocations will be distributed by January 31, 2017.

The following 4 email ballots were completed since the August 19-20, 2017 LNC session:

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Motion 2017-17: The Chair is authorized by the LNC to sign the following petition on behalf of the LNC: <https://foreignpolicyalliance.org/a-call-to-reform-u-s-foreign-policy/resolution/>

(the text of the resolution reads as follows)

### A Call to Reform U. S. Foreign Policy

1. Whereas, American military personnel are being killed and wounded, and civilian casualties inflicted, in wars fought for purposes unrelated to America's vital security interests, which the U.S. Government defines too broadly;
2. Whereas, America's military interventions in other countries have led to costly blowback and unintended consequences;
3. Whereas, outdated Cold War alliances create tripwires that could compel the use of U.S. military force to resolve conflicts;
4. Whereas, escalating tensions between the U.S. and other nuclear powers are moving our nations toward military confrontation and potential nuclear war;
5. Whereas, erosion of civil liberties long held dear by Americans, including freedom from warrantless surveillance, searches and seizures, has accelerated with passage of the USA Patriot Act in 2001, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, and the USA Freedom Act of 2015;
6. Whereas, in a post-Cold War era, the U.S. can safely reduce its security budget by developing a new and more relevant strategy for right-sizing the military to better deal with 21st century security needs; and
7. Whereas, a healthy U.S. economy is critical to an effective security program but is now put at risk by the trillion dollar annual national security budget that contributes to an \$18 trillion plus national debt;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Government of the United States should immediately begin a transition to a foreign policy that includes:

1. Rejecting the role of "policeman of the world," ceasing military and covert intervention in the affairs of foreign countries, and using military force only when absolutely necessary to protect U.S. sovereignty, territory, and vital interests, narrowly defined;
2. Substantially reducing the more than 700 U.S. military installations around the world;
3. Curtailing the bloated military budget, allowing resources to be redirected towards cutting the deficit, cutting taxes, investing in America, or any other use as Americans see fit;
4. Reducing the size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal to a minimum deterrent level, and fully supporting the implementation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;
5. Emphasizing diplomacy, law, and cooperation in international relations and dispute resolution;
6. Upholding civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution; and
7. Reining in executive military action, recognizing that war powers reside solely in the legislative branch.

Sponsors: Vohra, Bittner, Harlos, Demarest, Bilyeu

Started: 08/24/17

Ended: 09/03/17

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

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 14-0, the motion PASSES, having achieved the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote (with previous notice) required by LP Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions.

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Motion 2017-18: The Chair is authorized by the LNC to sign the following petition on behalf of the LNC:

Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases  
Unity Statement

We, the undersigned peace, justice and environmental organizations, and individuals, endorse the following Points of Unity and commit ourselves to working together by forming a Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases, with the goal of raising public awareness and organizing non-violent mass resistance against U.S. foreign military bases.

While we may have our differences on other issues, we all agree that U.S. foreign military bases are the principal instruments of imperial global domination and environmental damage through wars of aggression and occupation, and that the closure of U.S. foreign military bases is one of the first necessary steps toward a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Our belief in the urgency of this necessary step is based on the following facts:

1. While we are opposed to all foreign military bases, we do recognize that the United States maintains the highest number of military bases outside its territory, estimated at almost 1000 (95% of all foreign military bases in the world). Presently, there are U.S. military bases in every Persian Gulf country except Iran.
2. In addition, the United States has 19 Naval air carriers (and 15 more planned), each as part of a Carrier Strike Group, composed of roughly 7,500 personnel, and a carrier air wing of 65 to 70 aircraft — each of which can be considered a floating military base.
3. These bases are centers of aggressive military actions, threats of political and economic expansion, sabotage and espionage, and crimes against local populations. In addition, these military bases are the largest users of fossil fuel in the world, heavily contributing to environmental degradation.
4. The annual cost of these bases to the American taxpayers is approximately \$156 billion. The support of U.S. foreign military bases drains funds that can be used to fund human needs and enable our cities and States to provide necessary services for the people.
5. This has made the U.S. a more militarized society and has led to increased tensions between the U.S. and the rest of the world. Stationed throughout the world, almost 1000 in number, U.S. foreign military bases are symbols of the ability of the United States to intrude in the lives of sovereign nations and peoples.
6. Many individual national coalitions — for example, Okinawa, Italy, Jeju Island Korea, Diego Garcia, Cyprus, Greece, and Germany — are demanding closure of bases on their territory. The base that the U.S. has illegally occupied the longest, for over a century, is Guantánamo Bay, whose existence constitutes an imposition of the empire and a violation of International Law. Since 1959 the government and people of Cuba have demanded that the government of the U.S. return the Guantánamo territory to Cuba.

U.S. foreign military bases are NOT in defense of U.S. national, or global security. They are the military expression of U.S. intrusion in the lives of sovereign countries on behalf of the dominant financial, political, and military interests of the ruling elite. Whether invited in or not by domestic interests that have agreed to be junior partners, no country, no peoples, no government, can claim to be able to make decisions totally in the interest of their people, with foreign troops on their soil representing interests antagonistic to the national purpose.

We must all unite to actively oppose the existence of U.S. foreign military bases and call for their immediate closure. We invite all forces of peace, social and environmental justice to join us in our renewed effort to achieve this shared goal.

-----END OF RESOLUTION TEXT-----

Sponsors: Vohra, Bittner, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 08/28/17

Ended: 09/07/17

Voting “aye”: (none)

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

With a final vote tally of 0-14, the motion FAILS to achieve the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote (with previous notice) required by LP Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions.

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Motion 2017-19: That the LNC adopt the following resolution:

A Call to End the U.S. War in Yemen and Support House Concurrent Resolution 81

Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Republic of Yemen.

Resolved by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC)

SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS.

(a) Findings —The Libertarian National Committee agrees with Congress and finds the following:

(1) Whereas, Congress has the sole power to declare war under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

(2) Whereas, a state of war has not been declared to exist with respect to the conflict between forces led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates against the Houthi-Saleh alliance in the Republic of Yemen.

(3) Whereas, United States Armed Forces have been involved in hostilities between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance, including through assisting Saudi and United Arab Emirates warplanes conducting aerial bombings in Yemen with selecting targets and by providing midair refueling services to such warplanes, amounting to millions of pounds of jet fuel delivered during thousands of Saudi and United Arab Emirates airstrikes.

(4) Whereas, according to the Department of State's Country Reports on Terrorism 2016, the conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance is counterproductive to ongoing efforts by the United States to pursue Al Qaeda and its associated forces under the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note).

(5) Whereas, no authorization for the use of United States Armed Forces with respect to the conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance in Yemen has been enacted, and no provision of law authorizes the provision of midair refueling services to warplanes of Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates that are engaged in such conflict.

(6) Whereas, the conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance in Yemen constitutes, within the meaning of section 4(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1543(a)(1)), either hostilities or a situation where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances into which United States Armed Forces have been introduced.

Therefore, be it resolved, the LNC supports H.Con.Res. 81 in accordance with section 3.3 of the Libertarian Party Platform, but advises complete removal of U.S. Armed Forces from the Republic of Yemen:

(b) Removal Of Armed Forces.—Pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), Congress hereby directs the President to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen, except United States Armed Forces engaged in operations directed at Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or associated forces, by not later than the date that is 30 days after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution (unless the President requests and the Congress authorizes a later date), and unless and until a declaration of war or specific authorization for such use of United States Armed Forces has been enacted.

-----END OF RESOLUTION TEXT-----

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 10/21/17

Ended: 10/31/17

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hewitt, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Sarwark, Starchild

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Katz, Lark, Mattson

Express abstention: Hayes, Redpath

With a final vote tally of 7-7, the motion FAILS to achieve the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote (with previous notice) required by LP Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions.

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Motion 2017-20: to increase the budgets for both Line 26-Brand Development/Political Materials Revenue and Line 55-Brand Development/Political Materials Expenses from \$60,000 each to \$80,000 each

Sponsors: Hagan, Hayes, Harlos, Goldstein

Started: 11/04/17

Ended: 11/14/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Marsh, McKnight

Voting “nay”: (none)

Express abstention: Lark

Doubtful vote: Redpath (voted “indubitably”)

With a final vote tally of 10-0, the motion PASSES.

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Alicia Mattson  
LNC Secretary

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## Staff Reports

*Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.*

*December 9-10, 2017*

*New Orleans, Louisiana*

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### Executive Director's Report

**Submitted by Wes Benedict**

#### Summary

2016 was an excellent year for the Libertarian Party. The Party excelled in areas including ballot access, presidential election vote results, membership growth, and financial performance.

In 2017, membership has declined from around 20,000 to 15,000 and has since levelled off, as predicted last Spring. However, fundraising has done than originally projected for the year. See separate Financial Report for details.

## Membership

Interest generated by the 2016 Presidential election drove “membership” up to the highest level since 2004. At our April 2017 LNC meeting in Pittsburgh, I explained and wrote in my staff report: “I’m projecting a drop of 4,000 to 5,000 members by August.” That drop has mostly occurred, and membership levels have levelled off at close to 15,000. See separate membership report for full details.

We use several membership retention efforts:

- “Snail mail” renewal letters
- Email renewal notices
- Phoning lapsed members (by staff and LNC volunteers)
- Special offers, like books and T-shirts
- Facebook (regular posts and paid ads)
- Prospecting to the Johnson for President donor list (subject to contract restrictions)
- Prospecting to lists of other organizations
- New memberships from LP.org

## Staff

We’ve added two staff contractors since the August LNC meeting: 1) Cara Schulz—Candidate Recruiting Specialist, to focus on 2018 goal of recruiting 2,000 candidates; 2) Apollo Pazell—Campaigns Advisor, to focus on winning strategic races.

Salaried and hourly staff:

- Wes Benedict—Executive Director
- Robert Kraus—Operations Director
- Eric Dixon—Editor & Technology Developer
- Nick Dunbar—Special Projects
- Matthew Thexton—Member Services

Staff contractors:

- Bob Johnston—Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist
- Andy Burns—State Affiliate Support Specialist
- Lauren Daugherty—Head of Development
- Elizabeth Brierly—Assistant Editor
- Denise Luckey—Designer
- Jess Mears—Development Manager
- Richard Fields—Press Secretary
- Cara Schulz—Candidate Recruiting Specialist (added)
- Apollo Pazell—Campaigns Advisor (added)

Other contractors used on a regular basis:

- Oliver Hall—Special Counsel

- Paula Edwards—FEC Consultant
- There are more contractors we use on a semi-regular basis that are not detailed here for things such as cleaning services, HVAC repair, general maintenance, tech support, legal help, ballot access petitioning, several part-time callers for membership renewals, LP News writers and proofreaders, and other things.

Former staff and contractors:

- No new reductions to report.

Upcoming Staff Plans

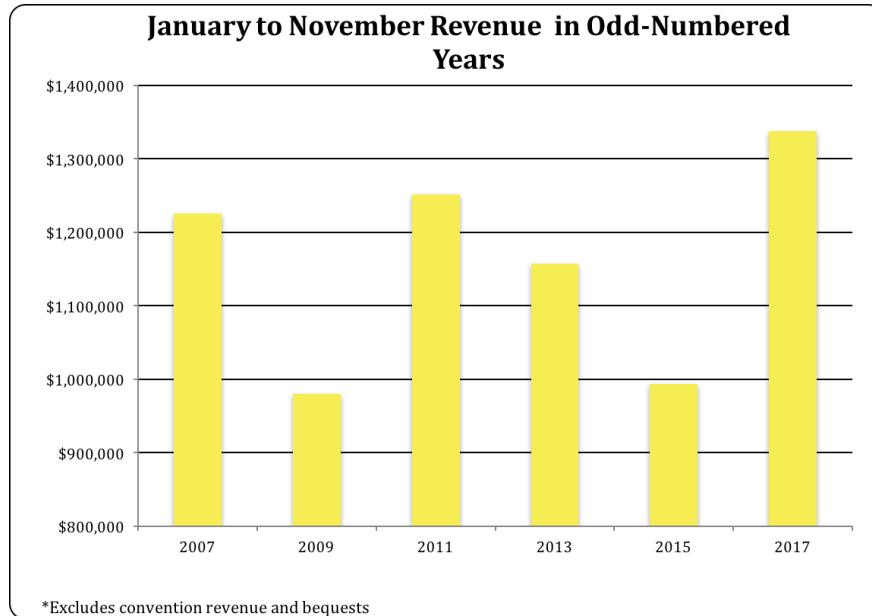
- No additions planned in the short term. We considered adding a membership coordinator, but that plan is on hold due to cost considerations and the ability to find an effective person.

**Costs, Dates, and Revenue from Direct Mail Projects 2008 through 2017**  
**2017 Appeals as 2017-11-30**

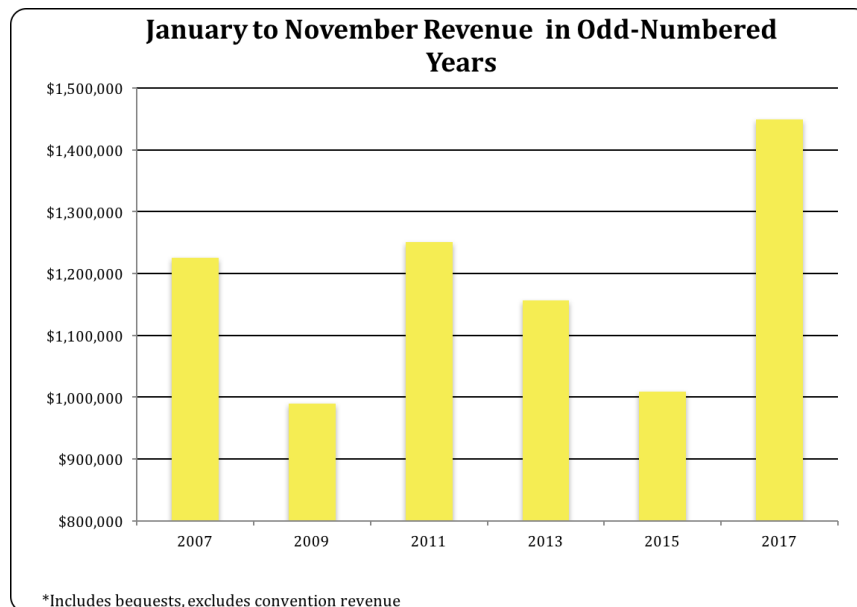
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<b>House</b>													
1701 HO	1/23/17	Guns and Marijuana	24,992	recent contributors	\$11,784.00	\$8,546.00	\$3,238.00	164	0.66%	\$71.85	\$0.73	\$1.38	\$52.11
1702 AR	3/2/17	Annual report	11,367	\$65+ recent contributors	\$10,396.00	\$19,343.00	-\$8,947.00	111	0.98%	\$93.66	\$1.86	\$0.54	\$174.26
1702 AR HD	3/2/17	Annual report Deluxe	274	High Donors	\$100.00	\$746.00	-\$646.00	1	0.36%	\$100.00	\$7.46	\$0.13	\$746.00
1704 BA	4/4/2017	Ballot Access	5000	previous BA contributors	\$14,861.00	\$7,834.00	\$7,027.00	116	2.32%	\$90.48	\$0.66	\$1.52	\$59.34
1705 HO	5/31/17	Hire Ltr	19,984	recent contributors	\$10,496.00	\$6,884.00	\$3,612.00	140	0.70%	\$25.86	\$0.80	\$1.26	\$20.60
1705 HO HD	5/7/17		779	High Donors	\$7,360.00	\$319.00	\$7,041.00	8	1.03%	\$1,789.88	\$0.79	\$1.26	\$1,416.00
1706 HO HD	7/16/17	timeless mission	780	High Donors	\$3,620.00	\$2,884.00	\$736.00	8	1.03%	\$1,789.88	\$0.79	\$1.26	\$1,416.00
1708 HO	8/17/17	Tipping Point	35,006	contributors and inquirers	\$14,319.00	\$11,328.00	\$2,991.00	15	0.04%	\$409.33	\$0.08	\$11.97	\$34.20
1709 HO HD	9/15/17		220	High Donors	\$ 6,140.00	\$513.00	\$5,627.00	195	88.64%	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
<b>Subtotal House</b>			<b>98,402</b>		<b>\$79,076.00</b>	<b>\$58,397.00</b>	<b>\$20,679.00</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>0.77%</b>	<b>\$104.32</b>	<b>\$0.74</b>	<b>\$1.35</b>	<b>\$77.04</b>
1702 LP News	2/6/17	Building fund match	21,014	subscribers	\$7,298.00		\$7,298.00	87	0.41%	\$83.89			
1704 LP News	3/29/17	Momentum	20,961	subscribers	\$2,802.00		\$2,802.00	49	0.23%	\$57.18			
1706 LP News	6/1/17	Become a Pledger	18,703	subscribers	\$3,778.00		\$3,778.00	29	0.16%	\$130.28			
1709 LP News	9/12/17	Ballot Access	15,974	subscribers	\$6,538.00		\$6,538.00	88	0.55%	\$74.30			
<b>Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News</b>					<b>\$86,374.00</b>	<b>\$58,397.00</b>	<b>\$27,977.00</b>	<b>\$845.00</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>\$102.22</b>	<b>\$0.68</b>	<b>\$1.48</b>	<b>\$69.11</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
1701 RE	1/30/17	wes upgrade appeal	3,862	6 month Expires	\$12,170.00	\$1,414.00	\$10,756.00	211	5.46%	\$57.68	\$0.12	\$8.61	\$6.70
1702 RE	3/8/17	wes upgrade appeal	4,215	6 month Expires	\$12,973.00	\$1,469.00	\$11,504.00	206	4.89%	\$62.98	\$0.11	\$8.83	\$7.13
1703 RE	3/31/17	wes upgrade appeal	5,837	6 month Expires	\$11,915.00	\$1,730.00	\$10,185.00	204	3.49%	\$58.41	\$0.15	\$6.89	\$8.48
1704 RE	4/30/17	wes upgrade appeal	7,113	6 month Expires	\$13,235.00	\$2,062.00	\$11,173.00	195	2.74%	\$67.87	\$0.16	\$6.42	\$10.57
1705 RE	5/26/17	Blockbuster year	8,068	6 month Expires	\$3,872.00	\$2,651.00	\$1,221.00	105	1.30%	\$36.88	\$0.68	\$1.46	\$25.25
1706 RE	7/7/17	free lapel pin	9,130	6 month Expires	\$11,000.00	\$4,911.00	\$6,089.00	225	2.46%	\$48.89	\$0.45	\$2.24	\$21.83
1707 RE	7/21/17	wes upgrade appeal	8,847	6 month Expires	\$13,170.00	\$2,645.00	\$10,525.00	238	2.69%	\$55.34	\$0.20	\$4.98	\$11.11
1708 RE	9/5/17	wes upgrade appeal	8,911	6 month Expires	\$18,460.00	\$2,308.00	\$16,152.00	281	3.15%	\$65.69	\$0.13	\$8.00	\$8.21
1709 RE	10/5/17	wes upgrade appeal	7,636	6 month Expires	\$5,705.00		\$5,705.00	94	1.23%	\$60.69	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1710 RE	11/2/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	7,321	6 month Expires	\$3,462.00	\$3,002.00	\$460.00	71	0.97%	\$42.28	\$0.87	\$1.15	\$42.28
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>70,940</b>		<b>\$105,962.00</b>	<b>\$22,192.00</b>	<b>\$83,770.00</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>2.58%</b>	<b>\$57.90</b>	<b>\$0.21</b>	<b>\$4.77</b>	<b>\$12.13</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1703 LA		Nick S renewals			\$20,155.00		\$20,155.00	365	#DIV/0!	\$55.22	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1705 LA (1S)	5/26/17	Blockbuster year - t-shirt	21,930		\$4,700.00	\$7,675.00	-\$2,975.00	132	0.60%	\$35.61	\$1.63	\$0.61	\$58.14
1710 LA	11/2/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	11,886		\$1,500.00	\$4,874.00	-\$3,374.00	46	0.39%	\$32.61	\$3.25	\$0.31	\$105.96
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>33,816</b>		<b>\$26,355.00</b>	<b>\$12,549.00</b>	<b>\$13,806.00</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>1.61%</b>	<b>\$48.54</b>	<b>\$0.48</b>	<b>\$2.10</b>	<b>\$23.11</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1702 PRW	2/21/17	please join	20,012	GJ list	\$1,150.00	\$6,024.00	-\$4,874.00	36	0.18%	\$31.94	\$5.24	\$0.19	\$167.33
1702 PRL	2/16/17	join get shirt	19,832	GJ list	\$3,482.00	\$8,369.00	-\$4,887.00	92	0.46%	\$37.85	\$2.40	\$0.42	\$90.97
1705 PR 1s	5/31/17	free t shirt	16,984	GJ list	\$1,496.00	\$6,922.00	-\$5,426.00	52	0.31%	\$28.77	\$4.63	\$0.22	\$133.12
1705 PR 2s	5/11/17	choose a shirt	50,001	GJ list	\$6,495.00	\$16,107.00	-\$9,612.00	202	0.40%	\$32.15	\$2.48	\$0.40	\$79.74
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>106,829</b>		<b>\$12,623.00</b>	<b>\$37,422.00</b>	<b>-\$24,799.00</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>\$33.04</b>	<b>\$2.96</b>	<b>\$0.34</b>	<b>\$97.96</b>
<b>Web &amp; White mail</b>													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$19,404.00		\$19,404.00	326		\$59.52			
Web New Members		New Members			\$115,834.00		\$115,834.00	2,273		\$50.96			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$135,982.00		\$135,982.00	2,405		\$56.54			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$7,775.00		\$7,775.00	76		\$102.30			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$9,264.00		\$9,264.00	118		\$78.51			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					<b>\$288,259.00</b>		<b>\$288,259.00</b>	<b>5,198</b>		<b>\$55.46</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
<b>2017 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$519,573.00</b>	<b>\$130,560.00</b>	<b>\$389,013.00</b>	<b>8,798</b>		<b>\$59.06</b>			

Lauren Daugherty, Head of Development  
December 2017

The year is not yet complete but we now have 11 months of data that show strong fundraising for 2017. Comparing 2017 with other odd-numbered years, 2017 exceeds all of the past 5 and exceeds the average of those 5 by 19%. This excludes bequest and convention revenue.



When the Clinard bequest is included, and other bequests are included in the years in which they were initially received, 2017 again exceeds the past 5 odd-numbered years and exceeds the average of those 5 by 28%.



With regard to convention revenues, we are far ahead of where we were 2 years ago. On December 1, 2015, we had raised \$44,000 for the 2016 national convention. As of December 1, 2017, we had raised \$80,931 for the 2018 national convention. That is an increase of 83%. We are 7 months out from the convention and we've already funded half of the 2018 convention, which is expected to cost \$157,000. It is also worth noting that this is not a presidential election year and we were expecting a lower turn out for this convention than the 2016 convention, yet the data so far indicates that 2018 may far exceed those expectations. Hotel room sales have also been very high, requiring multiple extensions of the agreement between the hotel and the party.

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Our membership dip has plateaued and membership numbers began to increase in November. I credit this to two things: 1) Those who joined during the height of the 2016 election but didn't feel a lasting attachment to the party have now mostly lapsed. 2) We've been successful in recruiting new members via social media and encouraging renewals with membership promotions.

Over the last few months, we've been offering gifts for new and renewing members when they join/renew via custom links online. We have offered this promotion via email and through social media, using both paid ads and unsponsored posts. These campaigns have been very productive.

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Every organization, whether it is a non-profit, a political party, or traditional business will have some customers/members that don't return. There are usually a series of reasons for this. Here are my thoughts on the factors impacting our membership retention, based on my observations this past year and feedback from members/donors:

- 1) Some members/donors joined just for 2016. They didn't like Clinton or Trump and wanted to support another option, so they gave to us without any intention of sticking around because they don't really consider themselves to be Libertarians.
- 2) Some members/donors joined in 2016 and then were unhappy with Johnson's performance as a candidate and have decided not to support the LP further at this time because of that.
- 3) Some members/donors are unhappy with actions or words of LNC members and have chosen to stop giving because of that.
- 4) Some members/donors are unhappy that at some point they did not get the outreach, appreciation, or communication that they wanted from us so they have decided to stop giving because of that.

All of these are valid, respectable reasons. Our development team can't do anything about factors 1, 2, or 3 but we are working to make sure that we do the best job we can on factor 4.

Towards that end, over the past year, our development team has worked on providing better communication with members and donors by being highly responsive to emails that come in through info@LP.org, providing good-quality customer service, upgrading our thank you notes and systems, and more. We also initiated and ran the series of conference calls which have been very popular.

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Here are the goals I have set for our fundraising for 2018:

- Annual revenue of \$1,750,000 and a stretch goal of \$2,000,000.
- Focus on high dollar cultivation as much as possible, and prioritize in-person meetings.
- Prune off other tasks, when possible, that aren't directly related to fundraising so that development staff can focus and have the biggest impact possible on fundraising.
- Host 6 fundraising events over the course of the year.
- Produce 4-6 housefile letters and 4-6 high-dollar letters with more specific asks, based on a donor's past giving history and level.
- Fund the 2018 national convention before the convention happens, through promotion of tickets and sponsorships via email and a limited high-dollar mailing.
- Raise \$100,000 at the gala at the national convention.
- Continue to polish and improve donation pages and materials for consistency, branding, and best performance.
- Use Facebook and other online ads for prospecting that is efficient in terms of both time and money.
- Grow membership 10% over the course of the year.

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Some people try to compare the Libertarian Party to other non-profits. Often, this is an unfair comparison because the parameters in which we operate are so different. With regards to fundraising, here are some key differences:

- Most non-profits do not have legal caps on how much a donor is allowed to give at any time.
- Most non-profits are not legally prohibited from taking donations from government contractors.
- Most non-profits can receive donations/grants from 501(c)(3)s and other similar organizations.

- Most non-profits have the benefit that their donors can write-off donations on their taxes.
- Most non-profits are not required to give their donor list to the government for public display.
- Most non-profits have a full-time CEO/chair/president that spends a large portion of their time on fundraising.

Aside from suing the government in an attempt to change some laws, we can't do anything about those first five. But, the Libertarian Party could decide to pay our chair so that he/she can work full-time and devote a significant portion of that time to fundraising.

I think that if we want the LP to thrive as an organization, and greatly increase our fundraising to the level needed to thrive, we need to make this change and have a full-time, paid chair.

Nick has been very generous with his time, but it is limited. Periodically, I ask him to call certain donors. When he calls donors, he is very successful. He occasionally attends major events such as FreedomFest on behalf of the LP and using those opportunities to interact with donors. When he does this, he is very successful.

Folks who have the capacity to give very large checks want to talk with the person in charge. The rest of us can be helpful in securing those larger donations but we can never replace the value the chair brings when talking with these donors. The chair is essential to high dollar cultivation on the scale to which we aspire.

My understanding is that such an organizational change would require amending the bylaws and so it is a decision that would be made by the delegates at a national convention. However, I encourage the LNC, as leaders of this party, to carefully consider this recommendation and whether they want to encourage delegates to consider such a change.

## Campaigns Advisor Report (Apollo Pazell)

### Goals:

The goal of this position is to provide support to candidates generally in ways that are appropriate and in compliance with regulations. For the most part, the general support that I have provided and fielded has been related to connecting candidates with vendors for printing, online tools, polling, etc. Some candidates have asked specifically for help creating a messaging strategy or a social media campaign to drive likes.

More specifically, the campaign advisor position is working on identifying winnable districts throughout the country, narrowing the results to a targeted few, recruiting or supporting candidates in those races, and helping them build a campaign structure that will produce noted results. The effort on this project is narrow in scope, creating a best practice for third party candidates so it can be tweaked, emulated, and mass produced in the future.

For this project, we are focusing primarily on state legislative races rather than state wide, non-partisan, or executive races. The purpose of this focus is the ROI potential that comes from smaller districts with more access to regional media. State legislative seats are more attainable for a third party than a statewide race with limited resources. Non-partisan races, though important for grooming a bench of candidates, does little to promote the brand of the party, or convey a winning trajectory. Local races, even executives, like city council or mayor, along with mostly being non-partisan, also do not have the built in media connection that comes with the proximity to state governance.

### Progress:

In the two weeks that we have been active, we have identified 84 races that meet a specific criteria for winnability. Of those 84 races, we have narrowed it down to 40 preferred districts and have begun an extensive recruitment project. So far 14 POTENTIAL candidates have begun the process of recruitment, as we evaluate their message, background, and strengths(weaknesses).

Simultaneously we are connecting candidates with vendors, staffers, and activists that will produce results that can be replicated. The targeting process is fluid, as of right now, we targeting districts rather than candidates. If the candidate running in a particular district does not have the strengths required to achieve a win, that district will not be a targeted race. On the reverse, and far more rare, targeted races can be based on political landscape (scandal, vacancy, etc) or particular viability of a candidate.

We are working closely with the state leadership, to recruit these candidates, and deferring to each state's executive committee in this coordinated effort, instead guiding from behind as a resource and coordinator rather than a mandate. In the process, stimulating a healthy recruitment program that continue after this project has concluded. Ideally, in the future, state party leadership will effectively recruit candidates without the influence of the Campaign Support office and targeted races can be identified from a pool of candidates rather than starting from scratch.

Many of the states that contain a targeted race have deadlines for candidate filing within weeks or months for 2018, because of that, there is a sense of urgency and a limit to the number of targets that can be made in 2018.

The targeted races will be based of 3 major factors and a number of unique circumstances.

- Average cost of a victory for the last 3 election. Along with this campaign finance laws in the state and county must be considered. If prohibitions restrict fundraising or expenditure, it will impact the targeting score.
- Low win numbers, allow for more direct access to voters, a more striking impact from GOTV efforts, and an ability for our candidates to be in front of constituents. It is also much easier to forecast dollar:vote ratio.
- Smaller media markets and high social media saturation. This is critical to breaking through the two party white noise. The smaller the market, the cheaper it is to advertise, the easier it is to reach maximum saturation.

We have identified 7 states where the average cost for an election, coupled with win number and media markets create ideal circumstances for targets. Most of the targeted races will take place in these states. A majority of the states identified are in the same area of the country, this will allow fungibility of resources, and a smooth and efficient way to shift resources as the political landscape changes in each of the targeted districts.

Other Steps:

To give maximum support to the targeted races, there will be boiler plate themes and templates that will be used throughout the targeted districts. These templates will be customizable, but adhere to a general theme to create continuity and ease of production. Many of the states that have targeted regions share a transient property in the voting public, and having a recognizable theme will develop voting habits and increase results across the states.

Right now, a number of template designs are being developed and tested to be used. These will not be exclusive to targeted races. These templates will be available to all candidates if they would like.

## **Candidate Recruitment Specialist Report (Cara Schulz)**

### **Goal: Creating a Candidate Workbook.**

One of the first questions I am asked, usually by first time candidates, is what help of information we can give them to be successful candidates. They are often nervous and unsure how to take the first step. To increase the probability that a prospective candidate would become an "on the ballot" candidate running an effective campaign, I wrote a manual on the basics of running for office in fill in the blank form. The book walks them through every step, is practical to the realities Libertarian candidates face, and is over 100 pages long. It also includes a Resource page to connect them to mentors, PACs, and volunteers.

Feedback on the workbook has, so far, been extremely positive. Several candidates, especially those who have never run before, told me they filed for office since they now feel comfortable that they have a plan. I've given a few states the raw file so they can tailor the workbook to their specific state.

After each campaign season we will update and add to the workbook. This will become a place to house institutional knowledge.

### **Goal: Making Sure Each Candidate Prospect Who Contacts us is Emailed Within 2 Hours and Called Within 24 Hours.**

Originally this was not met because of the process. A lead would come in, it would take 7 to 12 minutes just to transfer the information to a spreadsheet so it wouldn't be lost, another 3 to 5 minutes to email them back. If there were multiple emails arriving in the early morning or evening or other times I was not at the computer, those leads sat for hours.

With the help of Andy Burns, the process changed 1 week ago and the response goals are being met. Now when a prospect fills out the web form, they are automatically emailed back a welcoming email that includes our new Candidate Workbook and a request for what times work for them for me to call them. I am often able to call them back within hours.

This is giving prospective candidates, many who are not yet LP members, a positive impression of the LP as a professional and welcoming Party. State Chapters are also starting to report back that when they talk to these leads, the lead is better prepared for the conversation and have a more realistic idea of the costs and effort needed to run.

### **Goal: Assisting Newer State Chapter Candidate Recruiters in Developing a Plan for their State.**

Many States have newer leadership and this is also true in their Candidate Recruiters. With some state, I've worked them to designate a person other than the Chair to be the initial POC for prospective candidates. Once they have a person designated, they ramp up fairly quickly.

Other states have a POC, but don't have a plan in place to actively seek out candidates. I helped 4 states develop a plan to recruit candidates and 6 others have come to me for assistance on specific needs or projects. For example, Missouri wished to have a set of serial emails to use to help them prospect their database. After creating this for Missouri, I also offered it to all State Chapters.

As other states hear about my willingness to assist, more are now coming forward with requests.

### **Goal: More Time on Phone Prospecting**

Currently, 2 to 3 hours per day is wasted on data entry type tasks. Contact information and notes on potential candidates is transferred to a separate spreadsheet for each state, which can also be accessed and edited by the State Chapter Candidate Recruiter. Not all States have begun accessing those spreadsheets, but more are starting to do so. If an action needs to take place for the prospect, it needs to be scheduled in a calendar. If that action needs to be taken by the State Chapter, I need to call or email them to get this scheduled. This process consumes minimum of 10 hours out over 40 worked.

The solution is a CRM program. Working with Andy Burns we are testing a CRM program out with a few states. Information from web leads would be entered automatically, actions can be scheduled with a simple click, and anytime I need to pass information to and from a State Chapter this could be done automatically. States could free themselves from their own outdated or expensive processes. The LNC would also have real time access to how many candidates we have in the pipeline at any given moment and where they are in the process.

Several State Chapters are extremely interested in this. Some of the resistance from States to updating our spreadsheets and going over prospects by phone is the feeling it is a waste of their time and too much trouble.

For every hour recovered from data entry or administrative work, 20 to 30 prospecting calls can be made. CRM could result in 200 more calls per week.

## **Goal: Comprehensive List of Candidates**

Having an updated and accurate list of elected Libertarians is difficult, maintaining a list of candidates is even more challenging. Each State maintains its own list of candidates and sets its own criteria for how a name is added to the list. Some states count only those who make it on the ballot, while others include those who file. Other states include anyone who expresses interest while a few won't count those running nonpartisan races a LP candidates.

We established a criteria for all states to follow when interacting with the LNC. The criteria is any person who has expressed interest in a specific race, is a LP or State member, and has been screened for suitability.

States are just starting to update this information and I'll be calling those who haven't yet done so.

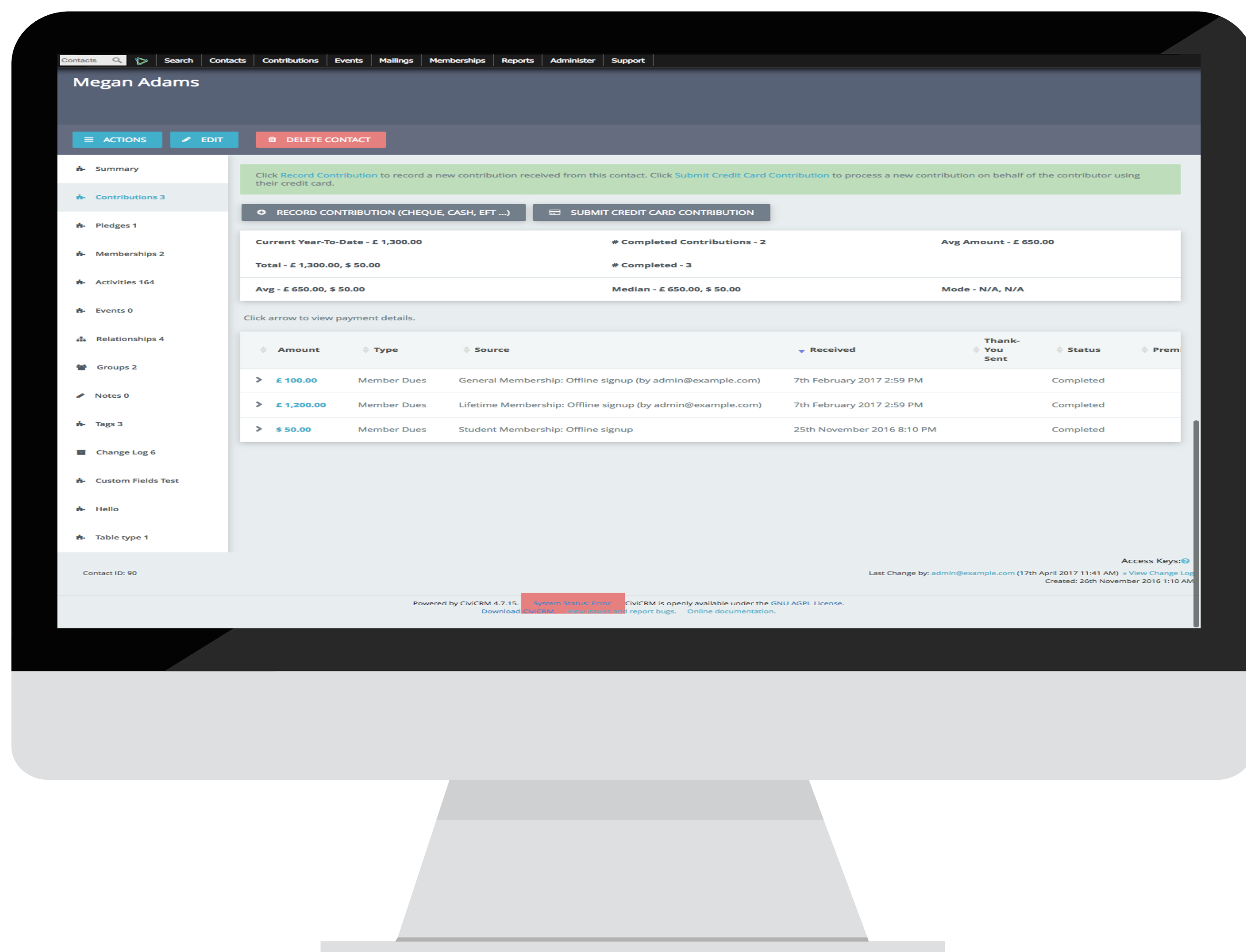
This list will be very beneficial to the LNC and State Chapters, not only to track election results, but for finding the most effective ways to ensure more of our prospective candidates reach the ballot and elected office.

After the election, we will survey those that dropped off to find out why they didn't make it onto the ballot, win their primary, or win their election. What knowledge or resources they felt could have made an impact in their success. Instead of making anecdotal assumptions, we will have more reliable knowledge at what our choke points are and how to fix them. Each election season we will become more effective.



# STATE CRM PROJECT

More engagement, greater results: growing state affiliates through effective data management



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LNC 2017 Q4 Meeting

What We've Done	What's Next
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ POC Phase completed</li><li>✓ Established relationships with partner orgs</li><li>✓ 4 states have access</li><li>✓ Core functionality implemented</li><li>✓ Researched major custom development options</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Work with open-source community to develop shared tools</li><li>✓ User dashboard</li><li>✓ RE automated data loads</li><li>✓ Mailing program optimized</li><li>✓ Other Phase 2 projects</li><li>✓ Adding more states</li></ul>

# Strategy

We are developing functionality in conjunction with CiviCRM LLC and the open-source ecosystem that sustains and grows it as the #1 non-profit open-source Constituent Relationship Management System. The model is one where contributors/orgs feed off and assist each other to enable their organizations to succeed. Why? This removes the burden of any one organization having to maintain the software all on their own.

It is very much a modular approach to building and maintaining it. We work to find the best people to carry out various sub-projects or routine tasks. This allows us to be nimble and adjust as needed. e.g. No monopoly or long-term contracts. Vendors prove they are the most capable at executing a given task.

A key tenet to the work is eliminating redundancy whenever possible. With affiliates, there are plenty of opportunities for this. This also greatly aids in maintaining the system. The project is being managed by Sean O'Toole and myself.

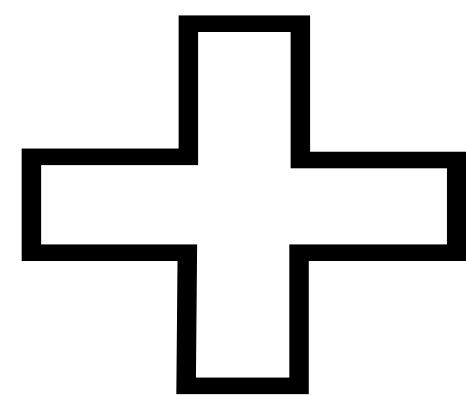
# Vision

Create a system that allows volunteers to interact with data without needing to be technologically savvy. Simplified. Not complicated. Intuitive and doesn't require much training (we send them a video tutorial). Geared towards making phone calls and following up with members/supporters.

- Leverage affiliates to bring in new members
- States maintain donor and voter data under CRM umbrella
- States focus on sales and not on back office operations
- Convert registered Libertarians into members
- Increase turnout at events
- Increased fundraising totals for affiliates
- Eventually, enable much greater synergy between the LNC and states

# Platform

CiviCRM is our powerful engine with a sophisticated data model, providing a broad base of functionality covering contributions, memberships, email, text messaging, events, reporting and more. On the front-end, Wordpress matches our existing platform for states / national and gives us the ease of use required for volunteers.



# Ecosystem of Partners

It's vitally important to bring in the right ingredients into this project. The LNC does not have the expertise alone, so we have partnered with 2 groups, CiviHosting and Back Office Thinking. We use Civihosting for monthly software upgrades, hosting, support, ensure out-of-the-box functionality works and resolving any bugs. Back Office Thinking takes the lead on custom development, consulting on strategies on the use of the CRM and the source we escalate any issue to if not resolved by others. We also communicate with the LNC IT Committee.



# Progress Summary

We started work in late August of 2017 after the LNC approved a \$5,000 allocation. We secured our hosting and consultant partners. There are 4 pilot states currently on the CRM service during the "Proof-of-Concept"(POC) phase. This measured approach will allow for us to gather enough user feedback while allowing future state additions to be brought on with ease.

We've gotten a lot done on a very small budget. We've been prudent with spending and cautious on custom development work until we are confident in the given direction. Much of the work thus far has been shouldered by myself. Doing the configuration setup and bringing the states online with the core services is well within my capabilities and has been a major place of cost savings. There has been a few times when we could have out-sourced but through careful research we have saved thousands of dollars. In the end, there will be some big-ticket items we need funding for, but these cost saving elsewhere helps us devote the necessary funding to these custom items.

We have spent \$4,015 for the following: data and import planning, closing user loopholes to enhance data security, mass email tracking links fix, tying a state's CMS and CRM sites together and conducting discovery (specifications) for major Phase 2 sub-projects.

Top leadership in the 4 states were given access on Nov 20th. A major thanks goes to Ken Moellman and Sean O'Toole for their IT expertise in planning various aspects of the system.

In summary, we have a functional system in place but much work remains. We have learned a lot through research and thoughtful deliberation on user experience. We've considered a handful of different directions on major aspects of the system. By gathering multiple quotes, talking with the CiviCRM community and Core Team we've achieved more clarity on our direction.

We will continue these discussions and finalize vendors for various sub-projects within the month of January. It is our goal to empower affiliates at both the county and state level to leverage and therefore improve the data in a wise fashion, have smart geo-access control permissioning to the county level, have a user dashboard that gives users key data on volunteers and members in a easy to use fashion and sync the national database to the state database in an automated way. These sub-projects will be laid out at the end of the report. Investing in these tools is paramount to making volunteering a productive experience to grow the party and elect more Libertarians nationwide.

# Cost Comparisons

This Project

\$70K one-time cost

\$12K max operating

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Other Project Proposals

Range from \$100K-

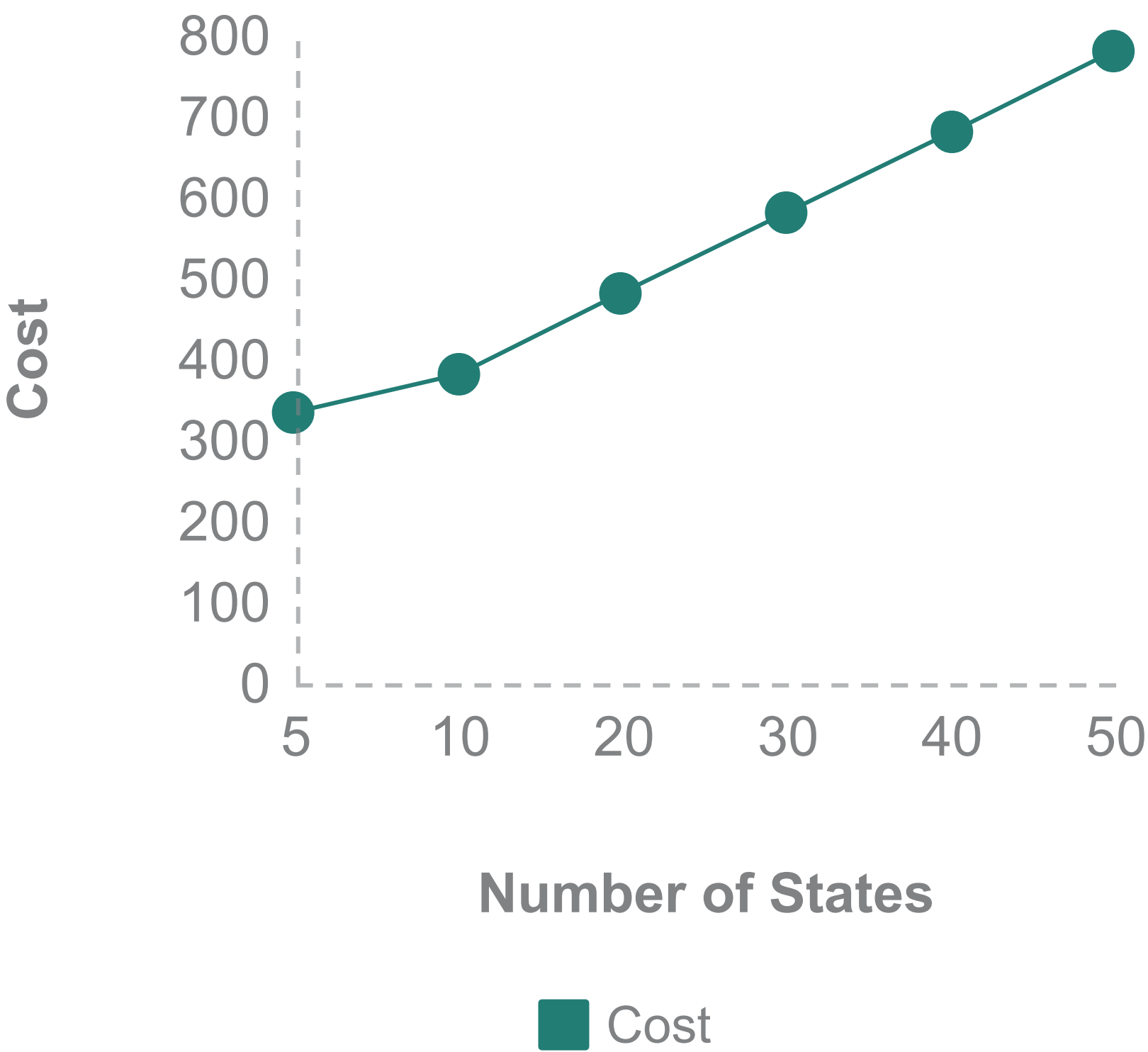
\$140K annual cost

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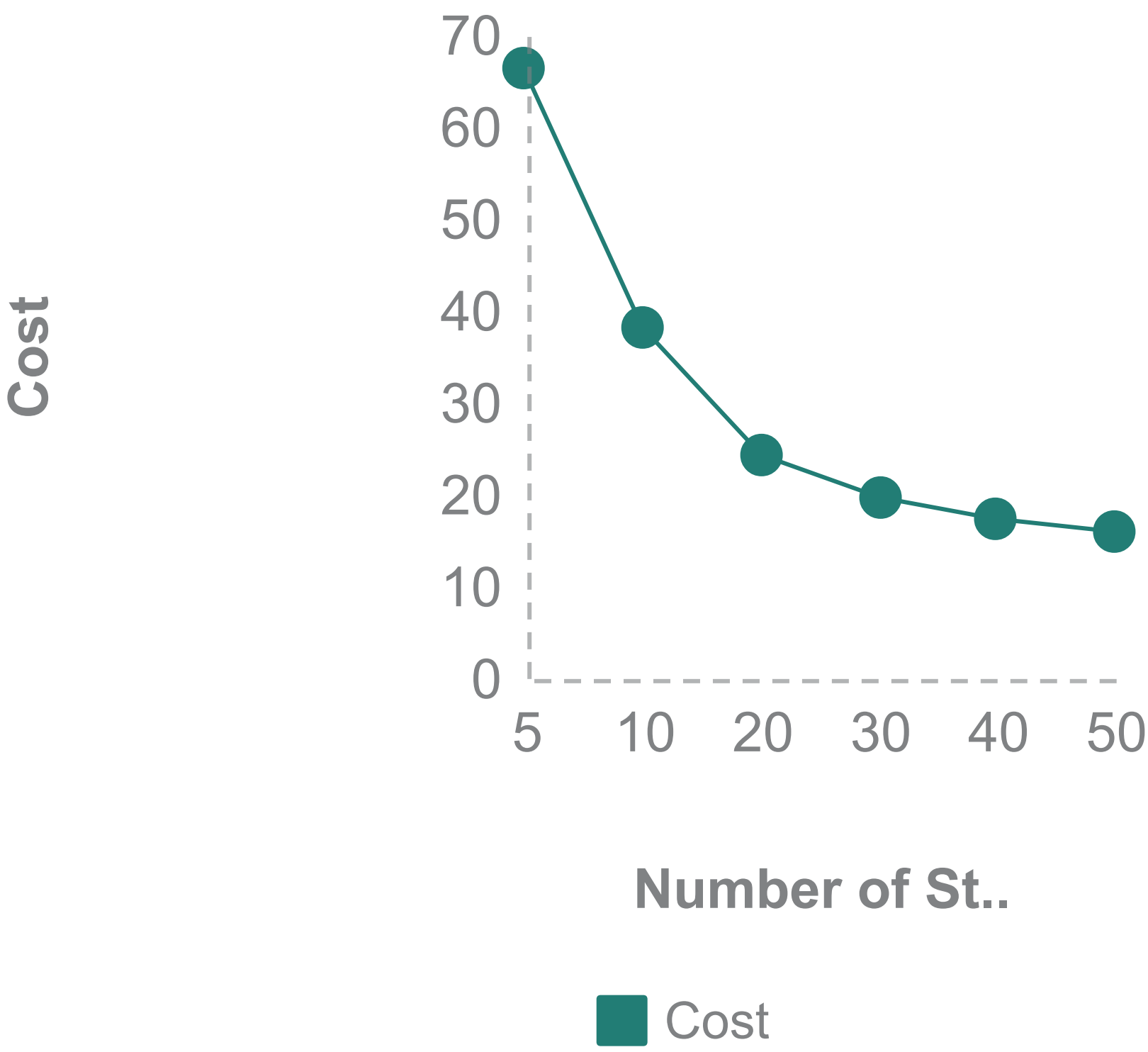
The key to our success is proper planning. The other proposals previously would include software from NationBuilder or Raiser's Edge that would give us similar functionality.

## Operating Costs

Total Operating Cost



Additional Cost to add a State



The current monthly operating costs is \$340. The other cost to factor in is my time. Much of that is up-front work and specifying to our partners what requirements we have. This will lessen as the platform matures.

## Key Points of Progress

Proper Infrastructure | Contributions | Accommodates external data sets | Solid data integrity | User Wiki | Candidate Case Management

# Proof-of-Concept Goals Met

We've checked off many core needs during this POC phase. At the end of the day, we have a functional system that is operating and all state users are able to search for contacts on a variety of parameters and log email and phone call actions.

We have also gotten further ahead in some areas that were planned for Phase 2, which includes setting up mass-email capability and state membership tracking for states. Arkansas has been our primary state to implement new functionality on. You can see how it works by visiting [lpar.org](http://lpar.org) and clicking Donate or Signup. Once it is implemented on one state, it is trivial to do so on another.



## Proper Infrastructure

We have laid the foundation with a Wordpress multisite configuration sharing a single CRM database on a CiviCRM-managed hosting partner.

A fundamental component to scaling the CRM for affiliates is to allow for proper permissioning. This reaps benefits as it eliminates redundancy that separate systems would otherwise create.



## State-Level Permissioning



## Data Imported

We've focused on bringing in 3 key data sources. First, the monthly data dumps that states get in Excel are now transformed into the CRM. Secondly, registered Libertarians from Aristotle. And lastly, the state supporter lists and new signups from the front-end of the sites are now also feeding into the CRM.



## Closed Data Security Loopholes

When you have many users (and brand-new volunteers) nationwide using the system, you have to prepare for the worst. In this manner, we removed some loopholes that could have hurt data integrity.

We have contribution pages live for Arkansas and will be bringing on the other states in the next month.



## Contribution Pages



## Candidate Case Management

With the goal of 2,000 candidates in 2018, I worked with Cara Schulz (Candidate Recruitment Specialist) in setting up a case management system to identify at what stage a candidate is in. This will increase the effectiveness and efficiency in attaining this goal. In addition, the new landing page is at [my.lp.org/run](http://my.lp.org/run), with more effective marketing to motivate members to run.

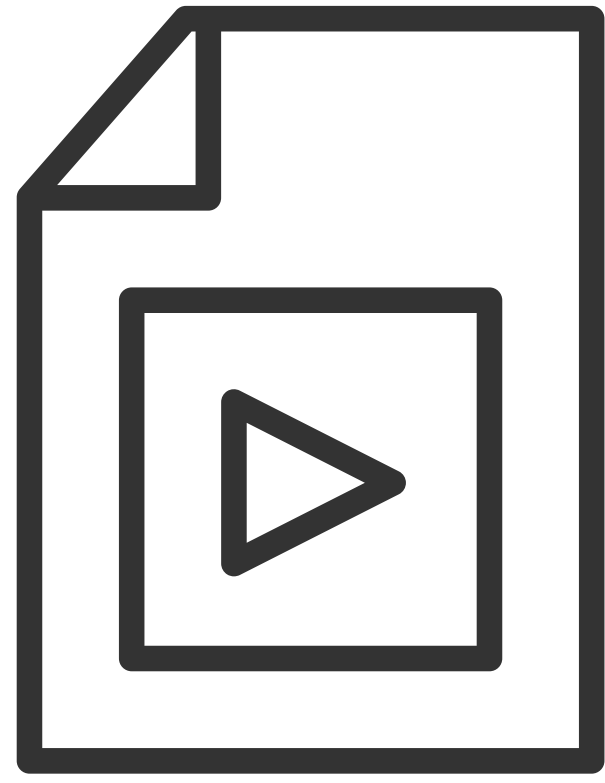
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## Other Items In Progress

We are about 70% of the way there configuring mass email within the CRM. Our end goal here is to include a MailChimp like "Drag-n-Drop" builder so state volunteers can easily put together effective email communication.



## Mass Email



## User Wiki

We have started a wiki platform within the system so users have quick answers while lessening the burden on staff. We've incorporated a video format for each area. This will be expanded as we get user feedback and complete the finished product.

# LP CRM Helpdesk

We're here to help.

What can I help you with?



### GETTING STARTED

Contact Dashboard  
Your User Dashboard

More →

### COMMON ACTIONS

Following Up With Incoming Signups  
Logging A Phone Call  
Adding A New Individual  
Performing Basic Searches

More →

### POLICIES

End User Terms of Use  
Service Agreement

More →

## Dashboard

### CRM Helpdesk ▲

Need Help? Please [login](#) to our CRM HelpDesk knowledge base for videos and support. The helpdesk is at [crmhelpdesk.lp.org/wiki](http://crmhelpdesk.lp.org/wiki)

**Note you will login with the same credentials. Once logged in, you will be able to navigate in-between both your CRM and our Wiki site.**

If you cannot find the answer you are looking for or want to chat with other users, please go to our [#crm\\_project channel](#) in our Libertarian Party Slack group. We are also available by email at [affiliates@lp.org](mailto:affiliates@lp.org).

### Message From The LNC ▲

#### National Convention Delegation

Do not forget that National Convention delegation counts are determined by Dec 31st. You can signup members [here](#) and support the CRM project.

#### Affiliate Discount at LPStore.org

Affiliates can use the coupon code **affiliate17\*** to get 33% off all items in the [apparel category](#) at [lpstore.org](http://lpstore.org).

### Candidate Support ▲

Please share the [LP Candidate Workbook](#) with your candidates. If you need assistance regarding recruiting candidates, please [email](#) Candidate Recruitment Specialist, Cara Schulz.

# User Dashboard

## Summary

This will provide a simplified user interface for volunteers. It will remove the barriers of using the CRM and logging data into the platform.

- Geo-based Access Control
- New contact record screen shows only key data (e.g. we do not want to share all of our data with a new county volunteer yet we still want to give them tools to succeed)
- One view that is able to be filtered easily along frequently searched data points
- Simplified look and feel
- A "Call These People" phone queue

## Benefits

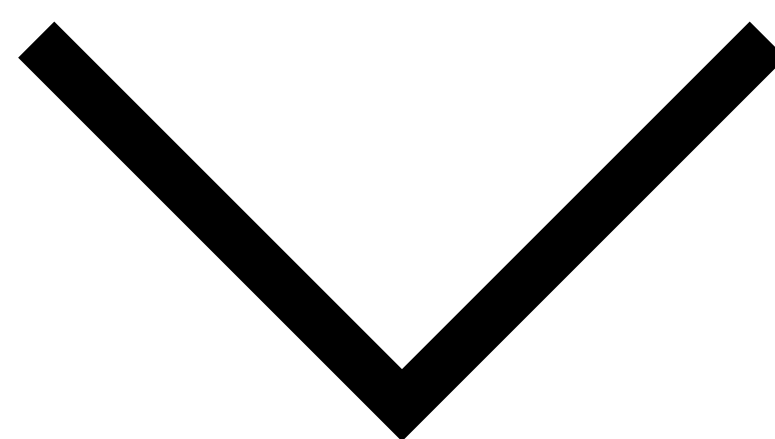
- Log phone calls quickly
- Re-engage aging contacts to cultivate new members and volunteers
- Follow-up with incoming leads
- Reach out to their county contacts for various initiatives

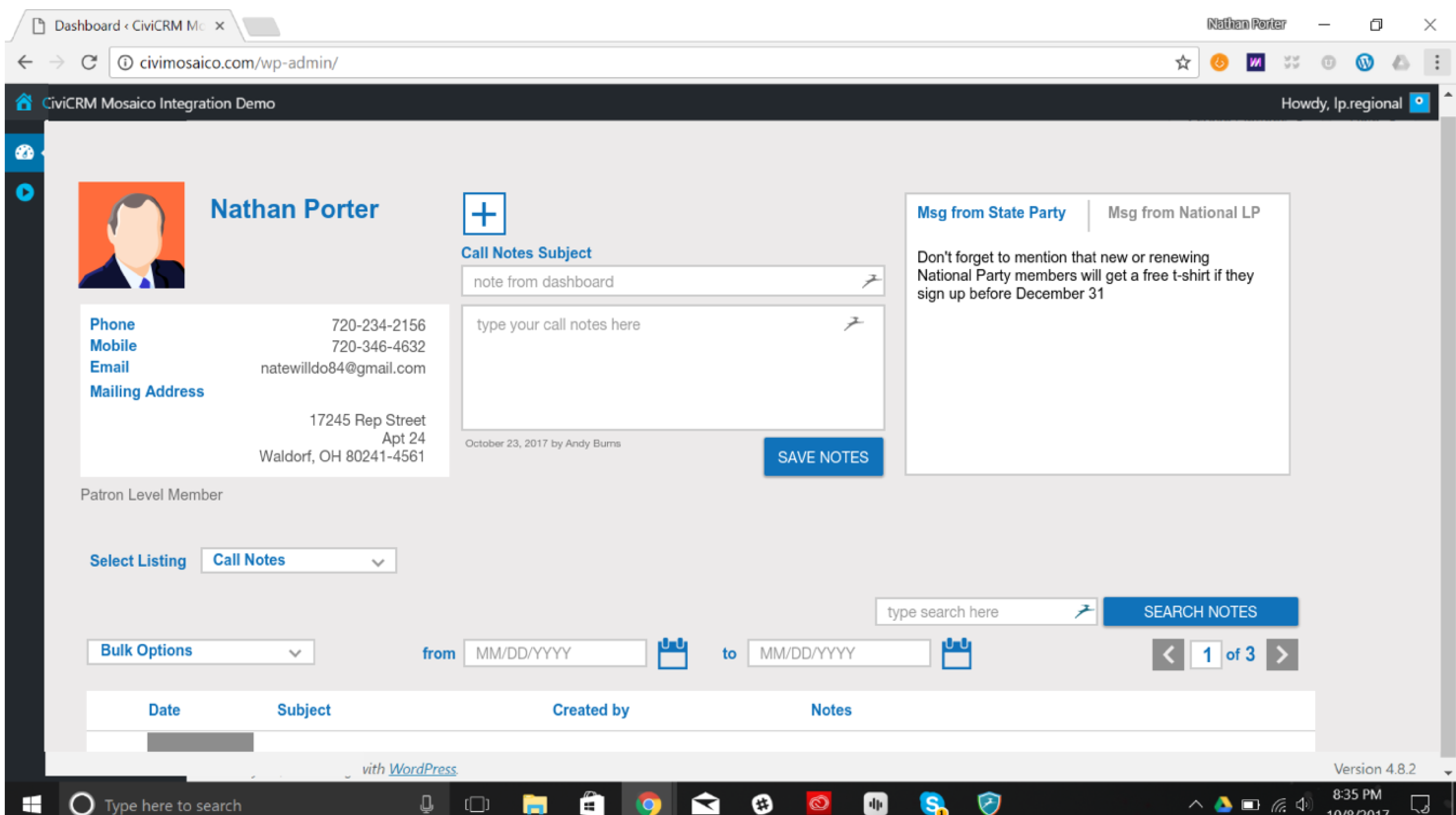
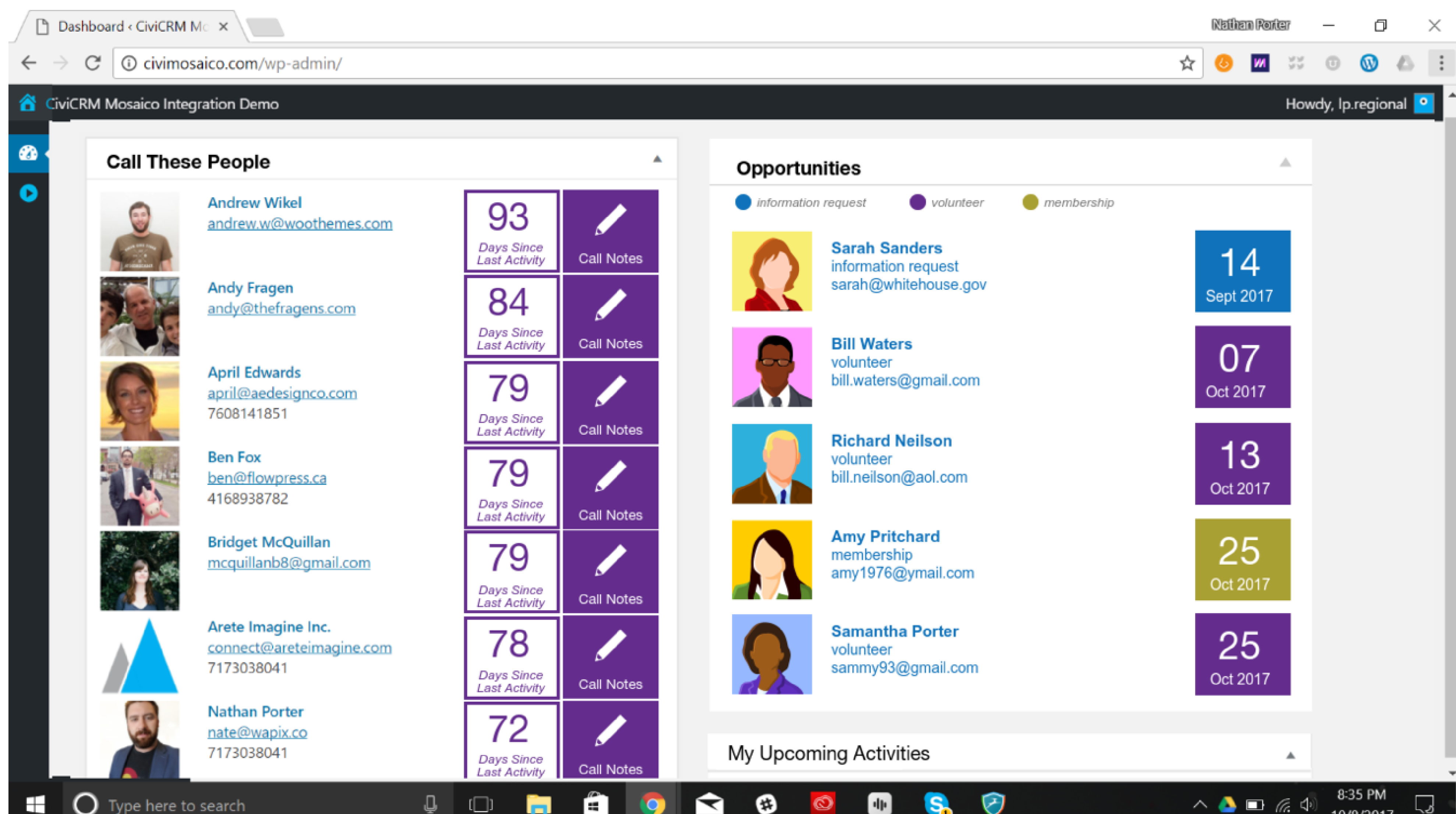
## Alternative Approach to Gathering Funding for the User Dashboard

We are continuing to explore the best route to acquire funding and to ensure proper maintenance of any custom development we do. This would entail finding other nonprofit organizations willing to pledge financial support for dev and annual maintenance of plugin/extension

Example: To achieve 50K in funding: Find 20 organizations to share dev and maintenance cost. Pitch to organizations: \$2,500 to develop \$250 annual to maintain.

Below are a couple mockups





Cost: \$51,000

Note: this is the total cost of the User Dashboard. Our best case scenario is to find others interested in sharing the cost of development.

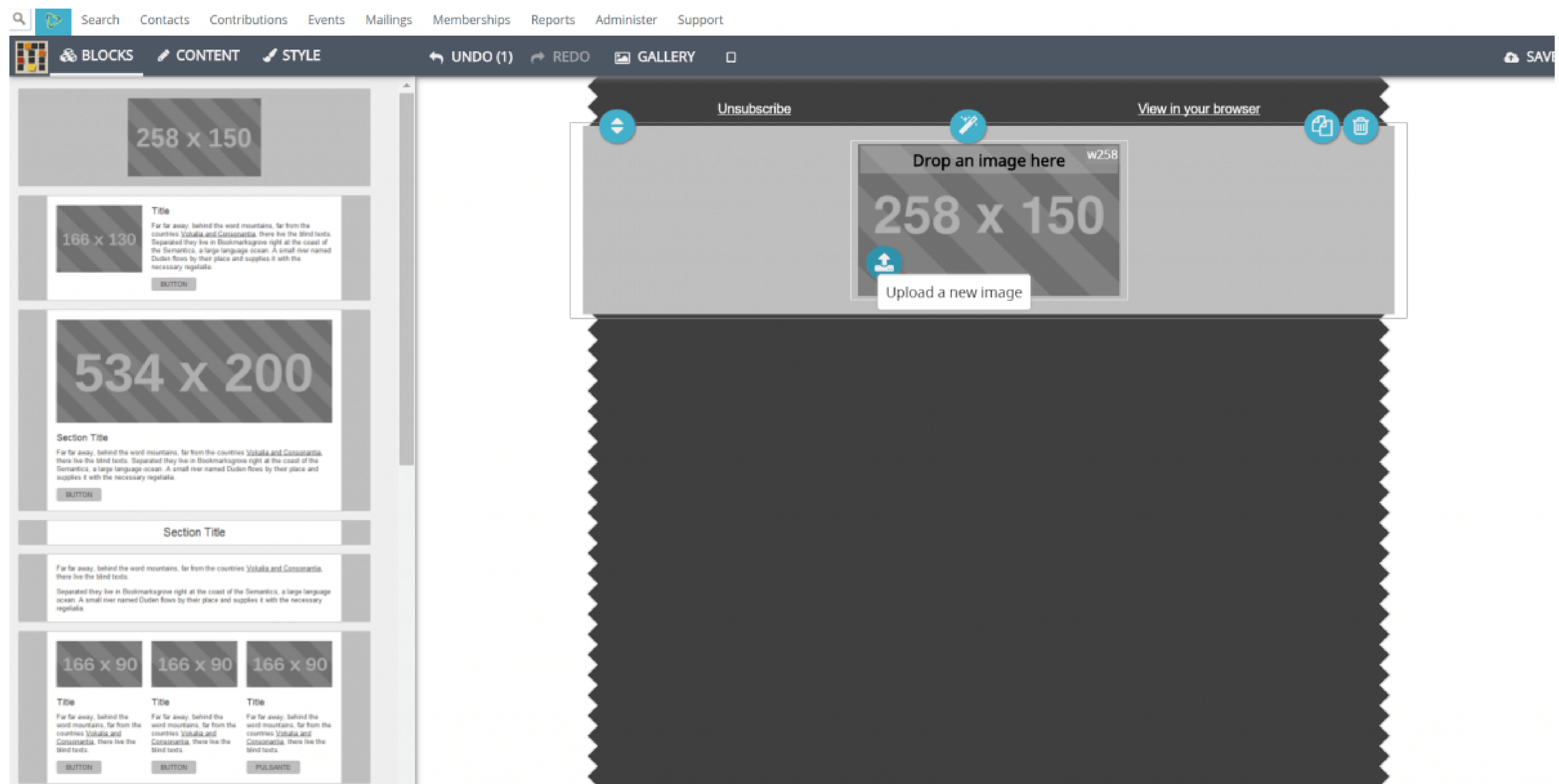
# Mass Email and Proper Permissioning

## Summary

We currently need funding to have affiliates access only their mailing lists. We have email sending functioning and other core functionality. We also need some assistance with integrating the drag-n-drop editor on a multisite.

## Benefits

- Full integration with CRM data - ability to segment and use tokens to personalize messaging
- Email activity is logged
- No hassle with syncing with outside third party email service
- Drag-n-Drop Editor



Cost: \$5,000

# Raiser's Edge Monthly Data Loads

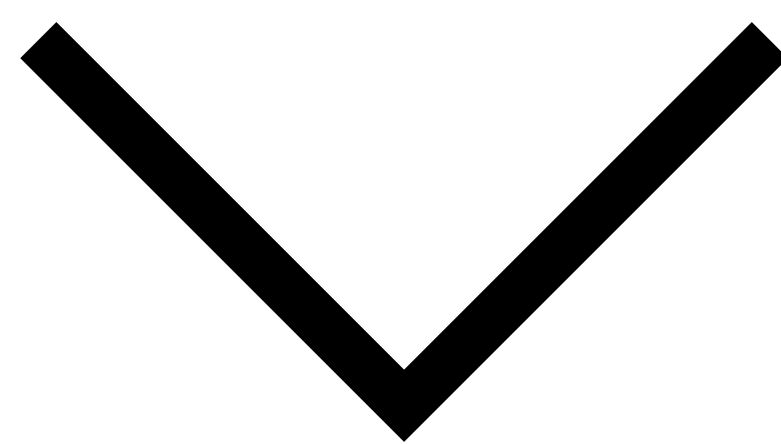
## Summary

Too many states have underutilized national LP data. To democratize this data, we need to import this data monthly and in an automated fashion. States will no longer have to deal with Excel spreadsheets in the hands of a few.

## Benefits

- Automate the loading of data
- Free up staff time
- Reduce human error
- Update national memberships - importing external memberships is pain therefore a custom application must be developed to carryout this task.

The Raiser's Edge<sup>®</sup>



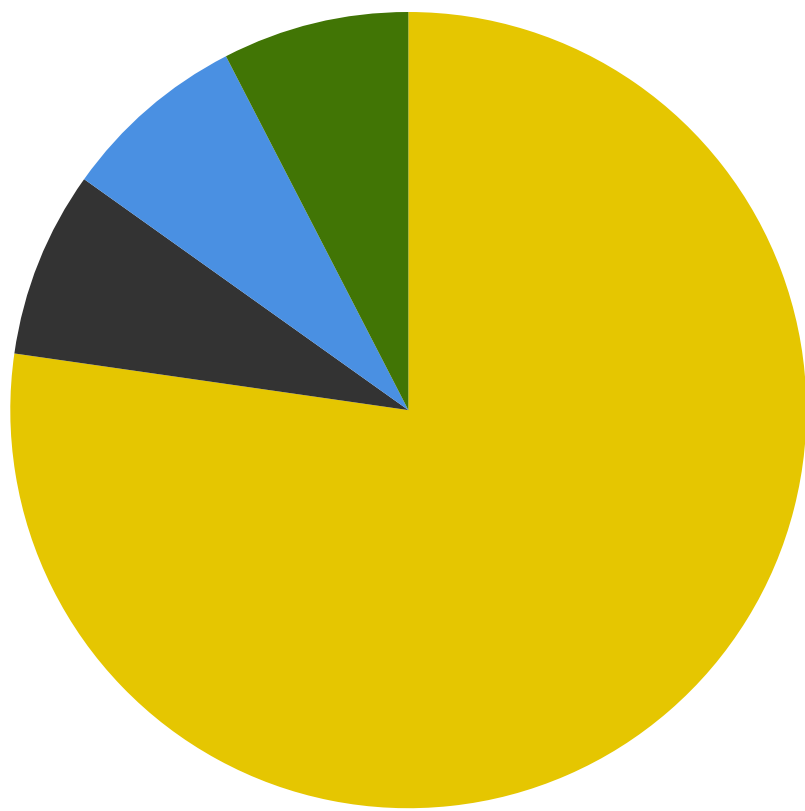
Cost: \$4,000-5,000

**Conclusion**

**\$15,000 minimum for FY 2018 from LNC**

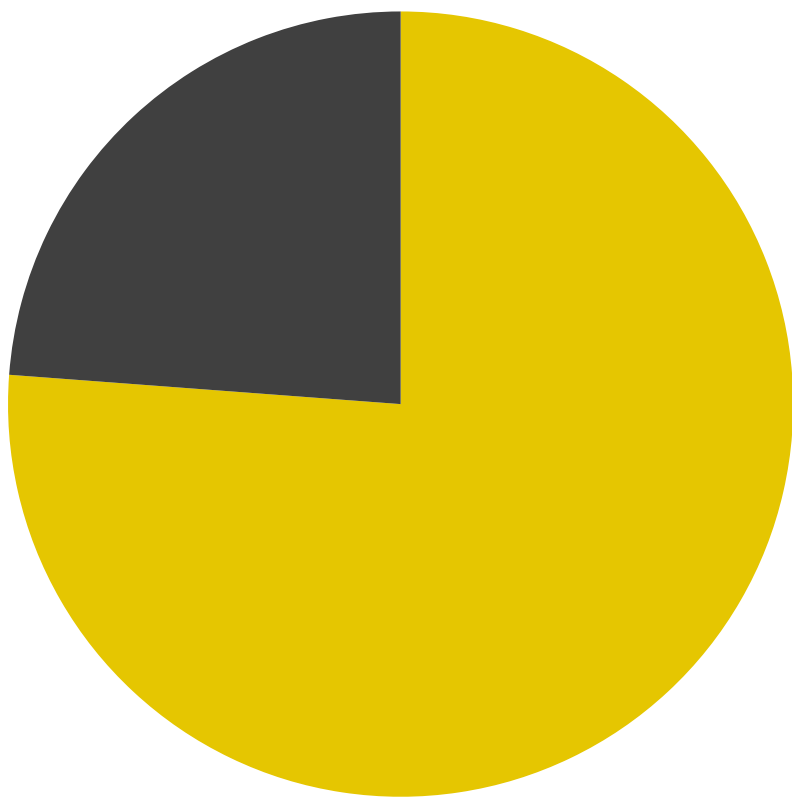
Our request is to allocate a minimum of \$15,000 to the project in 2018 with \$5,000 to cover operating costs and \$10,000 for development.

One-Time Development Cost



■ User Dashboard \$51K (77.27%)  
■ RE Monthly Data Loads \$5K (7.58%)  
■ POC Phase \$5K (7.58%) ■ Mass Mailing \$5K (7.58%)  
Total Cost: \$66,000

Max Operating Costs



■ Managed Hosting \$9,600 (76.19%)  
■ Reserve Consultancy \$3,000 (23.81%)  
With 50 State Subscription. Reserve needed ONLY AFTER one-time development costs are incurred.

Consistent with our strategy, we are wanting to develop enhancements with other organizations and CiviCRM itself. This means that we are looking to cost-share development with other similar non-profit organizations that would be keen to see similar enhancements. Note if we are able to partner with others in the development it will be lower than \$66,000.

To donate, go to [LP.org/CRM](http://LP.org/CRM)

# State CRM Project Supplemental Information

## How To Donate

Interested supporters can go to [lp.org/crm](http://lp.org/crm) and either join/renew their LP membership or make a straight donation.

## Videos

We have made some video tutorials for our Wiki. These may be helpful to see the current progress of the system.

[Contact Dashboard](#)

[Logging a Phone Call](#)

[Adding A New Individual](#)

[Performing Basic Searches](#)

## Service Agreement with States

This is a complimentary service of the national party. The national party does its best to provide solutions to help your state grow. If you would like to see the system improved, the best way is to [donate](#). You can also help by giving user feedback and defining your core needs. We do our best to improve the user experience and functionality as our time and resources allow.

## Scope and Functionality

Please see the [CiviCRM book](#) for core capabilities.

## National Responsibilities

1. **Software Updates:** National is responsible for updating the software in a consistent and responsive manner, both in WordPress and CiviCRM. CiviCRM will be updated on the first Sunday of each month.
2. **Importing of External Data:** National will import external data sources such as Raiser's Edge and Aristotle. Raiser's Edge data will be imported on a monthly basis. We anticipate Aristotle data to be imported annually.
3. **Migration into CRM:** National will import their current set of data provided it is in CSV format. Membership lists, email subscribers, etc. We will attempt to match the 'look-and-feel' of the state's site to the best of our abilities. National makes no guarantees on exactly matching the 'look-and-feel' for those not on our National LP platform at WPEngine.
4. **Training:** National will maintain and add to this wiki as user feedback directs us. We will train "State Admin" users (no more than 2 per state) on a 1:1 basis.
5. **Backups:** Backups are done nightly around midnight.

## State Affiliate Responsibilities

1. **Add-on Services:** State affiliates are responsible for add-on costs regarding email and SMS services. The system allows for each state site to connect and establish their own account with a SMTP mail service and SMS service provider.
2. **Users Management:** Affiliate state admin user(s) will add/remove their users. Currently, this is a technical limitation however the authority with user management and who has access to the system rests with affiliates. National may do the physical adding until technical limitations are resolved. National must be notified of users added so they can be added to the Wiki.
3. **Updating Form Recipients:** Affiliates need to update Forms recipients within WordPress.

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

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Libertarian National Committee

**FROM:** Oliver Hall

**DATE:** December 9, 2017

**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 August 18, 2017. 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: the party status of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico; the state's use of outdated voter registration forms in Oklahoma; and obtaining debate-staging organization's compliance with federal campaign finance laws and regulations. I also provided the following services: researched options and negotiated terms for establishing escrow accounts for LNC and Libertarian Party of New Mexico; drafted contract terms for A/V contractor to Libertarian National Convention; drafted contract for subletting of rooms at Libertarian National Convention; drafted contract for designation of memorial room in honor of donor; and sent a cease and desist request to group using Libertarian Party logo.

I provided litigation assistance or reviewed and approved filings in the following actions involving the LNC or a state party affiliate:

- *Husted v. APRI*, No. 16-980: coordinated revisions to and filing of an amicus brief submitted in case accepted for review by Supreme Court;
- *Libertarian National Committee v. Federal Election Commission*, No. 1:16-CV-0121-BAH: reviewed and approved brief submitted in support of certification of questions;
- *Level the Playing Field, et al. v. Federal Election Commission*, No. 15-cv-1397 (TSC): reviewed and approved summary judgment brief;
- *Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday*: reviewed District Court's opinion granting defendants summary judgment and provided counsel on advisability of appeal.

Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: fundraising and membership recruitment contractor; back office technology contractor; candidate recruiting contractor; and campaign advisor contractor.

### **Litigation**

*Arizona Libertarian Party v. Reagan*, No. 2:16-cv-01019: 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 submitted their opening brief. Briefing on the appeal will be complete in January 2018, with oral argument likely to follow shortly after that. (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 have therefore appealed this limited aspect of the Court's order. Briefing was completed in December 2016, and oral argument, was held in March of 2017. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

*Cowen v. Kemp*, No. \_\_\_\_\_ (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. Plaintiffs' counsel is Brian Sells: (404) 480-4212; [bryan@bryansells.com](mailto:bryan@bryansells.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 granted Plaintiffs an extension of time to file their petition for certiorari. It is now due on December 27, 2017. 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. Briefing on the FEC's motion to dismiss the supplemental complaint was complete in August 2018. 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. 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.) – 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 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. 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).

*Libertarian Party of Arkansas v. Martin*, No. 4:15cv-635 (E.D. AR.) – This case was filed on October 14, 2015. It challenges the state requirement that new or minor parties must choose all of their nominees except presidential nominees by November of the year before the election. The Court entered a decision on July 15, 2016, which held that the state can't require the party to

hold its nominating convention before the major parties hold their primaries. The Court denied the state's motion for reconsideration in September 2016. The state appealed to the 8th Circuit. While the appeal was pending, the Legislature amended the challenged law to allow minor parties to hold their nominating conventions on the day of the major parties' primary election. On November 30, 2017, the 8th Circuit entered a decision holding that the amendment to the challenged statute rendered the decision below moot. It therefore vacated that decision, but upheld the award of attorney's fees and costs to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' counsel is Jim Linger: (918) 585-2797; [bostonbarristers@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:bostonbarristers@tulsacoxmail.com).

*Libertarian Party of Illinois v. Illinois State Board of Elections*, No. 1:12-cv-2511 (N.D. Ill.) – This case challenges Illinois' unique statute that requires new parties, but not old parties, to run a full slate of candidates, as well as the state's June petitioning deadline. The District Court ruled in the Plaintiffs favor, and the state appealed to the 7th Circuit in May 2016. The appeal is No. 16-1667. Briefing was completed on the appeal in February 2017. On September 22, 2017, the 7th Circuit affirmed the District Court's decision. Plaintiffs' counsel was Gary Sinawski, with local counsel William Malan, (312) 415-0800; [billm@malanlaw.com](mailto:billm@malanlaw.com). David I. Schoen handled the appeal: 2800 Zelda Road, Suite 100-6, Montgomery, AL 36106;(334) 395-6611.

*Libertarian Party of Kentucky v. Grimes*, No. 3:15-cv-86: This case challenges Kentucky's requirement that minor political parties submit separate petitions to obtain ballot access for each of their candidates, unless the party's presidential candidate appeared on the ballot in the previous election and received more than 2 percent of the vote (in which case, the party may place its entire slate of candidates on the ballot for the next four years). On July 8, 2016, the District Court entered an order granting summary judgment to the Defendants. The Plaintiffs filed an appeal and requested an expedited schedule. On July 14, 2016, the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit granted Plaintiffs' motion to expedite, and ordered that all briefing in the appeal be completed by July 28, 2016. The Sixth Circuit affirmed. Plaintiffs filed a petition for certiorari in early 2017. The Supreme Court denied the petition in May 2017. Plaintiffs' counsel is Robert A. Winter, Jr., P.O. Box 175883, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017;(859) 250-3337; [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).

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

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.  
(THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY)**



**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To the Board of Directors  
Libertarian National Committee, Inc.  
Alexandria, Virginia

### ***Report on Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Libertarian National Committee, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.



To the Board of Directors  
Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

***Auditor's Responsibility – Continued***

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Libertarian National Committee as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Report on Summarized Comparative Information***

We have previously audited the Libertarian National Committee's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated July 11, 2016 expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



***Frye & Company, CPAs***  
**Manassas, Virginia**  
**August 9, 2017**

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**(WITH 2015 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)**

	<u><b>2016</b></u>	<u><b>2015</b></u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,852	\$ 71,383
Bequests receivable, net	166,823	201,892
Prepaid expenses and other	27,899	21,820
Property and equipment:		
Land	347,881	347,881
Building and improvements	528,570	521,816
Furniture and equipment	63,206	62,001
Computer equipment	22,801	22,801
Computer software	84,645	84,645
Property and equipment, at cost	1,047,103	1,039,144
Accumulated depreciation	(184,840)	(160,175)
Property and equipment, net	862,263	878,969
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,296,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,174,064</u></u>
 <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities		
Unsecured lines of credit	\$ -	\$ 1,471
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	24,161	2,142
Accrued salaries and related benefits	11,455	6,879
Accrued vacation	33,802	24,628
Deferred registrations	-	44,921
Capital lease liabilities	17,357	23,758
Mortgage payable	327,163	461,955
Total liabilities	413,938	565,754
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	877,044	601,015
Temporarily restricted	5,855	7,295
Total net assets	882,899	608,310
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,296,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,174,064</u></u>

See accompanying auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
& CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016  
(WITH 2015 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)**

	<b>2016</b>			<b>2015</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Revenue and Support</b>				
Contributions and membership	\$ 1,879,708	\$ 15,560	\$ 1,895,268	\$ 1,073,367
Convention registrations income	398,690	-	398,690	-
Political campaign materials	316,269	-	316,269	30,360
Sponsorships and classifieds	15,836	-	15,836	13,968
Interest and dividends	215	-	215	56
Net assets released from restriction:				
Building, legal, and other funds	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
Total revenue and support	2,627,718	(1,440)	2,626,278	1,117,751
<b>Expense</b>				
Program services:				
Communications	306,091	-	306,091	198,741
Ballot access	444,485	-	444,485	126,051
Brand development	500,693	-	500,693	54,240
Campaign programs	94,308	-	94,308	44,216
Affiliate support	59,174	-	59,174	39,509
Outreach programs	23,470	-	23,470	39,309
Litigation and lobbying	7,338	-	7,338	16,007
Media relations	16,021	-	16,021	10,228
Campus outreach	3,580	-	3,580	6,573
Conventions and meetings	249,971	-	249,971	2,755
Total program services	1,705,131	-	1,705,131	537,629
Supporting services:				
Management and general	239,326	-	239,326	261,443
Fundraising and donor acquisition	407,232	-	407,232	310,434
Total supporting services	646,558	-	646,558	571,877
Total expense	2,351,689	-	2,351,689	1,109,506
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	276,029	(1,440)	274,589	8,245
Net assets, beginning of year	601,015	7,295	608,310	579,967
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-	20,098
Net assets, beginning of year, restated	601,015	7,295	608,310	600,065
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 877,044</b>	<b>\$ 5,855</b>	<b>\$ 882,899</b>	<b>\$ 608,310</b>

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**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**  
**(WITH 2015 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 274,589	\$ 8,245
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	24,665	36,803
Prior period adjustments	-	(20,098)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Bequests receivable	35,069	44,258
Prepaid expenses and other	(6,079)	(2,271)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	20,548	483
Accrued salaries and related benefits	4,576	(22,058)
Accrued vacation	9,174	1,994
Deferred registrations	(44,921)	44,921
Total adjustments	43,032	84,032
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	317,621	92,277
<b>Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,959)	(2,220)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(7,959)	(2,220)
<b>Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities</b>		
Principal payments on capital lease liability	(6,401)	(3,713)
Principal payments on mortgage payable	(134,792)	(33,816)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(141,193)	(37,529)
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	168,469	52,528
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	71,383	18,855
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 239,852</u>	<u>\$ 71,383</u>
<b>Supplemental Cash Flows Information:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ -	\$ -
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 22,866</u>	<u>\$ 24,586</u>

**See accompanying auditors' report and notes to financial statements.**

## **LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

#### **Note A – Organization & Nature of Activities**

Organization: The Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (the Committee) was founded in 1971 as a national, tax-exempt political organization which is the operational arm of the Libertarian Party, a grassroots political organization. The Committee was incorporated in February 1995 and its affairs are directed by its National Board of Directors, who are elected by delegates bi-annually at the national convention. The Committee, with the consent of the delegates, also establishes the platform of the Libertarian Party, which is based upon the basic premises of civil liberties and personal freedom, a free-market economy, free trade, and a foreign policy of non-intervention and peace. The Committee has approximately 25,700 contributing members.

Programs: The Committee's program activities consist of affiliate support, which comprises developing or supporting state and county affiliate parties; ballot access, which comprises getting candidates on ballots and includes corresponding lawsuits required to accomplish such; brand development, which is the process of developing an image in the minds of voters; campus outreach, which represents campus recruiting and support groups; candidate support, which comprises recruiting and supporting candidates with their electoral ambitions; litigation support, which includes proactive lawsuits to change public policy, other than ballot access; lobbying, which includes efforts to persuade legislators to change laws, including ballot access laws; media relations, which consists of direct communication with the media; member communications, which is comprised of the Libertarian Party News periodical and other member communications; outreach, which includes initiatives to reach the general public and outside groups; and voter registration, which consist of voter registration campaign initiatives.

#### **Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting & Presentation: The Committee prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. Consequently, revenue is recognized when earned and expense when obligations are incurred.

Income Tax Status: The Committee is recognized as a tax-exempt political organization under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Under IRC Section 527, the Committee's exempt functions include all activities that relate to and support the process of influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to a public or political office. Certain activities unrelated to the exempt purpose, such as net investment income, are subject to taxation. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee incurred no significant income tax expense on its net investment income, which was under the specific deduction amount of \$100 available on Form 1120-POL. Although the Committee has not received any notice of intent to examine its tax returns, the Committee's tax returns remain subject to examination by tax authorities pursuant to various statutes of limitation. The Committee is also subject to oversight by the Federal Election Commission.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

Cash and Cash Equivalents: For financial statement presentation purposes, the Committee considers highly liquid debt instruments with maturities of three months or less, including money market funds, to be cash equivalents. The Committee periodically has cash balances in excess of federal insurance limits available for depository accounts.

Bequests Receivable: The Committee's bequests receivable consist of amounts due from decedent members' last wills and testaments. The most significant bequest pertains to a deceased member's unconditional promise-to-give the Committee a portion of the estate after liquidation of debts and payment of expenses. The Committee's portion of the net estate was determined to be approximately \$235,600, which was transfer to a trustee and is being held in trust for the benefit of the Committee given the annual contribution limits allowable under Federal Election Commission (FEC) guidelines. The trustee and escrow agent is annually releasing the amount allowable under FEC guidelines to the Committee. The remaining funds resulting from the distributions from the decedent's estate is being held in trust at a federally insured financial institution in money market funds for the benefit of the Committee. The Committee received approximately \$33,400 from the trustee during each of the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 with the remaining bequest reflected at its net realizable value, which was determined by the Committee by initially discounting the initial bequest by an allowance for doubtful accounts and present value discount. Given the nature of the bequest and that the funds are being held in interest bearing accounts for the benefit of the Committee, the Committee determined that discounts for present value and collectability were unnecessary.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets: The Committee's prepaid expenses and other assets consist principally of prepaid rent, insurance, licenses, promotional supplies, and refundable deposits.

Property and Equipment: The Committee capitalizes property and equipment acquisitions at cost or fair value at time of donation and depreciates these items using the straight-line method of depreciation over their estimated useful lives, which range from approximately 3 to 5 years for furniture, equipment, and software and 15 to 39 years for building and related improvements. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance that do not extend the useful life of an asset, consumable supplies, and de minimis items are expensed as incurred. Depreciation and amortization expense was approximately \$24,700 and \$26,300, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and no significant loss on the dispositions or impairment of property and equipment was reported by the Committee during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2016.

Deferred Rent: The Committee recognizes rent expense on its long-term operating leases on a straight-line basis. A deferred rent liability is reflected for the effects of rent escalation clauses and the difference between actual rental payments and the straight-line amortization. The Committee reported no leases with significant remaining escalation as of December 31, 2016.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

Net Assets: The Committee classifies its net assets based upon the existence or lack of donor imposed restrictions. When the Committee receives contributions that are restricted by the donor or limited as to their use and the Committee has not met the donor's restriction by the end of the reporting year, then the Committee reports these amounts as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted depending upon the nature of the restriction. Contributions and donations with donor-imposed restrictions in which the Committee has met the donor's stipulations are reflected as net assets released from restriction in the accompanying financial statements. Temporarily restricted contributions and donations in which the Committee met the donor-imposed restriction during the same fiscal year as the contribution are reflected as unrestricted revenue and support. The components of the Committee's net assets are as follows:

- *Unrestricted – general operating* – Represents unrestricted resources that are available to support the Committee's operations at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- *Temporarily restricted* – Represents amounts received and restricted by donors to support specific Committee programs and initiatives, such as the building fund, ballot access, candidacy initiatives, and college campus programs. Temporarily restricted net assets are released from restriction either by the passage of time or by the Committee meeting the donors' stipulations. The Committee reported temporarily restricted net assets of approximately \$5,900 and \$7,300, respectively, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.
- *Permanently restricted* – Represents contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate that a certain amount or the corpus of the donation be held in perpetuity and generally with interest thereon restricted for certain purposes as directed by the donor. The Committee reported no significant permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Revenue Recognition: The Committee treats membership dues as contributions and donations in the accompanying financial statements given that members receive de minimis benefits in exchange for their dues. Revenue from contributions and donations are recognized at the earliest point an unconditional promise-to-give is both determinable and measurable. Revenue from any program service activities and conventions and events are recognized when earned.

Contributions and Donations: Contributions and donations are recognized at fair value in the period in which an unconditional promise-to-give is known or when a contribution is received, at the earliest point the contribution is both determinable and measurable by the Committee. Contributions are recognized as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted revenue and support based upon the existence or lack of donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions and donations with donor-imposed restrictions in which the Committee has met the donor's stipulations are reflected as net assets released from restriction. Temporarily restricted contributions and donations in which the Committee met the donor-imposed restriction during the same fiscal year as the contribution are reflected as unrestricted revenue and support.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

Intentions-to-Give: The Committee receives commitment cards from members who many times provide their credit card information for future contribution purposes. The members are generally making recurring contributions to the Committee and do not commit to a specific number of payments or period of time for which the Committee may charge the recurring gifts. The members may also decline the charges or request that the Committee cease making charges against their credit card at any time and completely at their discretion. The Committee treats these recurring contributions as intentions-to-give or conditional promises to give and as such, revenue is not recognized until the contribution is both determinable and measurable, which generally occurs when the credit card is processed and receipt received by the Committee.

Functional Allocation of Expenses: The Committee summarizes the cost of providing its various programs and activities on a functional basis in the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, certain expenses were allocated to the program and supporting services benefited based upon management estimates of the time and effort devoted to each activity.

Fair Value Measurements: The Committee established a reporting framework for measuring and disclosing fair value measurements. Fair value measurement disclosures are required for assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value in the accompanying financial statements. The Committee determines fair value using a hierarchy based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the measurement with Level 3 being the lowest recognized level. The Corporation attempts to maximize the use of observable inputs (Level 1 and 2) and minimize unobservable inputs (Level 3). Accordingly, the Committee would classify financial instruments measured at fair value in any of the following categories: Level 1, which refers to instruments traded in an active market, Level 2, which refers to instruments not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available or Level 1 instruments where there is a contractual restriction, and Level 3, which refers to instruments not traded in an active market and for which no significant observable market inputs are available. As of December 31, 2016, the Committee determined that no significant assets or liabilities were reported at fair value on a recurring basis in the accompanying financial statements. Disclosures about estimated fair values and fair value measurements were determined by the Committee based upon pertinent market data and other information available as of December 31, 2016. Considerable judgment may be necessary to interpret market and financial data and to develop fair value measurements in certain circumstances. The Committee's estimates of fair value may not be indicative of amounts realized at disposition.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates and the difference could be material.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note C – Concentration of Risk**

Cash Balances: Financial instruments that subject the Committee to potential concentrations of risk consist of cash balances with banking institutions that exceed the federal insurance limits. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee reported no significant bank balance in excess of federal insurance limits.

Bequests Receivable: As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, all of the Committee's bequests receivable pertain to the remaining corpus, plus accrued interest, due from a decedent's estate held in trust by a financial institution for the benefit of the Committee. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the approximately 13% and 17%, respectively, of the Committee's total assets pertain to amounts due under from a single bequest.

**Note D – Related Party Transactions**

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee received approximately \$29,800 and \$17,100, respectively, in membership dues and contributions from current and former board members and current and former employees. Additionally during the year ended December 31, 2016, the Committee paid \$206,100 and \$96,500 to related state affiliates for ballot access petitioning and voter registration campaigns and related travel reimbursements.

**Note E – Bequests Receivable**

From time-to-time the Committee receives bequests and legacies from decedent members' last wills and testaments. In October 2014, the Committee received notification from the executor and trustee of a deceased member in which the Committee was a named beneficiary of the member's estate, less any debt and expenses. In September 2015, the Committee entered into a release and indemnification agreement with the executor of the member's last will and testament in which the Committee's share of the estate was valued at approximately \$235,600. At the same time, the Committee entered into an escrow agreement with a trustee in which the Committee's interest in the member's estate was transfer and held in trust for the benefit of the Committee. The Committee receives annual distributions from the escrow in amounts allowed under the FEC regulations and guidelines. During each of the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee received approximately \$33,400 from the trustee with the remaining balance of approximately \$166,800 reflected as a bequest receivable as of December 31, 2016. The trustee is holding the remaining balance in money market funds at a federally insured financial institution for the benefit of the Committee. The Committee reported the bequest receivable at its net realizable value by discounting the initial bequest for an allowance for doubtful accounts and present value discount. The Committee determined that no significant discounts were necessary given the funds are held in interesting bearing, insured accounts.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note E – Bequests Receivable – Continued**

The Committee expects to receive approximately \$33,900 annually from the trustee, which may be adjusted annual by the FEC based upon inflation, legislation and other regulatory matters.

**Note F – Unsecured Lines of Credit**

The Committee maintains two unsecured lines of credit with financial institutions in the form of business credit cards. The business credit cards have total available credit of \$103,000 as of December 31, 2016 and require monthly payments of interest at annual rates that range from approximately 9.4% to 11.5% as of the year then ended. The Committee reported the outstanding balances on the lines of credit to be approximately \$-0- and \$1,500, respectively as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and no significant interest expense was incurred during the years then ended. The lines of credit are revolving and subject to restrictions and annual renewals and call provisions of the lender. The terms and balances owed on the lines of credit are as follows as of December 31, 2016:

Unsecured lines of credit with regional financial institutions in the form of two credit card accounts with total available credit of \$103,000. The lines are guaranteed by the authorized users and carry variable interest rates tied to the lenders' prime rates, which were approximately 9.4% and 11.5%. The Committee reported no significant outstanding balance on the lines of credit as of December 31, 2016, and no significant interest expense was incurred on the unsecured lines of credit during the year then ended. The lines of credit are revolving and subject to restrictions and renewals.

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**Note G – Debt Obligations**

Mortgage Payable: In April 2014, the Committee entered into a \$500,000 secured promissory note with a regional financial institution in conjunction with the Committee's purchase of its administrative headquarters. The promissory note is collateralized by underlying real property and improvements and a security interest in all depository accounts held with the financial institution. The secured note payable requires 119 monthly payments of principal and interest of approximately \$2,900 beginning in August 2014 at an annual fixed interest rate of 4.85%. The mortgage also requires a final balloon payment due in July 2024 that was originally projected to be approximately \$371,600; however, the Committee has made certain principal prepayments since inception of the loan. The Committee incurred interest expense of approximately \$22,000 and \$23,500, respectively, on the mortgage during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note G – Debt Obligations – Continued**

Mortgage Payable - Continued: The outstanding principal balance and terms of the mortgage payable are as follow as of December 31, 2016:

Secured promissory note in the form of a mortgage secured by the land and building purchased as the Committee's headquarters. The original principal balance resulting from the purchase in April 2014 was approximately \$500,000. The note agreement is secured by the Committee's headquarter. The note agreement requires 119 monthly payments of principal of interest totaling approximately \$2,900 with interest accruing at an annual interest rate of approximately 4.85%. The promissory note also requires a final final balloon payment due in July 2024 which was originally projected to be approximately \$371,600. However, the Committee has made certain prepayments since inception. Interest expense incurred on the promissory note was approximately \$22,000 during the year ended December 31, 2016.		\$ 327,163
Less current portion of notes payable		<u>19,381</u>
Long-term portion of notes payable		<u><u>\$ 307,782</u></u>

Capital Leases: During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Committee entered into two non-cancelable lease agreements for a digital copier and postage machine. The leases were determined by management to be capital leases and are secured by the underlying equipment. The leases are payable over 60 and 63 months, respectively, with monthly payments totaling approximately \$600. The original principal balance at imputed annual interest rates of 2.89% and 11.03%, respectively, totaled approximately \$33,000. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the net book values of the capitalized assets were approximately \$16,000 and \$22,500, respectively, which was net of accumulated depreciation of approximately \$6,500 for each of the years then ended. Interest expense incurred at the imputed interest rates noted above totaled approximately \$900 and \$1,100, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The outstanding principal balance and terms of the capital lease liabilities are as follows as of December 31, 2016:

Capital lease liabilities resulting from the purchase of a digital copies and postage machine. The lease agreements are secured by the underlying asset and are payable over 60 and 63 months, respectively. The original principal balances at inputted interest rates of approximately 2.89% and 11.03% totaled approximately \$33,000 (or \$28,400 and \$4,600, respectively).

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note G – Debt Obligations – Continued**

Capital Leases - Continued:

The leases require monthly payments of principal and interest totaling approximately \$600 (or \$500 and \$100, respectively). Interest expense on the capital lease agreements totaled approximately \$900 (or \$500 and \$400, respectively) during the year ended December 31, 2016.

	\$	17,357
Less current portion of capital lease liabilities		<u>6,659</u>
Long-term portion of capital lease liabilities	\$	<u><u>10,698</u></u>

Future Principal Payments: Future principal payments on the mortgage payable and non-cancelable capital lease agreement are as follows for the years ending December 31:

	<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>Digital Copier</u>	<u>Postage Machine</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 19,381	\$ 5,750	\$ 909	\$ 26,040
2018	20,323	5,918	1,015	27,256
2019	21,331	3,024	741	25,096
2020	22,389	-	-	22,389
2021	23,499	-	-	23,499
Thereafter	<u>220,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,240</u>
	<u>\$ 327,163</u>	<u>\$ 14,692</u>	<u>\$ 2,665</u>	<u>\$ 344,520</u>

Total future payments required on the capital lease agreements, including interest at inputted annual interest rates of 2.89% and 11.03% are as follows for the years ending December 31:

	<u>Digital Copier</u>	<u>Postage Machine</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 6,099	\$ 1,158	\$ 7,257
2018	6,099	1,158	7,257
2019	<u>3,049</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>3,821</u>
	<u>\$ 15,247</u>	<u>\$ 3,088</u>	18,335
Less imputed interest at an annual rates of 2.89% and 11.03%			<u>(978)</u>

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**  
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**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note G – Debt Obligations – Continued**

Future Principal Payments – Continued:

Present value of net minimum lease payment	17,357
Less current portion of capital lease liabilities	<u>6,659</u>
Long-term portion of capital lease liabilities	<u><u>\$ 10,698</u></u>

Interest Expense: Total interest expense incurred on the debt obligations, including the above mortgage payable and capital lease obligations, total approximately \$22,900 and \$24,600, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Note H – Temporarily Restricted Net Assets**

The Committee's temporarily restricted net assets consist of various funds restricted for the building fund, college campus programs, and radio advertisements. The Committee's temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Building acquisition fund	\$ 2,402	\$ 4,391
College campus programs	2,555	2,555
Radio advertising fund	<u>898</u>	<u>349</u>
	<u><u>\$ 5,855</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,295</u></u>

The following net assets were released from restriction during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Building acquisition fund	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,845
College campus programs	-	732
Legal offense fund	<u>-</u>	<u>7,261</u>
	<u><u>\$ 17,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,838</u></u>

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.**

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**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note I – Intentions-to-Give**

The Committee receives commitment cards from members who many times provide their credit card information for future contribution purposes. The members are generally making recurring contributions to the Committee and do not commit to a specific number of payments or period of time for which the Committee may charge the recurring gifts. The members may also decline the charges or request that the Committee cease making charges against their credit card at any time and complete at their discretion. The Committee treats these recurring contributions as intentions-to-give or conditional promises to give and as such, revenue is not recognized until the contribution is both determinable and measurable, which generally occurs when the credit card is processed and receipt received by the Committee. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee recognized approximately \$350,900 and \$323,500, respectively, from recurring contributions from members.

**Note J – Retirement Plan**

The Committee maintains a 401(k) defined contribution retirement plan that covers employees who meet certain minimum age and length of service requirements. As a qualified retirement plan, employees may contribute a portion of their salaries on a tax-deferred basis up to statutory limits. The Committee has elected to make matching contributions to the plan based upon 50% of employee contributions up to 6% of the participant's qualified salary. The Committee incurred matching contributions and plan administrative expenses totaling approximately \$9,500 and \$9,900, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Note K – Commitments & Contingencies**

Litigation and Disputes: The Committee is currently involved in several lawsuits stemming primarily from state ballot access and presidential candidacy issues. These suits involve various legal actions, claims and disputes with affiliates that arise from the normal course of business and that, in the opinion of management, will not have significant impact upon the Committee.

Membership Commitment: The Committee provides nominal or token promotional items to contributors and members, such as a periodic newsletter designed to keep members informed of current developments, encourage participation in the political processes, and to promote the interests of the Committee and its candidates. Although there is no contractual or legal requirement for the Committee to provide such services, as a part of its purpose and out of courtesy to its contributors, the Committee is committed to providing timely information and promotional items to its members. The Committee recognizes expenses on these programs and items as incurred and, as such, no liability is accrued for any implied member commitment.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note K – Commitments & Contingencies – Continued**

Federal Regulation: The Committee is subject to federal and state election laws and oversight by the Federal Election Commission (FEC). The Committee is subject to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA), and various FEC and IRS regulations. As such, the Committee is required to file monthly and annual reports with the FEC regarding contributions and expenditures of its funds. Additionally, the Committee is precluded from receiving contributions from corporations, labor unions, and certain other third parties, and contributions received from individuals are limited to annual amounts as determined by the FEC, which was \$33,400 for each of the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Furthermore, the Committee's books and records are subject to examination by regulatory bodies and such examinations can result in fines, penalties, or sanctions. Although the results of such examinations have not had a material impact upon the Committee to date, no assurance can be given regarding the uncertainty of any future compliance examinations.

Employment Contracts: In June 2016, the Committee entered into an employment agreement with its Executive Director. The term of the contract is for a two and half year period ending December 2018. The employment contract provides for a base monthly salary, benefits, and performance incentives based upon financial and other performance indicators. The employment agreement allows either party to terminate the agreement with a one month written notice without any liquidating damages. In May 2015, the Committee entered into an employment agreement with its former Executive Director to assume the role of Political Director. The term of the contract is for two years ending June 2017. The employment contract provides for a base monthly salary, benefits, and performance incentives based upon financial and other performance indicators. The employment agreement allows for one-month severance in addition to the monthly salary required for the notice period unless the Committee terminates the agreement for cause by three-fourths vote of the board of directors, in which case no notice of termination or severance is required.

Hotel Contracts: The Committee has hotel contracts for future conventions and meetings. These contracts contain cancellation clauses that require the Committee to pay certain liquidating damages in the event of cancellation. The amount of damages varies depending upon the date of cancellation, numbers of rooms reserved, percentage of rooms resold by the hotel, etc. Also, in the event of cancellation, the Committee risks forfeiture of any deposits made with these hotels.

**Note L – Income Taxes**

The Committee is recognized as a tax-exempt political organization under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Under IRC Section 527, the Committee's exempt functions include all activities that relate to and support the process of influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to a public office.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Note L – Income Taxes – Continued**

Certain activities unrelated to the exempt purpose, such as net investment income, are subject to taxation as non-exempt income. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Committee did not incur any significant income tax expense on its net investment income, which was under the specific deduction amount of \$100 available on Form 1120-POL.

Although the Committee has not received any notice of intent to examine its tax returns, the Committee's tax returns remain subject to examination by tax authorities pursuant to various statutes of limitations. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Committee and to recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Committee has taken uncertain tax positions that would more likely than not be sustained upon examination. Management is unaware of any significant uncertain tax positions arising during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 that are more likely than not to be sustained should the Committee's tax returns be subject to examination. Accordingly, the Committee did not incur or accrue any penalties or interest associated with uncertain tax positions during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Note M – Subsequent Events Evaluation**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for the period January 1, 2017 through August 9, 2017, the date on which these financial statements were available to be issued and during this period, there were no subsequent events that required recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

See the following 5 pages for the Board Disclosure Letter

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.  
(THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY)**

**BOARD DISCLOSURE LETTER**

**DECEMBER 31, 2016**



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August 9, 2017

To the Board of Directors  
Libertarian National Committee, Inc.  
Alexandria, Virginia

We have audited the financial statements of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (The Libertarian Party) (referred to as “the Committee”) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and have issued our report thereon also dated August 9, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### ***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Committee are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2016. We also noted no transactions entered into by the Committee during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Committee’s financial statements were as follows:



***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices – Continued***

Management's estimates used in the determination of the functional allocation of expenses, factors employed in the determination of the capital lease liabilities, and estimated useful lives of property and equipment. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by management in the development of the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were as follows:

The disclosures of the significant aspects of accounting for bequests and debt obligations (mortgage payable and capital lease liabilities).

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. We provided a detailed schedule of the proposed audit adjustments and additionally, the following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

- an adjustment to record constructive receipt of contributions	\$ 1,303.45
- an adjustment to adjust the current portion of bequest receivable	\$ -0-
- an adjustment to reconcile and adjust prepaid expenses and expenses	\$ 1,263.36
- an adjustment to accrue professional fees and service provided	\$ (4,666.67)
- an adjustment to correct accrued payroll and related payroll taxes	\$ (809.38)
- an adjustment to accrued performance bonus awarded during year	\$ (3,229.50)
- an adjustment to correct accounting for capital lease liabilities	\$ 6,401.11
- an adjustment to record in-kind donations of books by director	\$ -0-

The cumulative effect of the proposed audit adjustments was to increase net assets and change in net assets by approximately \$300. No other significant uncorrected misstatements were noted during the audit.

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### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### ***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter also dated August 9, 2017.

### ***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Committee's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### ***Other Audit Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Committee's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### ***Independent and Non-Audit Services Provided***

In accordance with our professional standards, all members of our firm were independent with respect to the Committee during the fiscal year and subsequently. Although originally anticipated, our firm did not prepare the corporate tax returns (IRS Form 1120-POL) as the client's staff had already prepared and filed the filing. All of the time and expenses incurred by us were in connection with the annual audit as set for our audit engagement letter.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Committee's board of directors and management team and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We appreciate the cooperation and courtesies extended to us by the Committee, especially by Mr. Robert Kraus, and we look forward to serving the Committee in the future. Should you need additional clarification on these or any other matters please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frye & Company, CPAs". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

***Frye & Company, CPAs***

## 2017 Annual Report Affiliate Support Committee Libertarian National Committee

### *Policy Manual Charter:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### LNC Service Level

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

### Recommendations:

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

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

Attendance:

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

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

See the following 10 pages for Convention Oversight Committee Report

The Convention Oversight Committee typically meets on every other Tuesday at 9pm Eastern time. COC Chair BetteRose Ryan resigned because of changes in personal time commitments but remains a consultant to the committee. COC Vice-Chair Daniel Hayes was appointed as the new Chair of the Committee. Drew Layda of Oregon was appointed as the replacement for this open non-Inc member of the COC on 11/15/17.

## **Package Price Reductions**

The COC opted to make drastic reductions in the prices of tickets after complaints that the Super Early Bird prices were as much as 2016 tickets were at the door. In order to help increase “sales” all packages were reduced for all purchase periods. SEB 2018 Gold packages were originally priced at \$525 and were reduced to \$399. Pricing for 2018 Gold packages were set at \$499 at the door. Other package prices had slightly less commensurate price reductions with the intent of encouraging people to participate in more events. The COC believed that this reduced pricing would result in greater overall package sales and bring down the relative cost per person with this greater participation.

## **Package “Sales” and Other Revenue**

Staff helped provide the following comparisons for previous year’s package sales and revenues..

The earliest archived data tracking package sales goes back 12 weeks in general for each year. Final sales are also included for 2014 and 2016. Both these numbers are being compared to sales 7 months out for 2018..

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Basic	Total
12 Weeks Before 2012	2	0	0	0	2
12 Weeks Before 2014	16	7	5	5	33
12 Weeks Before 2016	104	35	13	39	191
Total Sold for 2014	117	108	81	128	434
Total Sold for 2016	177	110	38	177	906
7 months before 2018	98	15	30	120	263

\*Note some years had other package levels. 2016 had 404 “Attendee Only” packages sold.

Sales and revenue are extremely far ahead of 2016.

<u>Appeal</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>2018 as of 12/6/17</u>	<u>Appeal</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>2016 as of 12/6/15</u>
HQ-18Basic	114	\$14,341.00	HQ-16Attendee	4	\$380.00
HQ-18Bronze	31	\$6,849.00	HQ-16Basic	4	\$551.00
HQ-18Silver	15	\$4,785.00	HQ-16Bronze	1	\$259.00
HQ-18Gold	108	\$45,780.00	HQ-16Silver	2	\$698.00
HQ-18Welcome	5	\$4,601.00	HQ-16Gold	25	\$10,773.00
HQ-18ConvTheme		\$15,489.95	HQ-16Theme	54	\$1,335.00
HQ-18Gala		\$2,527.00			
HQ-18RoomRental		\$875.00			
HQ-18Booths		\$2,700.00			
HQ-18Sponsorships		\$2,500.00			
HQ-18Other		\$1,132.00			
Totals:	273	\$101,579.95	Totals:	90	\$13,996.00

In terms of other prior years records show nothing else this early for 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006. 2004 had \$897 in Dec.

In terms of overall we are rapidly approaching where we were TOTAL in 2014:

<u>2014 Paid Convention Packages By Type</u>				
<u>Package</u>	<u>Total \$</u>	<u>Total #</u>	<u>Pre-Conv</u>	<u>On-Site</u>
Gold	\$ 46,775.00	117	112	5
Silver	\$ 35,695.00	108	103	5
Bronze	\$ 12,810.00	81	74	7
Basic	\$ 6,400.00	128	91	37
<b>Total Packages:</b>	<b>\$101,680.00</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>54</b>
Banq Tickets	\$ 6,990.00	52	38	14
Breakouts	\$ 290.00	4	1	3
Other Meals	\$ 1,230.00	22	8	14
Other	\$ 3,815.00	54	42	12
Speakers	\$ 615.00	19	8	11
Total Other:	<b>\$ 12,940.00</b>			
<b>Banq Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 23,029.00</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,649.00</b>			

### **2010 Paid Convention Packages By Type**

<b>Package</b>	<b>Total \$</b>	<b>Total #</b>	<b>\$ 14v10</b>
Gold	\$ 58,707.00	170	\$ (11,932.00)
Silver	\$ 21,788.00	78	\$ 13,907.00
Bronze	\$ 27,351.00	243	\$ (14,541.00)
Basic	\$ -	0	\$ 6,400.00
<b>Total Packages:</b>	<b>\$ 107,846.00</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>\$ (6,166.00)</b>

<b>Total Other:</b>	<b>\$ 2,816.06</b>	<b>\$ 10,123.94</b>
<b>Banq Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 61,750.00</b>	<b>\$ (38,721.00)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 172,412.06</b>	<b>\$ (34,763.06)</b>

### **Speakers**

The keynote for the convention is Amaryllis Fox. Ms. Fox is a former CIA operative turned peace activist that will be speaking on Anti-War, non interventionism. Ms. Fox is also an entrepreneur, a TV personality, and a mom.

Dr. Howard Wetsman, entrepreneur, Psychiatrist specializing in addiction and New Orleans resident will be speaking during the breakfast on July 1st. His topic will be "Why Won't Americans Let Libertarians Govern?"

Jim Cantrell, entrepreneur, and founder of Space X, current CEO of Vector Space Systems will be speaking at the lunch on Sunday, July 1st, 2018 on "Technology Vs Tyranny". How technology can help regain Liberty, especially related to space exploration.

Joel Trammel, entrepreneur, CEO, and veteran will be speaking at the lunch on Monday, July 2nd, 2018 on "The American Presidency: It's Role As CEO of the Country."

There are a growing number of breakouts.

### **Meeting/Hospitality Room Rental**

As of December 1, 2017 the COC has rented room space to the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, the Libertarian Party Pragmatic Caucus, and the Women Electing Liberty PAC for a total of \$875.00. There are several other organizations that have expressed interest in rooms

rentals but have not yet signed contracts or made payment, OAI, LPTX, Outright Libertarians and the Feldman Foundation.

In addition the COC is donating a room to the National Organization of Libertarian Women for their proposed Day Camp for Kids which will provide daycare services for children while their parents are involved in convention activities.

Rooms have also been set aside at no charge for Regional Caucuses and the LSLA State Chair's meeting on 7/1/2018.

## **Table/Exhibitor Assignments**

There are a total of 31 6ft vendor tables in the Celestin Ballroom. 4 have been assigned to staff for registration and credentialing. Tables have respective costs of \$300/\$500 depending on location for early bird pricing through February. After that the cost of a vendor tables increase respectively to \$400/\$600.

The following vendors have made donations to the Party for table space at convention: Approval Voting USA, LP Mises Caucus, Muslims for Liberty, LP Radical Caucus, Ending Addiction/ Dr Howard Wetsman, LP ASC/IT Committee, Roads to Freedom Foundation, LP Pragmatic Caucus, SFP, LP Historic Preservation Committee.

The following vendor tables were given in exchange for speaking at convention: Joel Trammel/Libertarian Service Members Association, The Heartland Institute(pending)

There are 15 tables still available as of the writing of this report. The table map can be seen at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bkmg9sXudqtNJf2D9TZOBR1JitNLOfN5>

## **Sponsorships**

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities available to help support the convention and promote a person or brand. As of now, only one sponsorship has been picked up. Lauren Daugherty plans to begin a more actively promotion campaign for these starting around the beginning of February.

### **Presidential Package - \$10,000**

It doesn't get better than this! Reserve the Convention Presidential Suite!

This fabulous package includes a stay in the Hyatt's Presidential Suite from June 28 – July 4, two [Gold Registration Packages](#), plus one [Gala Table Package](#) (seats 8).

**Please note:** Only one of these available!

### **Name Badge Package - \$5,000**

Want your name/logo to be seen by every attendee (and then some) of the 2018 Libertarian National Convention? Sponsor the Convention Name Badges for just \$5,000 and your

name/logo will be featured on the back of all registered attendee name badges\*, where they will be not only seen, but worn by all our guests, all day long, for up to four full days! Also, many delegates keep their badges for years after the convention, as special keepsakes of the event. \*Exceptions may apply for LNC officers, staff, security, volunteers, media and other specialty Name Badges as deemed necessary by the Convention Committee.

**Please note:** Only one of these available!

### **Branded Tote Bag Package - \$5,000**

Put your logo where it simply can't be missed with this one of a kind exclusive offer! The convention bags are one of the most visible elements at the convention. Each attendee who purchases a registration package will receive one. **Don't miss this outstanding branding opportunity!** Your logo will be seen all day, every day of the convention. Sponsor the convention bag for \$5,000 and your logo will be printed on one side of the bag.

**Please note:** Only one package available!

The 2018 Convention Logo will be printed on the other side of the bag. Bag style/size is subject to change each convention cycle, images above are for reference only and may or may not depict the 2018 bag. More details will be released as they become available.

### **Convention Book Sponsorship**

#### **Back Cover Package - \$5,000**

Want your message remembered? Then don't hesitate to jump on this package! The Convention Book is one of the most coveted items we produce and your name/logo/message will be the only one featured on the back cover. Be seen by every attendee of the 2018 Libertarian National Convention, sponsor the Convention Book Back Cover for just \$5,000.

**Please note:** Only one package available!

#### **Inside Front Cover Package - \$2,000 - SPONSORED**

Sponsor the inside front cover of Convention Book for just \$2,000 and your name/logo and message will be the only one featured in this prime location.

**Please note:** ~~Only one package available!~~—It aint dere no mo'! Special thanks to David Demarest, the founder of The Road to Freedom Foundation for becoming the first major sponsor of the convention.

#### **Inside Back Cover Package - \$2,000**

With just as much visibility as the inside front cover, the inside back cover of our Convention Book is also available for just \$2,000. Don't miss this prime spot to share your message, it's sure to go fast! Click on the images for more details.

**Please note:** Only one package available!

#### **Half Page Package - \$500**

Sponsor the 2018 Libertarian National Convention by purchasing a half page of space to share your message in our Convention Book! The deadline to submit art for placement is June 1,

2018. Order and reserve your space today, then submit your art files by the deadline to insure placement. First come, first serve on reserving the best interior page placement.

### **Quarter Page Package - \$250**

Sponsor the 2018 Libertarian National Convention by purchasing a quarter page of space in our Convention Book! The deadline to submit art for placement is June 1, 2018. Order and reserve your space today, then submit your art files by the deadline to insure placement. First come, first serve on reserving the best interior page placement.

### **Welcoming Committee Package - \$1,000**

Want to help the Libertarian Party host the 2018 Libertarian National Convention? Join the Welcoming Committee with a donation of \$1,000 or more and receive a Gold Registration Package plus your name/logo listed on signage, in the Convention Book, and on the convention website in recognition of your sponsorship.

**Please note:** Limited number of packages available for this sponsorship. Join the Welcoming Committee today!

### **Gala Table Package - \$1,000**

Sponsor a table at the Convention Gala, and help celebrate the success and growth of the Libertarian Party at this special event. Sponsored table packages include 8 Gala tickets per table (each table seats 8 people), and your name/logo displayed on the table for all to see.

**Please note:** Limited number of packages available for this sponsorship. Reserve your Gala Table today!

## **Hyatt Hotel Room Block Pick Up**

Room pick ups from the contracted block with the Hyatt have been robust. There seems to be significant increased room pick up over historic trends for nights leading up to and after the convention.

An addendum was requested with the LNC Chairman's approval on the contact with the Hyatt. The Hyatt has not yet produced it though they seem to be adding room nights as needed to the Room Block. The original block was 1018 total room nights with the submitted addendum request bringing total room nights to 1452 contract room nights. As of the last pick up report submitted by the Hyatt on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 the current room night pick up is 744. This comes to 73.1% of the original room block and 51.2% of the as yet unsigned addendum. The Party has a contracted 80% attrition rate. Based on the rate of bookings it may be necessary to increase the room block again.

	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
Original Block	0	0	13	65	270	310	310	50	0	0	0
Current Block	9	9	36	121	274	314	314	111	40	12	3
Pick up	1	7	36	122	140	140	138	112	41	5	2
Available	8	2	0	-1	134	174	176	-1	-1	7	1
Addendum Block	3	9	65	190	310	310	310	190	50	12	3

A historic breakdown of recent conventions can be found here in this link to a chart created for the COC by Helms-Briscoe rep, Sandy Graves.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Kq1zUQFm89euQvJVFQjAKnv0\\_1W6rWKu](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Kq1zUQFm89euQvJVFQjAKnv0_1W6rWKu)

The Party earns a \$5.00 rebate to its master account per revenue generating room night.

The Party earns 1 complementary unit for every 45 revenue producing guest rooms.

## **2020 Convention Site Selection**

The selection of the of the venue for the 2020 Libertarian National and Presidential Nominating Convention has been narrowed to 3 hotels. They are the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, the Austin JW Marriott, and the Glendale Renaissance Arts. Brian Bloom, Whitney Gafford, and Sarah Habinger the respective representatives of each hotel will be on site Sunday, December 10th, during the LNC meeting to present their respective hotel.. LNC Members should check their emails for info on each hotel. The Austin and Glendale hotels have public and private LNC portions. Atlanta submitted an entirely public proposal. All hotel bids are for the Memorial day weekend 2020.

### **2020 Finalist Comparison**

<b>Bid ID #</b>	<b>GA-148</b>	<b>TX-134</b>	<b>AZ-88</b>
<b>City/ST</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>	<b>Glendale AZ</b>
<b>Name of Venue</b>	<b>Atlanta Marriott Marquis</b>	<b>JW Marriott Austin</b>	<b>Renaissance Glendale Hotel</b>
<b># Guest Rooms</b>	<b>1663</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Sleeping Room Rate w-Resort Fee</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>	<b>\$139.00</b>	<b>\$129.00</b>
<b>Overflow Partners (if &lt; 400)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Hampton, Residence &amp; Springhill at \$129 rate (up to 1 mile away)</b>
<b>Tax</b>	<b>Tax 16.6%</b>	<b>Tax 15.6%</b>	<b>15.1% Tax</b>
<b>TI Room Block &amp; Attrition:</b>	<b>1400 / 75%</b>	<b>1600 / 75%</b>	<b>1395 / 85% + overflow avail</b>
<b>Comp Nights (Est Value)</b>	<b>1/40 (\$4,025)</b>	<b>1/40 (\$5,560)</b>	<b>1/50 (\$3,573)</b>
<b>Rebate to Master (Est Value)</b>	<b>2% Per Room Night (\$3,220)</b>	<b>\$5 Per Room Night (\$8,000)</b>	<b>2% Per Room Night plus F&amp;B plus \$10k fr Glendale (\$14,870)</b>
<b>Number of Suites</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Comp Suites or at Group Rate?</b>	<b>2 Presidential comp - 2 Pres at group - 8 other suites at group</b>	<b>1 Presidential comp - 1 Pres at group rate - 1 Hospitality Suite at group - 12 Executive Suites at group</b>	<b>15 Corner King Suites at group rate</b>
<b>Group Parking Rate?</b>	<b>\$24 reduced from \$45 (15 Comp Spaces)</b>	<b>\$15 reduced from \$30 (8 Comp)</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>Comp Meeting Space w-F&amp;B Min?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>F&amp;B Min?</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
<b>F&amp;B Disc %</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>2017 Rates (about 15% off 2020)</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>AV Disc %</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Free Sleeping Room WiFi?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Free Bus Session WiFi?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES (only w-in house a/v)</b>	<b>YES (only w-in house a/v)</b>
<b>Vendors by Main Session</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dedicated Registration</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Distance from City Center</b>	<b>0 Miles</b>	<b>0 Miles</b>	<b>15-20 minutes</b>
<b>Distance fr Major Airport</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>8 Miles</b>	<b>PHX is 20-25 minutes</b>
<b># Dining Options (full service)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b># Guest Elevators</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Comp Fitness Center/Gym</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

## **Recommended Policy Amendment on Contributions vs. Reciprocal Exchanges**

FEC reporting guidelines all monies paid to the Party are considered a “donation” to the Party by the donating individual. The legal definitions are what they are, and they are often different from how we use the terms in casual conversation. However, for defining various donor levels which come with various forms of recognition from the party, it is up to us to define

LP Bylaws Article 4.2 defines a sustaining member as, “any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.” Article 4.3 then allows, “The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.” Article 4.4 adds, “Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws.”

Questions arose in the past about whether purchasing a convention package (which obligates the party to provide certain goods and services in return) constitutes a contribution which can count towards those higher donor levels, including life memberships. The LNC weighed in specifically on the question of convention registration packages by adding to Policy Manual Section 2.05.2 (which defines those donor levels), “Convention registration does not count towards contribution levels.”

However, convention registration packages are not the only situation in which the funds received must be substantially used to provide goods and services of non-trivial reciprocal value to the purchaser. Some of our convention sponsorship packages offer hotel suites, convention packages, meals, advertising services, etc. Questions have now arisen about whether these sorts of sponsorships should count toward life memberships.

The Convention Oversight Committee recommends that the LNC amend the Policy Manual to treat other similar situations the same as convention registration packages:

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Amend Policy Manual Section 2.05.2 (Association Levels) as follows:

[...]

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

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This language attempts to define the circumstances, which can then be generally applied to similar situations, rather than attempting to foresee and list all specific instances. It would be broad enough to include purchases of goods from the LP Store as well.

### **Attendance Roster for COC Meetings**

Below is the attendance roster for the Convention Oversight Committee meetings since the August LNC meeting:

	Adams	Bilyeu	Brackeen	Goldstein	Hayes	Layda	Mattson	Ryan
08/28/17	Y	N	N	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
09/11/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y
09/25/17	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NA	N	Y
10/09/17	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NA	N	Y
10/23/17	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NA	N	Y
11/06/17	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NA	N	NA
11/20/17	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12/04/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee Chair, Employment Policy and Compensation Committee

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Joshua Katz and Jim Lark. They were elected during the LNC meeting on May 30, 2016. Brett Bittner served on the EPCC from his election on May 30, 2016 until his resignation as Region 3 representative on Nov. 29, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See the following 20 pages for the Ballot Access Committee Report

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 2017 REPORT**

**Presented at the LNC meeting on December 9th, 2017.**

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# OVERVIEW

## About this report

This report is an update to the report presented at the November 2016 LNC Meeting. It only looks at the states in which we do not have access in 2018.

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## Summary of update

This report includes the Ballot Access budget recommendation from the Ballot Access Committee for 2018.

Ohio is in progress, but has struggled to continue to raise money. They are now approximately 85% of the way to the minimum, and 70% to the target.

Tennessee is behind their intended level of volunteer effort, but they have submitted 5,000 signatures as of November 17th, and has raised some money. Tennessee has agreed to raise \$67,000, in the form of a combination of signatures and actual dollars.

The committee also recommends obtaining access in Illinois and New York in 2018. Illinois has requested \$48,000 for 2018, which is half of the cost of the drive. New York should need up to \$45,000 from the LNC to complete their 2018 ballot access drive.

Alabama is presenting a plan for their access, which requests matching funds of up-to \$70,000 from the LNC.

This will leave Maine, Rhode Island, and Virginia as the only potential states to be added in 2018, but are not recommended by the committee at this time. Rhode Island would cost approximately \$150,000 to get statewide access, and has easier mechanisms to place individual candidates on the ballot with our label. To retain in Maine, we would need to obtain at least 5,000 more voter registrations, and realistically 15,000 registrations, at a cost of approximately \$150,000. Virginia has a ballot access race for US Senate, and if they have a candidate the issue can be re-examined at that time.

There is no party petition in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington State. In Minnesota, party-access isn't worth the cost and there are ways to place individual candidates on the ballot with our label.

Total 2018 budget requested: \$250,000

# BUDGET REQUESTS

Ballot Access Committee budget request breakdown:

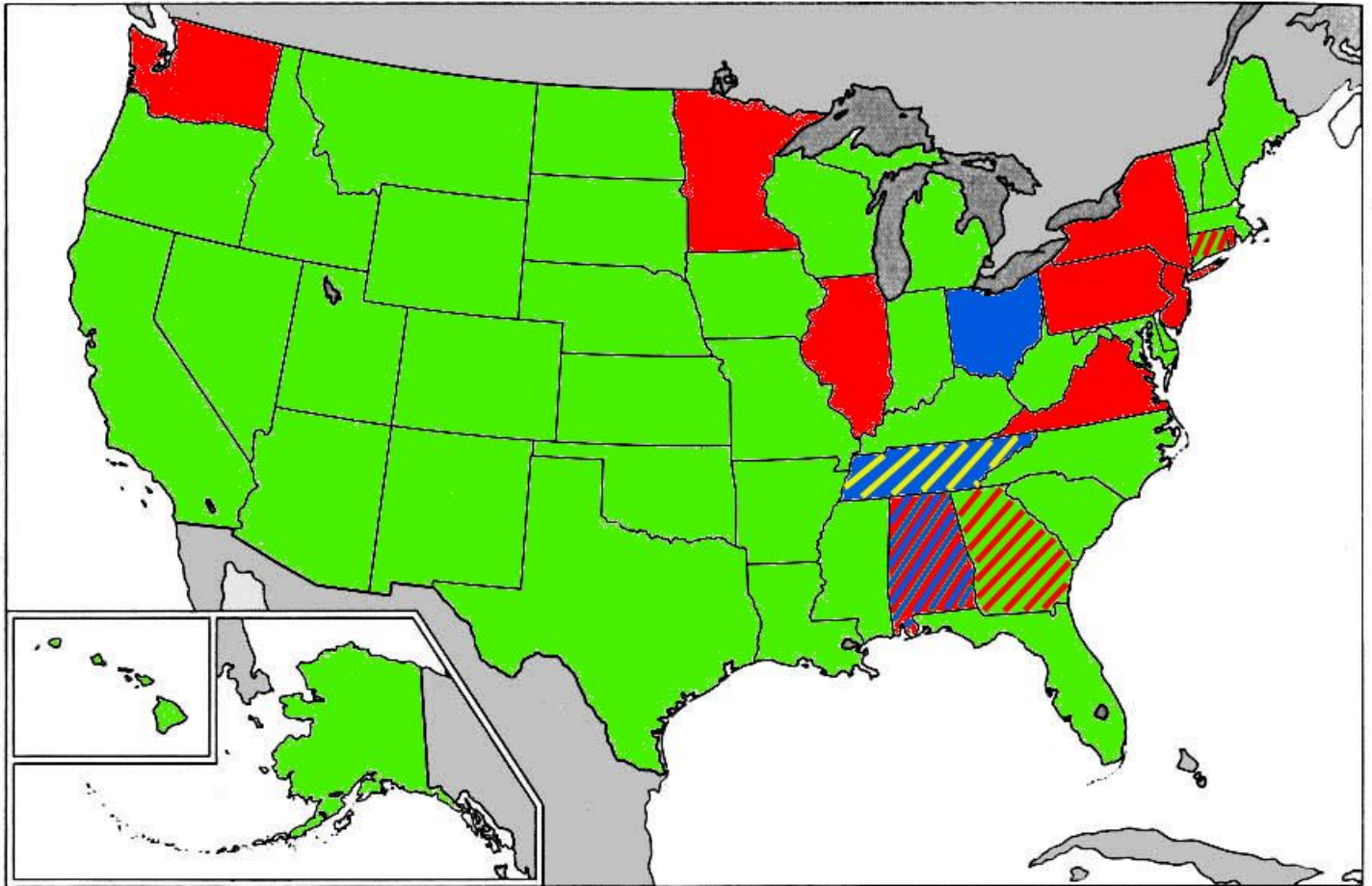
STATE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	NOTES
OHIO	\$20,000	Estimate of what is to be carried over from the \$40,000 approved in August 2017
TENNESSEE	\$67,000	This is carry-over. None has been spent in 2017
ILLINOIS	\$48,000	Per Krista Walker
NEW YORK	\$45,000	Per Mark Axinn, this should be the maximum
ALABAMA	\$70,000	Per Alabama Plan
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	

We expect that New York will not need the full \$45,000, and that the extra can be used to cover any unexpected overrun in other states.

Additionally, we request that funds be placed into Legal Offense Fund to continue to lobby or otherwise push for reform in Maine. The legislature essentially re-codified the same law we had sued to have removed. Currently, to retain in Maine after 2018, we would need to register many more voters.

# BALLOT ACCESS MAP

Ballot Access as of 11/15/2017



We now have partial or complete ballot access in 41 states plus DC.

States with a candidate in a ballot access race in 2018: **Alabama**<sup>(s)</sup>, Illinois, **Ohio**, Rhode Island, **Tennessee**<sup>(s)</sup>, and Virginia

States with partial access: Connecticut and Georgia.

States with Top Two: California and Washington.

States without access (active drives in bold): **Alabama**<sup>(s)</sup>, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, **Ohio**, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, **Tennessee**<sup>(s)</sup>, Virginia, and Washington.

States with pending legislation: Oklahoma and Tennessee.

(s) = State funded and operated ballot access drive  
(L) = LNC loan  
(c) = Candidate Funded

This is an abbreviated and updated chart originally provided by Bob Johnston. It only list states where we do not have access, what it will take to get access, and what it will take to retain through 2020.

State	Status	To Become A Recognized Party	Retention through 2020
Alabama	<b>No</b>	Must collect signatures equal to 3% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (35,413). Due 6/5/18. Can start petitioning now. Can also petition for individual county party status and Independent candidates.	To retain party status, statewide or countywide (county-only status) candidate must get 20%.
Connecticut	<b>Part</b>	Can run candidates by petitioning (statewide 7,500, US House 1% of 2016 race vote) between 1/2/18 and 8/8/18. Can run 2018 candidates for the US Senate and US House 2nd without collecting signatures.	To attain party status, 2018 candidate for Governor must get 20%, or party must have 20% of the party-registered voters. If a petition candidate gets 1%, party can run for that same office in the next election without petitioning.
Georgia	<b>Part</b>	Can run candidates for statewide office. Must collect signatures for non-statewide candidates, the amount equal to 5% of the registered voters in the office's specific district, between 1/11/18 and 7/10/18. Must also pay filing fee equal to 3% of the office's annual salary.	If a statewide candidate receives 1% of the registered voters, can run 2020 statewide candidates without petitioning.
Illinois	<b>No</b>	Must collect 25,000 signatures, between 3/27/18 and 6/25/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%. If any 2018 non-gubernatorial statewide candidate gets 5%, can run statewide candidates in 2020 without petitioning.
Minnesota	<b>No</b>	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (145,821) by 5/31/18. Can also run candidates by petitioning (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000) between 3/18/18 and 5/31/18.	If statewide candidate gets 5%, becomes a recognized party.
New Jersey	<b>CAND</b>	Must collect 100 signatures for any non-statewide, 800 for any statewide, due 6/5/18. Petitions available the 1st week of Jan 2018.	No mechanism to retain in 2018. 2019 candidates running for the General Assembly must get 10% of the votes cast for the General Assembly.
New York	<b>No</b>	Must collect signatures for individual candidates (statewide 15,000, US House 3,500). For statewide office petitions, at least 100 signatures each must come from of 1/2 of the counties. Can start petitioning for state candidates on 7/10/18, and are due by 8/21/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 50,000 votes.

Ohio	<b>IN PROG</b>	Must collect signatures equal to 1% of the 2016 presidential vote (53,254) by 7/4/18. Started 2/6.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%.
Pennsylvania	<b>No</b>	Must have 15% of the registered voters. Can run individual candidates by collecting signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast for the 2017 elected official of that office, except for statewide office, which is 5,000 signatures. Can start petitioning 3/7/18, and are due by 8/1/18.	Must maintain 15% of the registered voters.
Rhode Island	<b>No</b>	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (22,541). Can start 1/1/18, and are due 6/1/18 if nominating by primary, or 8/1/18 if nominating by convention. Can also run Independent candidates by collecting signatures (statewide 1,000, US House 500), due 7/13/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%.
Tennessee	<b>IN PROG</b>	Must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (33,816), due 5/17/18 if nominating by primary, 8/8/18 if nominating by convention. Petitioning is on-going. Can run Independent candidates by collecting 25 signatures, between 1/5/18 and 4/5/18.	2018 gubernatorial candidate must get 5%.
Virginia	<b>CAND</b>	Candidates must collect signatures between 1/2/18 and 6/12/18 (statewide 10,000 with 400 from each of the 11 congressional districts; State Senate 250; House of Delegates 125).	2018 US Senate candidate must get 10% to get access through 2021.
Washington	<b>No</b>	Candidates must either pay a filing fee (federal \$1,740; Governor \$1,669; state \$421), or collect equal amt of signatures, due between 5/14/18 and 5/18/18.	N/A. Requires 5% for President to gain/retain.

# LEGAL UPDATES

## RICHARD WINGER, BALLOT ACCESS EXPERT

### ONGOING LP LITIGATION

**Arizona** - The case to throw out Arizona's horrible new law, which specifically was targeting Libertarians, is now in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. We are optimistic on our chances to win this case.

**Georgia** - We have filed a case in November challenging US House petitioning requirement, which has prevented any "minor" party from running for US House in GA in a general election for over 70 years.

**Illinois** - There is an active case in Illinois, filed by an Independent, challenging the 5% petition requirement for US House.

**New York** - A U.S. District Court in New York will hear *Merced v Spano*, e.d. 1:16cv-3054, on December 13, 2017, challenging New York state's ban on out-of-state circulators. It is a Libertarian Party case, filed in 2016.

**Pennsylvania** - A 2016 case reduced the number of signatures, but created a county distribution requirement for state offices. The county distribution requirement is being challenged because it is unconstitutional.

**South Dakota** - We are in an ongoing lawsuit over early petition deadlines. To get a party on the ballot, a petition must be completed by March. The state created a later deadline for candidates running a race without a primary (president), but using that mechanism means LPSD couldn't run for other offices.

### SETTLED LP LITIGATION

**Arkansas** - Won state's appeal in Federal COA of previous win in Federal District Court over short convention date deadlines.

**Illinois** - We have won the state's appeal of our win against Illinois requiring a slate of candidates in order to run for State or County Executive Branch.

**Ohio** - All legal challenges to SB193 have been exhausted, and LPO is petitioning for access.

### OPTIONS FOR LP LITIGATION

**California** - Opportunity to challenge Top Two after the 2018 general election.

**Minnesota** - Opportunity for legal action against party petition law. There is court precedent in the 8th Federal Circuit in our favor.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Alabama** - LPAL will be pushing a bill to reduce vote test, reduce number of signatures required for party access, and (if party registration is passed) adding a mechanism for allowing voter registration totals to grant ballot access. Alabama legislature is likely to review ballot access laws in 2018.

**Maine** - We need to lobby for the resolution to which was agreed by the Sec of State and the LP in 2016. The legislature passed a less favorable bill to what was proposed.

**Oklahoma** - A bill is being considered to change the vote test to be 2.5% for any statewide office, and change the period of retention to 4 years. This bill is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to being passed.

**Tennessee** - The LPTN has been pushing a bill to reduce the number of required signatures for a party petition to 5,000 valid signatures. It made it through the committees in the state house, but the state senate decided to stall on 4/4/17. Currently the number of signatures required is a percentage of the number of votes cast in a previous election, and the number required currently is 33,844 valid signatures.

**Virginia** - Change in make-up of legislature may provide opportunity to lobby.

## RETENTION BASED ON VOTER REGISTRATION

**Maine** - To get ballot access in 2016, we collected over 5,000 new voter registrations for the Libertarian Party. We have ballot access through the general election in 2018. To secure access, we need to boost voter registration. If we need to collect approximately 15,000 more valid registrations, this would likely cost approximately \$150,000, but should keep us with ballot access for a long time. We are recommending pushing for new legislation before taking action.

**Nevada** - This isn't necessary, as we're growing organically to reach this goal. We have an option to permanently retain by reach 1% voter registration as of 1/1/18. Registration is at 0.98% as of 10/17. To safely reach 1%, we would need to add approximately 1,000 registrations, at an estimated cost of \$9,000. We are currently trending toward 1% without action, but it might be wise to put money into securing permanent access.

# STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS

## How to read this part of the report

Each report is formatted similarly:

## State Name

### Summary

A summary of the state drive, when available and applicable.

Links to important information

Ballot Access details

Litigation (if applicable)

Pending legislation (if applicable)

### Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date

Petition end date

Number of signatures required

Number of signatures collected

Estimated cost

LNC Budget

Threshold for retention

Last time retained

# Alabama

## Summary

Multiple candidates have previously expressed interest in running for office in Alabama. LP Alabama retained statewide ballot access in 2000. With that access, almost 60 candidates ran as Libertarians all up and down the ballot in 2002, and it could have been many more if the state party executive director had time to review all of the applications.

If LP Alabama were to receive 20% in any statewide race in 2018, they would retain party access for 2020. In 2014, the candidates for US Senate, State Treasurer, and two Public Service Commissioners ran unopposed, and in one or more of those a Libertarian candidate would have likely reached the 20% threshold.

LP Alabama currently appears to be pursuing local access.

Elections: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/>  
Minor Party Info: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/mpp-info-2016.pdf>  
Presidential: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/pba-2016.pdf>  
Independent: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/ic-info-2016.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/electionLaw.aspx?sm=voters> (title 17)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 3% of those who voted in the most recent race for Governor (2014: 1,180,413; 3% = 35,413), and the signatures must be filed by the date of the primary election (2018: June 5th). Can start petitioning any time after previous election for next general election (§17-6-22).
- Retention: statewide candidate must get 20% (§17-13-40). If a county-wide candidate receives 20%, county gets party status.
- If party not recognized, candidates can run as Ind. Must collect signatures equal to 3% of those who voted in the most recent race for Gov in the jurisdiction running. Sigs are due the date of the primary election (§17-9-3(a)(3)).
- Primary election held on the first Tuesday in June, except in Presidential years, the primary is held on the first Tuesday in March (§17-13-3).

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: Immediately  
Petition end date: June 6th, 2018 (deadline)  
Number of signatures required: 35,413  
Number of signatures collected: Unknown  
Estimated cost: \$145,000 (at \$2.50/signature)  
Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: \$70,000 (dependent on other non-LNC contributions)  
Threshold for retention: 20% for any statewide candidate  
Last time retained: 2000; the candidate for *Supreme Ct. Justice, Pl. 2* received 20.16%

# Illinois

## Summary

The 2018 candidates guide has not yet been released by the SBOE, but we can assume the same start date (around the 29th of March and lasting 90 days) and signature requirement (25,000). A challenge will be more likely since it is not a presidential election year, so 40,000 is the minimum and 50,000 is the goal. LP Illinois is preparing a full slate, and working with potential candidates for 2018. That ticket would include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller. This drive in 2018 is estimated to cost between \$75,000 and \$125,000, with \$100,000 being a realistic estimate. To retain full access for 2020, the candidate for governor would need to reach 5% in 2018. To get access to statewide races, any statewide candidate would need to reach 5%; the LP accomplished this in 1994.

Elections: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov/>

Candidate Information: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/2016CanGuide.pdf>

Election Law: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=170&ChapterID=3>.

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor must get more than 5%.
- If a statewide non-gubernatorial candidate in a general election gets 5%, can run statewide candidates. 5% for any candidate for the US House allows ballot access for that specific seat.
- If the party is not recognized, can run candidates by collecting signatures equal to 1% of those who voted in the last general election, or 25,000, whichever is less. Must also run a full slate of statewide candidates.
- Can also run a congressional candidate by collecting signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast in that district in the preceding general election, or 25,000 signatures, whichever is less. For a general election following a census, 5,000 signatures (10 ILCS 5/10-2).
- Signatures must be collected in a 90-day period prior to the date for candidates to file (2016: March 22) (10 ILCS 5/10-4)), and are due between 134 and 141 days prior to general election (2016: June 20-27) (10 ILCS 5/10-6)).
- A Recognized party must collect signatures (statewide 5,000; US House 0.5% of the votes cast in the preceding general election in that district), due between 106 and 113 days prior to the primary (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)), which is held on the 3rd Tuesday in March (5/2A-1.1(a)). Can't start petitioning more than 90 days prior to the filing deadline.

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: March 29th, 2018 (estimated)

Petition end date: June 27th, 2018 (deadline, estimated)

Number of valid signatures required: 25,000

Number of raw signatures collected: N/A

Estimated cost: \$100,000 (at \$2.50/raw)

Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: \$48,000

Threshold for retention: 5% for Governor

Last time retained: N/A

# Maine

## Summary

We now have ballot access in Maine through 2018. We need to boost voter registration by election day 2018 to remain a party. We need to boost registrations, approximately 15,000 more are needed.

Elections: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html>

Candidate Info: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/2014/guide14.doc>

Election Law: <http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/21-A/title21-Ach0sec0.html>

### Ballot Access (old rules):

- To become a recognized party, must enroll 5,000 voters between December 1 of an even-numbered year and December 1 of the following year.
- Must file Declaration of Intent to form a party between Dec. 1 and Dec. 30 prior to enrolling new voters (§21A.303).
- Can also become a political party if candidate for Governor or President gets 5% (§21A.302).
- Retention: must have at least 10,000 party-registered voters participate in next general election, and hold a caucus in each of the 16 counties and a state convention each primary election year.
- Retention lasts for 2 general election cycles (§21A.301).
- To run a candidate for statewide office, must collect 4,000 - 6,000 signatures; US House 2,000 – 3,000. Cannot start before January 1 of the election year (§21A.354.5,6). Will be listed on ballot as “Libertarian” (§21A.354.1).
- No substitution (§21A.354.1.B).
- Presidential petitions due August 1 of the election year with the SOS, and must be checked by the registrar by July 25. Other candidate petitions due June 1 of the election year, and must be checked by the registrar by May 25 (§21A.354.7, 8-A).

Current number of registrations: 5,495 (as of 7/13/17)

Number of registrations required to retain access: 10,000

Estimated cost: \$50,000

Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: NOT RECOMMENDED

**We recommend pursuing lobbying and/or legal action.**

# New York

## Summary

In 2018, LPNY will run candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller. The four statewide positions can be combined on a single petition form and at least 15,000 valid signatures must be submitted at that time to achieve ballot access for 2018. Once again, LPNY will seek to obtain 25-30,000 raw signatures to withstand any potential challenges. Automatic ballot access will be achieved and maintained for four years only if the Gubernatorial candidate obtains at least 50,000 votes on the Libertarian line. That has never happened in past years. This drive will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000, with a reasonable estimate being approximately \$60,000. Drive cannot start until 2018. There is an ongoing lawsuit on the use of out-of-state petitioners. Signatures must be collected in a 6-week window.

Elections: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/>  
Running For Office (2014): <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/2014RunningForElectiveOffice.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/2013NYElectionLaw.pdf>  
New federal calendar (2016): <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2016FEDERAL-STATEcombinedlegalCALrev2.pdf>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor must get 50,000 votes (§ 1-104.3).
- If party not recognized, candidates must run as Independents. Statewide offices require signatures of 15,000 or 5% of the reg voters, whichever is less (voter reg > 10,000,000 @ 11/10). US House races require 3,500 valid sigs.
- A minimum of 100 signatures must come from at least half of the congressional districts (§ 6-142).
- Circulators must be in-state registered voters. Party registration is irrelevant for independent petitions..
- Only voters registered as the candidate's party can sign a petition for a recognized party candidate (§ 6-140.1.b).
- Signatures must be filed 11 weeks prior to the general election (2016: August 23) (§ 6-158.9), and cannot begin collecting until 6 weeks prior to the filing deadline (July 12) [state candidates only] (§ 6-138.4).
- Federal candidates started petitioning June 21, and completed petitions were due August 2.

Litigation: Challenge to out-of-state circulator ban ongoing.

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2018 (bill might change exact start date)  
Petition end date: 6 weeks after start date  
Number of valid signatures required: 15,000  
Number of raw signatures collected: N/A  
Estimated cost: \$70,000  
Recommended LNC Budget: \$45,000  
Threshold for retention: 50,000 votes for Governor on Libertarian line  
Last time retained: N/A

# Ohio

## Summary

In 2014, LP Ohio lost ballot access due to shenanigans orchestrated by the Republican Party and allies of Governor John Kasich. Various cases have been litigated in both state and federal courts, and the courts have not provided relief. The ballot access drive began on 2/6/17 and there are approximately 45,000 signatures collected at this time. Validation efforts are consuming significantly more volunteer time than was originally expected. This drive was originally estimated to cost between \$159,000 and \$238,500, with \$200,000 being the number used to determine the original budget; however, we now estimate it will cost between \$215,000 and \$225,000 to complete this drive successfully. The LPO's 2018 candidate for governor would need 3% to retain through 2022. In 2014, gubernatorial candidate Charles Earl was polling at 6% prior to being bounced from the ballot.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections.aspx>

Election Law: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/35> (title 35)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election (2016: 1% = 54,965).
- At least 500 signatures must come from half of the congressional districts.
- Party petitions must be filed more than 125 days before the general election (2016: July 6).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 3%. Party is recognized for 2 general election cycles (§ 3517.01(A) (1)).
- The primary is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, except in Presidential election years held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March (2016: March 15) (§ 3501.01(E)(1)(2)).
- Can run Independent candidates for statewide office by collecting 5,000 signatures (15,000 maximum). Independent Presidential candidate must file 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10); non-Presidential candidates must file by 4 pm the day prior to the primary election (§ 3513.257).
- Presidential paperwork due 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10) (§ 3505.10).

Litigation: <https://supremecourt.ohio.gov/clerk/ecms/#/caseinfo/2016/1863>

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2/6/17

Petition end date: June 2018 (deadline)

Number of valid signatures required: 54,965 (originally planned 53,500)

Target number of signatures: 66,508 valid

Number of valid signatures collected: 43,736 (estimated in hand on 11/17/17)

Estimated cost: \$217,500 (originally estimated at \$200,000)

Total LNC Budget: \$140,000 (\$101,077.26 spent as of 11/17/17)

Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: \$20,000 (calculated as \$38,922.74 less LNC spending from 12/4 to 12/31)

Threshold for retention: 3% for Governor or President

Last time retained: 2012

Estimates on the cost of the drive are heading back toward the originally-estimated \$200,000 (from as high as \$250,000 to \$218,000) based on volunteer signatures, and the LNC contract now has a 75% validity guarantee.

LPO is struggling to raise money. Last amount of LNC funding is to be matching funds based on LPO fundraising.

# Rhode Island

## Summary

A full party ballot access petition for 2018 requires 23,208 valid signatures. That should cost between \$70,000 and \$140,000, with a likely cost of \$120,000 to complete. We can place a Gubernatorial candidate on the ballot with only 1,000 signatures. We can't start until 2018. The candidate for Governor would need to receive 5% to retain access through 2020. The Moderate Party currently has access in RI. LP has never run for Governor in RI in the past, due to bad state laws. New laws make this far easier.

Elections: <http://www.elections.ri.gov/>  
Running For Office (2014): <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/elections/RunForOffice2014.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/INDEX.HTM> (title 17)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor or President must get 5%, or must collect signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election (2014: 322,324; 5% = 16,116).
- If party wishes to nominate candidates by primary, signatures must be filed by June 1; to nominate by convention, due by August 1 (§ 17-1-2(9)).
- All candidates must collect signatures for office (Independent President, Governor and US Senate 1,000; US House 500) (§ 17-14-7).
- Signatures are due at 4 pm 60 days prior to primary election (2016: July 15), except for Independent Presidential candidates (see below) (§ 17-14-11).
- Can run an Independent Presidential candidate; must have up to 4 electors file by the last Mo/Tu/We in June (2016: June 27-29), and must collect 1,000 signatures 60 days prior to the general election (2016: September 9).
- Independent candidates can get a party label on the ballot (§ 17-19-9.1).
- Independent Presidential elector nomination papers issued within 4 days of the close for filing Declarations of Candidacy (2016: July 4) (§ 17-14-4).

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2018  
Petition end date:  
Number of valid signatures required: 23,208 (or 1,000)  
Number of raw signatures collected:  
Estimated cost: \$150,000  
Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: NOT RECOMMENDED  
Threshold for retention: 5% for Governor  
Last time retained: N/A

Can get party label candidate for Governor without party petition.

# Tennessee

## Summary

Under current law, a party petition in Tennessee requires 33,844 signatures, meaning the cost would be between \$101,532 and \$152,298, with a realistic estimate of \$135,000. LP Tennessee has been lobbying for a new law which would reduce the number of required signatures to 5,000. This law made it through the State House committees, but the State Senate has postponed the bill until 2018. The LP Tennessee volunteer petition drive continues.

Elections: <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/>

Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/> (title 2)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (2014: 1,343,936; 2.5% = 33,599) (§ 2-1-104(24)).
- If party wishes to participate in primary election, must submit petitions on the third Thursday 3 months prior to the primary at noon (2016: April 21). To participate only in the general election, petitions must be submitted on the third Thursday 3 months prior to the general election at noon (2016: July 21) (§ 2-13-107(c)).
- Retention; statewide candidate within last 4 years must get 5% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (§ 2-1-104(31)(a)).
- Can run as Independent candidates, by collecting 25 signatures per electoral district. 275 signatures minimum for Presidential candidate, with 25 signatures from each electoral district (§ 2-5-101(b)(1)).
- Non-Presidential signatures due at noon on the first Thursday in April (2016: April 7) (§ 2-5-101(a)(1)).
- Cannot start collecting signatures until 90 days prior to the filing deadline (non-Pres: January 8, 2016; Presidential: May 20, 2016) (§ 2-5-102(b)(5)).
- Presidential sigs and paperwork due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 3 months prior to the election, noon (2016: August 18) (§ 2-5-101(a)).
- State and fed primaries are held the first Thursday in August of an even-numbered year (2016: August 4) (§ 2-1-104(26)).
- No substitution (§ 2-5-102(b)(1)).

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: Immediately

Petition end date: August 2018 (deadline)

Number of signatures required: 33,844

Number of signatures collected: Approx 7,000 volunteer signatures per LPTN (about 5,000 submitted to date)

Estimated cost: \$135,000

Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: \$67,000 (carry-over from 2017)

Threshold for retention: 5% of the votes cast for governor in race for any statewide office.

Last time retained: N/A

One major advantage in Tennessee over some other states is the ability to turn-in as the drive goes. This allows the state party to get "immediate" feedback on validity and will prevent the need for significant over-production. The reality is that this drive might need less than \$140,000. Current validity is running above 70%, and the overall cost is estimated to be \$125,000 at 70%. One major disadvantage is that the state legislature has reduced the number of years retained to 2 years for all parties.

# Virginia

## Summary

To gain access for 2018 and 2020, a statewide candidate must obtain 10% in 2017. The candidates must petition separately, each with 10,000 signatures and a distribution requirement of at least 400 per Congressional District. Virginia has never had ballot access, because there is no party petition in Virginia, and the LPVA has never earned 10% of the vote in a statewide election. In 2017, there will be elections for Governor, Lt. Governor (which is not a ticket) and Attorney General. Each office would require a separate petition, with 10,000 valid sigs needed for each petition. All 100 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates will be up in 2017. In 2018, there will be a US Senate election and US House elections.

Elections: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

Election Law: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC2402000> (title 24.2)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, statewide candidate must get 10% in either of the last 2 statewide general elections in which a statewide office was on the ballot.
- Party must have a state central committee and chair for 6 months prior to the filing of any nominee for office (§ 24.2-101).
- If the party is not recognized, can run candidates by collecting signatures: statewide 10,000, with 400 from each congressional district; US House 1,000.
- Can start collecting on Jan 1st of year of election for Presidential candidates, Jan 2nd for all other candidates (§ 24.2-506).
- Signatures are due the second Tuesday in June (2016: June 14) (§ 24.2-507).
- If party is not recognized, candidates can have an "L" by their name on the ballot by having the state recognize the party's existence 6 months preceding the filing for office (§ 24.2-613).
- Can run a candidate for President by collecting 5,000 signatures, with 200 from each congressional district, due by noon 74 days prior to the general election. Can get full party label on ballot, as long as party has a state central committee, bylaws, and officers within 6 months of the petition filing (§ 24.2-543).
- Presidential paperwork and signatures are due by noon 74 days before the general election (2016: August 26) (§ 24.2-542).

## Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: January 2, 2018

Petition end date: June 12, 2018

Number of signatures required: 10,000 (per statewide office)

Estimated cost: \$37,500

Recommended 2018 LNC Budget: NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME

Threshold for retention: 10% for any statewide office

Last time retained: N/A

# MEETING MINUTES

The Ballot Access Committee is charged with ensuring successful ballot access drives. As such, some content is redacted because it is sensitive in nature, either from a strategic or legal perspective. Those sections have been removed and replaced with **[REDACTED]**.

## MEETING - OCTOBER 30TH at 6:00PM ET

6:03 PM - Call to order

6:04 PM - Roll call

On the call: Ken Moellman, Paul Frankel, Dustin Nanna (Ohio), Ed Marsh, Richard Winger, Michael Chastain, Bill Redpath, Mark Axinn, Nicholas Sarwark, Justin Cornett (Tennessee)

Approval of previous minutes

Moved by Mark Axinn, seconded (Redpath?), passed without objection

Old Business

--- Update from Tennessee - 10 min

Signatures submitted so far : about 5000

Total Collected: 7000-7500

stats on validity rates

66-67% all volunteer, 2k still being processed

signatures in the field (estimated)

1000 or 1200

money raised so far

14 of 33k raised.

New sponsor for bill in the Senate. Starting to get in state paid people set up.

--- Update from Ohio - 10 min

41,477 valid estimated in hand; 55k valid needed. Raw in hand 63,747 about 65% valid. Cost per valid signature on average \$3.29.

Current total cost estimate \$218,600

LNC funds

Initial 100k exhausted except for \$400. About \$50k raised and almost all spent by Ohio. 40k put in budget but not encumbered by LNC.

#### Ohio funds

\$36,839.50 spent before today plus another turn-in today. About 10k left. Have raised 6-7k before commission in last 2 months. Kohlhaas spinning down, need to start other fundraising especially from within Ohio. Original LNC 100k plus everything raised by Ohio to date will be spent by about Nov 8. Bill Redpath will be making calls for Ohio as Hyra campaign ends in VA.

#### completion date

New year's day to some time in February. Ken would like to speed up.

#### New Business

##### Winger - Lobbying legislatures - 10 min

NC Republicans voted for major improvement in ballot access. Should help with lobbying Republicans in other states. VA should be a big priority because unlike other states it has long legislative session coming up. VA is one of only 8 states with no qualified minor parties. No newspaper editorials, and newspaper editorials are good way to influence legislators. Many political and media elites live in NoVa so seeing a qualified alt party there would be big. TN and AL legislators could also be a good target.

#### Ballot Access Budget 2018

----- Which states? Rough timeline? Priority?

----- Alabama - 35k+ valid, 50k plus raw.

----- Connecticut - 7,500 to place governor on ballot, 20% retention but 1% for each office  
Need gov candidate.

----- Hawaii? (10 years of access?)  
Hawaii is on.

----- Idaho - 3 statewide candidates in 2018  
Idaho is on.

----- Illinois

New bill making voter registration opt-out will make validity easier. Late March thru late June. 25k valid needed. Redpath's goal is 25k sig from LNC funds and the rest from Illinois funds. Runs about \$4 per valid sig.

----- Maine??

Need to boost registration 10,000 by Dec '18. Registration run \$8-10. Have about 5k reg now. December will have new numbers. We just got on the form very recently.

----- Maryland - need 20,000 registrations or 1% for governor to retain  
Maryland is on. Shawn O'Quinn is running again.

----- Minnesota - 150,000 signatures

Much smaller amount for independent or office petition

----- Nevada - could get 2000+ registrations for permanent access

----- New Jersey - 10% of all votes cast for General Assembly  
Should be able to do the 800 petition.

----- New York

Need 50k votes for Governor to eliminate 2020 and 2022 ballot access cost. Sharpe has a good shot. Need 15k valid. Challenge state, need 25k raw (often end up with 30k). Gov years do better with volunteers and local people. Weld hurt effort in 2016. Expect 10-15k volunteer or state funds. Probably 45k needed from LNC for 15k sigs. 6 week period, usually July-August.

----- Ohio (Hopefully done soon) - need 55,000 valid (not 53,500)

----- Pennsylvania - No party petition

----- Rhode Island - 23,308 sigs - About \$120,000

**[REDACTED]**

----- Tennessee - will need budget re-approved

----- Virginia

Probably low priority. US Senate is the only state race.

Next meeting  
play by ear

Adjourned 19:22

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



# T LIBERTARIAN

PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## REPORT

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 9-10, 2017

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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-creation mandate is to oversee the preservation and publication of Libertarian Party historical documents and to manage the LPedia site. The Committee was created on January 23, 2017 and the members appointed on February 20, 2017.

The scope of this work will last well into several years (the estimate is five years) and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

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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 Go To Meeting. Committee discussion is 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. Regular news updates are also sent to potential volunteers and history enthusiasts. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia ([http://lpedia.org/Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](http://lpedia.org/Historical_Preservation_Committee)) and are attached to this report

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

August 16, 2017  
September 6, 2017  
September 27, 2017  
October 11, 2017  
October 25, 2017  
November 8, 2017  
November 29, 2017 (minutes not yet finalized)

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## Motions Considered

*Joe Dehn moved that we spend up to \$150 plus shipping to test out digitization with two different [video] vendors. This passed without objection.*

*Caryn Ann Harlos moved that an additional short quadraplex tape and several U-Matics tapes be sent for an additional \$70 plus shipping. This passed without objection.*

*Ed Fochler moved that we spend the \$500 for 12 months of Lyrasis membership.*

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## Request for Policy Manual Amendment

This is a longer-term project, and LPedia is a Party asset that needs to be maintained indefinitely. The maintenance includes controlling spam, patrolling edits, back-ups, upgrades, and general administration. As this project was started on an *ad hoc* basis, the Committee has requested this Policy Manual change in order to accomplish these tasks:

### ***Amend Section 1.03 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (pages 15-16)***

To add to the end of this table:

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

***Amend Section 2.02 COMMITTEE SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES (pages 23-27)***

#### **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.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS



### Volunteers

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 500 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.

### Interns

A request for interns was put out on the National website and multiple applications were received. One application was for an actual internship for school extra credit (high school student); another was an established professional seeking to volunteer; and a few more were young persons seeking to have some experience to put on a resume. I conducted a LPedia training program with them and will continue to monitor and mentor their progress. We will likely put out another request for interns/volunteers in the first quarter of 2018.

# STATUS OF DOCUMENT PRESERVATION

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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. I have started on the affiliate records as inquiries have been made by members as to the availability of old newsletters, governing documents, and similar items. As convention season is coming, Sarah will be taking over the storage organization on the weekends that I am away.

## 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.

## 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 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 a price quote.

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.

Extensive research was done on vendors available to digitize the obscure formats with test samples being sent to several vendors. At this time it was discovered that some of the 2-inch quadraplex tapes were in "helical" format which is even rarer with only one known digitization vendor (the Museum of Broadcast History). One vendor spent multiple hours preparing the helical tape (baking and cleaning) which was sent to the Museum (with no charge for those services). The first diagnosis was that the tape was too far gone and sticky but that there was a slight chance of recovery when the humidity went down. The

Museum was instructed to wait, and the Committee just received word that the tape was able to be recovered though this was likely the very last chance to be able to do so. Now the other similarly formatted and aged tapes are high on our priority as they are also likely to be in the same condition. Other tapes such as Betacam, U-matic, and standard quadraplex have been converted, and some of the content is already uploaded. Volunteer Keith Thompson (Louisiana), who converted the Betacam tapes, is working on some VHS tapes.



### *YOUTUBE CHANNEL*

In order to take advantage of free storage space and to provide an attractive embedding option on LPedia, a YouTube account (lphistoricalpreservation) was created to host the digitized audio and video tapes. The channel will be divided into videos and audios when the content grows.

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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.

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

This item is in the hands of the original purchaser who is arranging for its framing and donation for display at the National Headquarters.

### *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.

### *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. Joe Dehn related that when he last visited the UVA archives there were about eighty boxes of items that were not inventoried or catalogued. He will be visiting the Hoover archives in California.



## STATUS OF LPEDIA

### Background

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.

### Completed and Ongoing Projects

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
  - The former categorization system suffered from over-specificity and unwieldiness. The Committee is in the process of a long re-categorization project which has made significant progress in manner similar to the records in the storage facility, i.e. items were first grouped into several simple main categories and then sub-categorized further as we drill down into the category tree.
- Development of Policies and Page Naming Conventions
  - The policies continued to be developed as the need arises.
- Templates and Extensions
  - Standard templates are categorized and new ones are being developed.
  - Userboxes are being added to all biography pages.
- Search Functionality
  - The native MediaWiki search function is clunky, and other alternatives are being explored. At present, a Google search function was added.
- Licensing
  - Per-page licensing was implemented.

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- Templates and Extensions
  - Templates were refreshed and are being changed to comport with the new categorization plan.
  - Extensions will be kept to a minimum (less to break) but several key extensions were installed.

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## User Statistics

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Last Report: 1,829 Articles / 1,162 Uploads / 19 Active Contributors

Present Report: 2,314 Articles / \$1,579 Uploads / 34 Active Users

# 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

LNC funding for Committee projects came from two separate motions, the first for the records preservation portion (\$5,000) and the second for the records relocation (\$5,000) for a total of \$10,000.00 that potentially would have come from the general budget. However, fundraising efforts were undertaken to voluntarily fund all expenses. Fundraising exceeded that amount. Following are the current expenditures and revenue (and the tabulated expenditures):

**Total Expenses Booked: \$8,979.21<sup>1</sup>**

**Total Revenue: \$11,470.00**

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<sup>1</sup> I am inquiring with staff whether the hosting expenses which were incurred prior to this Committee formation should be more correctly categorized as an IT expense.

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
<b>Account QuickReport</b>
January 1 through December 4, 2017

7300 - Program-Related Expenses						
7395 - L-Pedia Historical Preservation						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Bill	01/16/2017	L-Pedia	MMWikis Holdings	Hosting for L-Pedia	2225 - BB&T Visa	310.00
Credit Card Charge	04/14/2017		ULine, Inc.	BB&T Shipping Supplies	2225 - BB&T Visa	481.79
Credit Card Charge	04/19/2017		American Airlines	Staff Travel Hist Pres Committee	2224 - PNC Visa Card	131.91
Credit Card Charge	04/20/2017		Allianz Global	Travel Insurance related to Hist Presv Move	2224 - PNC Visa Card	21.98
Credit Card Charge	04/21/2017		U-Haul International - AMERCO, Inc.	BB&T Storage Moving Expense	2225 - BB&T Visa	1,933.80
Bill	04/25/2017	HPC-Move-0417	Metro Movers	Moving Labor	21 - Accounts Payable	280.00
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Adl, Inc.	Hist Presv Food	2225 - BB&T Visa	34.37
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Wyndham Worldwide	HPC Related Travel	2225 - BB&T Visa	66.39
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Chick-Fil-A, Inc.	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	23.97
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Fivestar Newcomb Oil & Food	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	72.42
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		High Pains Food Coop	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	24.23
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Kroger, Inc.	HPC related	2225 - BB&T Visa	46.50
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		U-Haul International - AMERCO, Inc.	HPC related	2225 - BB&T Visa	225.00
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		OneStop Gas & Food	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	73.22
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Phillips 66 Ez Go	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	131.39
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Rio Grande Mexican	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	51.98
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Choice Hotels Group, Inc.	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	160.81
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Wakeneray Gas	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	79.93
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2017		Wave Corp.	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	52.30
Credit Card Charge	05/02/2017		Red Robin, Inc.	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	26.93
Credit Card Charge	05/04/2017		HMS - Host Marriott Corporation	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	15.97
Credit Card Charge	05/04/2017		Shell Oil Co. US	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	12.31
Credit Card Charge	05/21/2017		ULine, Inc.	HPC Related	2225 - BB&T Visa	122.53
Bill	07/07/2017	FedEx	Harjos, Caryn Ann (Reimbursement)	FedEx for Hist Presv	21 - Accounts Payable	182.12
Bill	08/02/2017	Amazon Reimb	Harjos, Caryn Ann (Reimbursement)	Amazon for Hist Presv	21 - Accounts Payable	160.99
Bill	09/05/2017	FedEx	Harjos, Caryn Ann (Reimbursement)	FedEx Shipping	21 - Accounts Payable	60.30
Bill	09/25/2017	VideoPark.com	Harjos, Caryn Ann (Reimbursement)	VideoPark.com	21 - Accounts Payable	50.00
Bill	10/25/2017	0736373-IN	Lyrasis, Inc.	LP News Scanning	21 - Accounts Payable	3,507.94
Bill	11/02/2017	201707-LNC01	Brierty, Elizabeth	HPC Work File Transfers / PDF Cleanups, Etc.	21 - Accounts Payable	170.00
Bill	12/01/2017	28	Museum of Broadcast Technology	Recording Reproduction	21 - Accounts Payable	200.00
Bill	12/01/2017	0737832-IN	Lyrasis, Inc.	LP News Scanning	21 - Accounts Payable	268.33
Total 7395 - L-Pedia Historical Preservation						8,979.21
Total 7300 - Program-Related Expenses						8,979.21
TOTAL						8,979.21

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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 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 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.

## PRESS MENTIONS

A brief blurb about LPedia will be in the February 2018 hard-copy issue of *Reason* magazine. Items and information about this project are regularly used internally in *LP News* and *Liberty Pledge*.

### LPedia: Preserving our history

The Historical Preservation Committee of the Libertarian National Committee is pleased to announce the relaunch of LPedia.org, thanks to the work of several dedicated volunteers.

LPedia is a collaborative wiki of the history of the Libertarian Party, and will be home to the wealth of historical documentation being digitized and preserved by the committee. LP members are welcome to use it as a resource, or to open an account and participate as a contributor.

"As we grow and move towards our future, we must know our past, and we are in serious danger of losing it," said Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos. "Many of the original delegates and liberty-fighters that started this party have passed away, and with them go their memories and their archives."

Party members are welcome to view the committee's discussions and deliberations.



Its read-only committee discussion list is available by sending a message to [LPHPC-Request@Lists.DchnBase.net](mailto:LPHPC-Request@Lists.DchnBase.net) with "subscribe" in the subject line. Chair Harlos can be reached directly at [Caryn.Ann.Harlos@LP.org](mailto:Caryn.Ann.Harlos@LP.org).

"This will not be limited to national items," said Harlos. "State parties can also use LPedia to preserve and update their history. It will take on a life of its own—spontaneous order, if you will. Very libertarian," she says.

Contributions are sought to assist in funding the archiving of voluminous LP records that the committee aims to add to LPedia.org. To help get these materials into the hands of activists, affiliates, and members, visit [TinyURL.com/donate-lp-history](http://TinyURL.com/donate-lp-history) to make a donation. •

**LP members are welcome to use LPedia as a resource, or to open an account and participate as a contributor.**

# MEETING MINUTES

Attached.



## **MEETING SUMMARY August 16, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Michael Fucci, Andrew Kolstee, Chuck Moulton, Paul Frankel

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. The Minutes/Summaries from July 26, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. Chuck Moulton asked for an item to be added to the agenda regarding counties in different states with the same county names.

**Records Archive Update:** Sarah and Caryn Ann were not going to be there for the next weekend and were not there last weekend. Caryn Ann did begin work on sorting the audio/video tapes at her home. A volunteer has been found to digitize the Betacam tapes.

**Nolan Archive:** Joe B. has been working through some of the boxes with a priority on items for which there may only be one copy such as the Libertarian Vanguard. He is busy with his campaign and also has the Utah newsletter to scan. This will be an ongoing project.

**Categories:** Andrew Kolstee changed the state and local party templates. A new project needs to be undertaken to branch out further on our category re-organization. As an example, LNC meeting minutes were discussed. Presently they would be categorized under Records>Documents. Documents is not a good sub-category name, but it was imported from the prior structure.

So top-level would be Records with the following sub-categories:

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>Meeting Records

>Financial Records

Etc.



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So it would be first by “type” and then potentially under those would be by geography.

**Templates:** Andrew Kolstee finished the state and local templates and still is drilling down to find all the stray ones. He has added templates to many “people” articles, and this is an ongoing project. Over 200 people now have the “people” infobox.

**Policy Updates:** Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies.

**Scanning:** The LP News is still about thirty to forty days before completion. Joe Buchman is still working on the large size Libertarian Vanguard.

**Other Archives:** Joe Dehn has been looking into other archives and this is still a work in progress and is dependent upon decisions to be made at the LNC meeting.

**Per Page Licensing Notation:** Ed Fochler is continuing to research these items.

**Media Player Extension:** Joe Dehn looked into the most popular and supported extension: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Extension:EmbedVideo>. The committee discussed the need for policies on embedding videos and the possibility of clutter (such as LNC meetings with twenty videos). The question was raised about the possibility of using YouTube as our delivery and/or storage utility. Caryn Ann brought up how we would still have our archive copies of YouTube videos if something happened to them. We could use YouTube opportunistically and have the offline back-up as a fallback and to conserve our own auxiliary server. Ed Fochler pointed out that we could craft rules as we start to use.

**LNC Meeting, Report, and Recommendations:** The draft report was reviewed, and Joe Dehn asked about the items for which LNC authorization is being requested. Caryn Ann discussed the LNC concern about “hoarding” and making a good faith effort to show that the Committee is willing to make culling recommendations. The authority to dispose is not a requirement to destroy; the goal is to remove them from the LNC official storage. It is not a great deal of items at this point but comprises utility receipts and the like. The date was chosen conservatively and somewhat arbitrarily at fifteen years.



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Regarding legacy software manuals and disks, there is digibarn.com who preserves these items.

“Dispose of” language will be used instead of “destroy.”

**Search Issues:** Caryn Ann brought up an issue that Michael Chastain (a Party supporter) had with the LPedia search and a way it can be refined. The differences between these issues and disambiguation were discussed. The Committee needs to keep in mind that we have to gear the site to be friendly to the casual user and how they would expect to be able to search for items. Joe Dehn is adding additional clarification to the home page. Ed Fochler is looking into the default behavior to see if this can be changed and simplified. Putting the search functionality in the sidebar would also be useful.

**Unnecessary Namespaces:** Ed Fochler will research into this issue and delete namespaces that are not necessary and not used.

**Disambiguation:** There are some county party names that may occur in several states. Andrew Kolstee has been making the disambiguation pages as these come up.

**Original John Hospers Statement of Principles:** This was purchased by a friend in the Ebay auction who is planning on donating this to the Party for display at Headquarters. Caryn Ann gave the background information that was discovered about the history of this document over the years.

**Misc:** Caryn Ann has ordered 5 out of the 10 bankers' boxes (cartons of 10) previously authorized.

**Ed Fochler loves us guys.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

**Next meeting is set for September 6, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**



## **MEETING SUMMARY September 6, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Michael Fucci, Andrew Kolstee, Chuck Moulton

Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. The Minutes/Summaries from August 16, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. Caryn Ann needs to remember that Ed's last name is pronounced like folklore. The agenda was re-ordered at Andrew Kolstee's request.

**Categories:** Caryn Ann has been moving categories around as per prior plans. She is also starting to move things into proper categories during routine edit patrols. This meeting the category of "Events" was discussed. Items currently in "History" are all over the place and need to be put in proper categories.

Presentations (such as the Tonie Nathan speech at the Houston cocktail party) were given as an example. Presentations that are given in multiple situations (same speech given at conferences for example) are different from one-off events. Links to these audios can be in multiple places, such as an individual page for a speech, the main event for which the speech was a part, and on the individual's own page. Are audios publications? Or an event? It was decided to keep these under events with subcategories of speeches, interviews, lectures, panel discussions etc.

Dates needs to be moved out of History (up a level), and in fact, that whole History section needs to be sorted differently and that category deleted. Caryn Ann will be working on this. "Libertarian Party Milestones" should be a category and "Formation of the Libertarian Party" would be found under that. A parallel category would be "World Events."

**Templates:** Andrew built a convention template and had noticed an inconsistency that needed to be cleared up. We will want to use a standardized format with State-Convention-Year. If there were any peculiarities and differences in how the state



parties named their conventions we will do a re-direct for those names to keep things consistent and not have to worry about how state parties did not follow a consistent pattern. This will also make it easy for users to scan a list. Disambiguations would be handled the same way we did with the common local party names with counties in multiple states. The only additional words that would be needed would be if it were a “special convention” – the assumption would be the annual convention so that would not need to be stated.

If there are discrete time periods in a continuing institution (such as the LNC in which the term spans are individual periods) those should be placed in parenthesis but not for a one-time event such as a convention. The parenthesis would then be considered or be a marker for pieces of a whole. The issue of the various iterations of the Radical Caucus was discussed as a disambiguation will need to be created.

The National Platform Committee though would not have parenthesis since it is a new institution formed for each convention, and the year reference would be for the year of the convention at which their proposals will be considered.

**Userboxes:** This will be continued next meeting after James gives some additional information over email. James explained that these are intended to be colourful badges for users to jazz up their pages. We need to get an artist to add images to these boxes or James can work on those.

**Records Archive Update:** Sarah and Caryn Ann will not be there for the next few weeks due to other obligations.

**Nolan Archive:** Joe B. has been offline working on his congressional campaign and has not had much progress but is getting back to work on this. In November, Joe B. will need to be trained on uploading and creating in LPedia itself.

**Categories:** Andrew Kolstee changed the state and local party templates. A new project needs to be undertaken to branch out further on our category re-organization. As an example, LNC meeting minutes were discussed. Presently they would be categorized under Records>Documents. Documents is not a good sub-category name, but it was imported from the prior structure.

So top-level would be Records with the following sub-categories:  
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>Financial Records  
Etc.

So it would be first by “type” and then potentially under those would be by geography.

**Templates:** Andrew Kolstee finished the state and local templates and still is drilling down to find all the stray ones. He has added templates to many “people” articles, and this is an ongoing project. Over 200 people now have the “people” infobox.

**Policy Updates:** Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies.

**Scanning:** The LP News will need the full ninety days to be completed. Caryn Ann has been keeping in touch with the vendor. Joe B. inquired where the records were sent as Hurricane Irma may hit North Carolina. Caryn Ann will inquire about their safety and mitigation measures. During the meeting she discovered that the facility is located in Brown’s Summit, North Carolina.

**Other Archives:** Joe Dehn has been looking into other archives and this is still a work in progress and is dependent upon decisions to be made at the LNC meeting.

**Per Page Licensing Notation:** Ed demonstrated how the template is triggering the per-page licensing notations at the bottom of the page. We could use a blank template to trigger this to reduce clutter on the page. Ed pointed out that there is text at the bottom of the page as well. Joe D. suggested that text be generated in the template only for the non-default licenses.

**Media Player Extension:** Joe D. installed the extension and gave an illustration of his prior concern over page clutter. The page for LNC Meeting 6 May 2012 was used. James noted that he couldn’t see images from videos since he has security settings that are blocking them. James suggested that perhaps an outline could be put around the videos to give the security-conscious user a clue that some content is missing. Joe D. stated that perhaps the labels to the left could also be a hyper-link. Joe D. will look into putting a shaded background or outline to solve James’ concern. Caryn Ann stated that after seeing this page, she is not concerned about the many



thumbnails as long as they are at the bottom of the page. It almost functions as a photo gallery.

**LNC Meeting, Report, and Recommendations:** Each motion presented by Caryn Ann passed with the amendment that the invoices and such should only be kept as far back as three years. The LNC was very pleased that there was a culling recommendation that they called an “anti-hoarding” clause. We will need to think ahead about a possible budget or Policy Manual amendment. Tim Hagan requested that Caryn Ann confer with him ahead of time.

**Search Issues:** Ed has not had a chance to look into this further. Caryn Ann referred Ed to the Audacity wiki that had a search feature called “Sphinx Search.”

**Unnecessary Namespaces:** Ed tested disabling the gadget namespaces on his test site with no issues so he will proceed with deleting those on the live site.

**Betacam Conversions:** Keith Thompson has the tapes to convert, and the shipping was approximately \$60. Caryn Ann submitted for reimbursement for these.

**Audio Conversions:** Caryn Ann had Wayne Harlos’ high-end TEAC deck repaired in order to work on these items.

**Video Digitization:** Caryn Ann provided a summary at the end of the minutes of her research into vendors and costs. Joe B. is not sure that we need to worry about up-conversion as that can likely be done on our end. The only reason to do up-conversion is for display on a large screen as the typical conversion is perfectly viewable on a computer screen. Caryn Ann discussed her recommendations for these. James had concerns over lossless video formats in the original conversion.

*Ed Fochler moved that we spend \$100 on some test conversions at the best rates. Joe B. seconded.*

Caryn Ann suggested that we send one of the short tapes each to the two preferred vendors to test both the tapes and the vendors. It is likely that the tapes are in the same condition as they have consistently been in the same environment and are from the same time period but allot up to \$150 plus shipping. Joe B. suggested that Caryn Ann check to be sure that these titles are not already on YouTube in order to prioritize.



Joe D. amended the motion as follows, and Joe B. seconded.

- *to spend up to the \$150 plus shipping to test out digitization with two different vendors.*

The amended Motion passed without objection.

As far as VHS tapes are concerned, Caryn Ann did research on these as well and discovered that when there are large quantities of these tapes, the recommendation is to obtain a VHS to DVD machine and do it ourselves. New machines would cost about \$500 with recommended models. (Funai Combination was one of the highest recommended machines). Both Joe D. and Joe B. have VHS to DVD machines already. Joe D. will test some of his own tapes to see how they come out to determine if he can do some of these conversions.

**YouTube Account:** Caryn Ann created a YouTube account with the name of LPHistoricalPreservation.

**Opinion Pieces:** Caryn Ann would like to discuss this at a future meeting, so this will be placed on the agenda so it is not forgotten.

**Broken Template:** James B. fixed the issues on the Temporary Platform page. We need to locate a hard copy in order to find an original of this as some of the text may not be correct. Joe D. is going to put it into the document namespace in the meantime.

**Framing of Statement of Principles:** Lauren Daugherty asked for the Committee's opinion on whether this should be a stand-alone item or be combined with another piece of our selection. Discussion was had about the layout and likely placement in the Alexandria office. There is a small reception area. It was decided that this should be a stand-alone piece due to both its significance and potential limited places for it to be displayed at Headquarters (there are also considerations of being away from sunlight and air conditioning vents). We will be bringing this piece to New Orleans.

**And Ed Fochler loves us guys.**



Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

**Next meeting is set for September 27, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**



## **MEETING SUMMARY September 27, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: (not noted due to recording failure)

**Note: The window was closed out without the recording and thus the summary is not as complete as is typical.**

Meeting was called to order at 4:04pm. The Minutes/Summaries from September 6, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia.

**Records Archive Update:** This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday.

**Nolan Archive:** Dr. Buchman will not be able to move much more on this until after the November election. He has uploaded several items including a 1971 libertarian conference.

**Categories:** Caryn Ann has been moving categories around as per prior plans. She is also starting to move things into proper categories during routine edit patrols. The question arose under the topic of "People" whether or not the common prefix of "Current and Former" is useful. It was decided that these would be discarded. The organization of the various positions at the national, state, and local level were discussed, and Caryn Ann will make those corrections.

Files and images will need to be categorized as a future task.

**Templates:** Andrew Kolstee will be compiling an index for these.

**Policy Updates:** Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies.



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**Scanning:** The LP News will need the full ninety days to be completed and is expected to be done the end of October.

**Audio/Video Tapes:** Caryn Ann explained the findings from the two video archive companies on the two test tapes. Out of the two tapes believed to be 2inch Quadraplex, one of them was in “helical” format which is a rarely used format from that time and only one known vendor can convert. Larry of [quadtapexfer.com](http://quadtapexfer.com) recommended that source (notes will be in video summary attached to October 11<sup>th</sup> agenda) and will prepare the tape by extensive baking and send. Larry has not invoiced for this work, so Caryn Ann would like to give him some business as he has been very helpful.

*Caryn Ann moved that an additional short quadraplex and several UMatric tapes be sent for an additional \$70 plus shipping (note: \$50 remained from prior authorization so this is for \$120 plus shipping). Ed Fochler seconded, and this passed without objection.*

Caryn Ann has donated about half of the shipping so far as an in-kind donation. A full breakdown will be in the next Committee report.

**Per Page Licensing Notation:** Ed is still working on this and has some research to do as the per-page notation seems to be specific by namespace as well.

**Media Player Extension:** Joe D. added graphical clues for those that have javascript disabled so that a media box is not appearing.

**Search Issues:** Ed has researched possible solutions and demonstrated a potential Google-based solution on the test site. The search results were very extensive and included texts of pdfs, but the result was unattractive. Ed will look into a way to improve the appearance, and Caryn Ann will check with the hosting company for their recommendations.

**VHS to DVD:** Caryn Ann shipped VHS tapes to Keith Thompson. She will check with him on the status. Joe Dehn tested his machine, and it did not work. Dr. Buchman checked his machine, and it did work.

**Audio Conversions:** Caryn Ann has not made further progress on these.



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**Amazon Drive:** Caryn Ann explained why there are a few images there along with the media files. It was decided that they can remain in that space.

**Tagline:** Caryn Ann suggested a byline be added to the front page. James will look into this. These taglines can be rotated out.

**Fundraising for framing of Statement of Principles:** \$300 was raised. Caryn Ann will be working on this with Lauren Daugherty.

**And it was confirmed that Ed Fochler loves us guys.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm (estimated)

**Next meeting is set for October 11, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**



## **MEETING SUMMARY October 11, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 11 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee, Nick Mangini, "Litterbox" (who never identified themselves)

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. The Minutes/Summaries from September 26, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia.

**Attendee Comments:** Andrew Kolstee requested clarification on the naming conventions for state conventions, i.e. should the word "state" be included as in "Colorado State Convention" versus "Colorado Convention." Prior minutes were revised and the naming convention is STATE-CONVENTION-YEAR, so the word "state" would be excluded.

**Records Archive Update:** This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday. Caryn Ann wanted to get uploaded training items that have been requested and hopes to get them up this week.

**Nolan Archive:** Dr. Buchman will not be able to move much more on this until after the November election.

**Categories:** Caryn Ann has been moving categories around as per prior plans, particularly removing the "current and former" lead-ins on some prior categories. Caryn Ann and Andrew have been doing a great deal of this work. Andrew will be adding the "defaultsort" option to the people infobox templates.

**Templates:** Andrew Kolstee will be compiling an index for these.

**Policy Updates:** Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies as per our last meeting.



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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Scanning:** The LP News are on their way with the hard drive. Caryn Ann was given an anticipated deliver date of next Tuesday.

**Audio/Video Tapes:** Caryn Ann gave a recap of the adventures with the broadcast tapes. One of the two quad tapes that were sent out has come back, and it is wonderful. The other turns out to be a different kind of tape (helical), which is rare, and only one facility (known of to the vendor) has this machine. The tape was baked by the original vendor and then sent off to the helical vendor. He attempted to play it, but it was too sticky, but he said that the environment makes a big difference and if he waits until February there is a small chance it might play. Caryn Ann instructed him to do so. We will have to make a further decision then. Additional tapes are going out this week to give some work to the video vendor that has helped us so much without any charge so far. Caryn Ann has been getting over the learning curve with Audacity and is starting on the audio files. The Betamax files need to be uploaded as well as numerous scanned files. Caryn Ann has a lot of moving parts to keep track of.

James Gholston pointed out that the logo used as an image on the You Tube audios is not the “official” one. Caryn Ann acknowledged this, but explained that even the modified “unofficial” logos are also part of the messy world of history. James wants to be sure we have the best reconstruction of the original for historical purposes.

**Per Page Licensing Notation:** Ed Fochler noted that the default licensing is by name-space as suspected, and has begun adding that to “Documents” and “Files.” Ed will be adding this to the “Talk” pages as well. Ed has already modified the appropriate templates. We will have this on the agenda for one more meeting to see if any other issues come up.

**Google-ification:** Ed was able to make the search function more visually attractive and clean on one page, and he has changed it on the main site. It is now pulling up items from the PDFs which is fantastic. MyWikis could not install the prior suggestion and are still exploring other options. They can continue to do so, and we can make a decision then. This may be a temporary solution as it seems that Google may be discontinuing this service.

**Framing the Statement of Principles:** The donor is nervous about shipping it to Lauren for framing and is looking into local options. He will be reporting back to Caryn Ann soon.



**Rotating Taglines:** James Gholston was going to handle this but he temporarily forgot about it. He will work on this.

**Omni-Outliner:** Caryn Ann demonstrated how she is using that to assist with the category planning.

**Appearance of Category Pages:** Caryn Ann brought up that the Category pages are just not very attractive but this may just be par for course. We need to start fishing around for a potential extension that may be able to do this as an expanding category tree though we need to be careful on installing too many extensions because of future maintenance problems.

**Page Deletions:** Caryn Ann asked Andrew for assistance in handling some pages that have been through the voting process. It turns out that each of these need to be merged or put into a talk page. James will take care of the three pending items.

**And it was confirmed that Ed Fochler finds us intriguing but is not sure if he loves us.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm (a record).

**Next meeting is set for October 25, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**



## **MEETING SUMMARY October 25, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman, Joe Dehn

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee, Chuck Moulton

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm. The Minutes/Summaries from October 11, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia.

**LP News:** The scanning job is done and came out fantastic. Michael Fucci has started working on posting these. The bill ended up right in the middle of the approved authority.

**Records Archive Update:** This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday.

**Nolan Archive:** Dr. Buchman will not be able to move much more on this until after the November election.

**Safe Deposit Box:** Caryn Ann has obtained a safe deposit box and has put one back-up and the Lyrasis disk in the box. This is a last-resort option, as this will likely be updated, at most, once a month.

**Licensing Notations:** This was carried-over in the event that there were any tweaks or comments. Ed Fochler added licensing to the appropriate Talk pages. The yellow boxes that contain additional information were left untouched and contain additional information. Ed just took care of the templates that were only dealing with licensing.

**Rotating Tag Lines:** James Gholston had forgotten to work on this, and a test was done during the meeting, but he had replaced all of the text rather than just adding an additional line. James will work on this between meetings.



**Categories:** A discussion was had on categorizing images and files. Andrew Kolstee will create a template for images that will disburse them into categories with an expanded description page. These descriptions can include links to relevant articles, in the style of a structured caption with a tagging template that would automatically generate the appropriate category. An image type should also be included, such as maps, logos, and photographs. This would not include things such as scans of newsletters which are just an alternate way to view a document. Additionally, there is the possibility of confusion over the use of the word “tag” here and the word “tag” in Wikimedia maintenance.

**Templates:** Andrew Kolstee started an index for these at LPedia: Templates. The bolded ones have complete documentations.

**Policy Updates:** Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies as per our last meeting.

**Embed PDF:** Ed tried out the example on the test site, and it worked fine, so he put it up on the main site. Joe Dehn viewed the example on the Sandbox and found that it was not viewing properly. After experimentation, it was determined that this was a problem that can develop dependent upon an individual’s user settings in their browser. There does not appear to be any way to go to the full view from the framed view so that the actual document link would need to be included. Caryn Ann explained the intended use with an analogous example of how we use the photo gallery view. Any use outside of those functions could be fixed by an administrator. This extension will be left installed for us to use and potentially re-visit later. It is agreed that this was not intended to be the default or normal way to use PDFs such as LP News.

**Audio/Video Tapes:** Caryn Ann has sent out additional tapes to the video archiver that had provided us free advice and there are VHS tapes sent out to Keith Thompson. Caryn Ann is still working on the 1971 audios digitized by Joe Buchman.

**AutoWikiBrowser:** This was suggested by Andrew in order to help Caryn Ann in her category cleanup work.

**Requests for Deletion:** Andrew explained how to move items from the list into the archives (manual editing) and to archive the actual page by changing `{{RFD-header}}` to `{{RFD-archive}}`. Andrew will make that policy page official.



**Potential Damage from Database Cleanup:** There was a stray talk page for an article page that no longer exists that had been vandalized and written over with the original lost in the January database cleanup. It was found through the Internet Archive that the content was not substantial nor unique historical items. This is the only item that we have found so it does not seem likely that some spelunking project will need to be planned. For this talk page, we will simply make a note on the page stating what happened.

**Issues Articles:** We discussed on how to handle issues of interest or controversy within the Libertarian Party, and if we really want any articles of that nature. LPedia. Any issue topic would need to directly relate to the LP and the issue. These pages can link to other articles that discuss the various views within the Party and official statements of the Party.

**Framing the Statement of Principles:** The donor is nervous about shipping it to Lauren for framing and is looking into local options. He will be reporting back to Caryn Ann soon.

**Google Search:** Joe Dehn had questioned why ads were appearing on the search results. Ed noted that this is the cost of a free service. We are still looking for another solution. This solution does search with PDFs which is really useful. The title "Google Site Results" is part of the Google service and not something we chose. Most people familiar with standard Google search results will understand that the top items are advertisements, and they are clearly labeled as such. Ed does not want to repeal until we have something to replace. This does not solve the original complaint but has improved the search results. MyWikis noted that they would have to purchase a new server in order to install the preferred option.

**LNC Budget/Meeting:** Caryn Ann discussed efforts to get some answers for a proposed budget for the December meeting. Caryn Ann is going to propose a \$5,000 budget. Time frames were discussed for suggesting a policy manual revision for the LPHPC.

**Jim Turney Archive:** We will make a page with a link to his video archive.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.



# **T LIBERTARIAN**

**PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Next meeting is set for November 8, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**



## **MEETING SUMMARY November 8, 2017**

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman, Joe Dehn

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee, Marcus Rand, Michael Fucci

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm. The Minutes/Summaries from October 25, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia.

**LP News:** James Gholston asked about any original graphics found. Caryn Ann Harlos noted that she and Sarah Ellsworth are still very much in sorting mode and that James is welcome to come to Colorado and stay in her guest room to go to the storage to explore.

**Records Archive Update:** This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday.

**Nolan Archive:** Dr. Buchman is moving the items into a filing cabinet which is better for scanning. He is also getting back to the scanning and needs to learn how to put things on LPedia. Kevin McCormick might be sending a box of Arizona state party items to Joe.

**Categories:** Andrew Kolstee is still working on a template for categorizing images. The committee discussed how to separate out "files" and "images" in conjunction with the article and document namespaces. It was decided that there is no need for a separate file category as these documents are categorized elsewhere and will appear under those categories as "Media in category X." Caryn Ann asked about whether the preview in the category page could be more attractive other than the Adobe PDF generic logo. Andrew will be creating on separate templates for images (such as with people) with others to be created for publications, maps, etc.



The organization of periodicals with the index in the category listing was discussed to prevent the index from being buried in the lists of issues (ex. See, Free New York). Also the individual articles for the individual issues should follow our naming conventions and be in the document namespace (ex. Document: New York Newsletter January 2001 Free New York).

**Hidden Categories:** Caryn Ann asked about the potential utility of hiding maintenance categories and used Wikipedia as an example. However, that doesn't hide them entirely from the article pages but does hide them from the category tree. After discussion, it was decided that this was good to put on our radar but premature to consider at this time.

**Templates:** Caryn Ann asked for a tutorial on using templates from Andrew.

**Policy Updates:** Joe Dehn has resumed updating.

**Audio/Video Tapes:** Caryn Ann is still progressing slowly on audios due to other priorities. More 1970s and 1980s tapes have been completed by our vendor and will be shipped next week. Keith Thompson will be working on VHS tapes as he can at his workplace.

**AutoWikiBrowser:** Caryn Ann and Andrew will be meeting after this meeting to train on AWB with Parallels.

**Budget:** There is about \$2,500 left in our budget (with some misc. charges for Amazon and this last batch of videos still to be charged off). Now that the big project of LP News is done, we need to make a decision on what to do with the remainder of the 2017 budget. There is an additional \$400 earmarked for the preservation of the Statement of Principles document that is still pending. We will not lose any of this year's budget if we do not use it all since it was specifically raised and earmarked for the historical work.

James Gholston suggested we create a prioritization list for any expenditures to guide spending decisions, particularly for when budget periods are ending.

Lyrasis did a fantastic job with LP News but we need to become a paid member if we are going to use them again. Caryn Ann brought up items in storage that are not practical for us to digitize ourselves, such as oversized and delicate newsprint.



There is a large quantity of these in the state party newsletters. Caryn Ann recommends joining Lyrasis as the value is well worth the membership fee (\$500/year). She does not know how the year is calculated (annual, calendar, etc.) and will find that out.

*Motion: Ed Fochler moved that we spend the \$500 for Lyrasis membership. [Discussion continued and this was put on hold]*

Caryn Ann will concentrate on separately out priority items to send to Lyrasis and make a decision on what to send out depending upon price quotes. She estimates that we have about (very roughly) 150 oversized multi-page items, and there are other items that are not oversized but fragile or old or really in need of high-quality handling which would bump up the quantity to an estimate 300. We also do not have any volunteers that have stepped up to do scanning work outside of Dr. Buchman who is concentrating on the Nolan archive.

Whether or not we have a 2018 budget, we will always be able to fund-raise which Caryn Ann will be doing in any circumstance as her goal is always to cover as much of our costs so as not to come out of any LNC budget line.

There is the other issue of the videos which are nearing the end of their recoverable life. Ed Fochler is in favour of concentrating on the print items as it is more immediately useful and amenable to searching. Joe Dehn would like us to concentrate on both and right now just decide on what to do over the next few months, not for the next year. We can do the print items now and the videos in the first quarter of 2018. Joe would like to see an inventory before we send. Also, we need to find out if there are any minimums.

*Amended Motion: Ed Fochler moved that we spend the \$500 for 12 months of Lyrasis membership.*

*This passed without objection.*

**LNC Budget/Meeting:** Caryn Ann will attempt to have a report done with enough time for committee review but time is short with doing a regional report so no promises can be made.



# LIBERTARIAN

## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Interns/Volunteers:** Caryn Ann has received about four applications and Robert Kraus sent over some other unsolicited applications they received earlier this year. She will be interviewing and on-boarding qualified applicants (which is pretty much anyone that seems capable of the work and understands directions). Some of the applicants are simple volunteers, others are actual interns for school credit, and others are simply looking to build a resume. The interns can work on the project of creating separate pages for the LP News issues.

**LPedia Activity:** There has been a spike in activity with some activists taking a real interest in curating their state pages.

**Special Copyright Notice:** Ed Fochler was going to work on a per-page icon for the pages that have special copyright restrictions.

**LPedia Tutorials:** Dr. Buchman asked if we had any tutorials on actual page creation which would be something to consider. A brief demonstration was done during the meeting. An example of each type of page (candidate, activist, etc.) would be a great addition to the Manual of Style.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

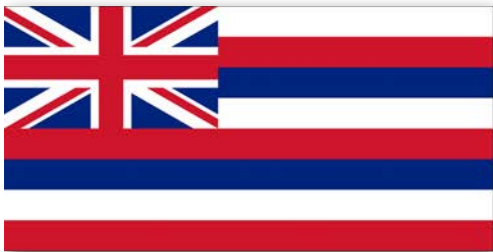
**Next meeting is set for November 29, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.**

See the following 107 pages for the Region 1 Report

# LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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## REGION 1 REPORT



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

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 9-10, 2017

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# REGION 1 OVERVIEW

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

Due to the geographical nature of this region, spanning five time zones and extending from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), in-person contact between the Regional and the Alternate Representative and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. The Regional Representative will attempt to attend the 2017 affiliate conventions in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Washington, and Wyoming. She was unable to attend Utah and Kansas as they were scheduled on the same day as Washington. Convention appearances outside the Region included Oregon and New Mexico (both regionless states). The Hawaii convention just took place and due to its short length and distance/cost, she could not attend, and there were no possibilities for remote attendance. For 2018, the Regional Representative has planned to attend Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, and Utah and outside the Region in New Hampshire and Nebraska. Regular contact is maintained with the affiliates and members through email, phone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group, and informational website. Plans are being considered for a regional teleconference to hear from members. Further, the Regional Representative has requested notice of affiliate Board meetings and will remotely attend as many as possible as well as having an ongoing request to be added to any electronic mailings.

## National Memberships

### July 2017 National Membership Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	94	37
ARIZONA	340	16
COLORADO	525	10
HAWAII	62	43
KANSAS	145	34
MONTANA	74	41
UTAH	112	35
WASHINGTON	524	11
WYOMING	35	50

### Nov. 2017 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	87	36
ARIZONA	325	16
COLORADO	482	9
HAWAII	55	44
KANSAS	135	34
MONTANA	72	40
UTAH	95	35
WASHINGTON	459	11
WYOMING	31	51

## YEAR OVER YEAR TRENDS TO NEAREST PERCENTAGE

ALASKA MEMBERSHIP DOWN 15%

ARIZONA MEMBERSHIP DOWN 5%

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP DOWN  
9%

HAWAII MEMBERSHIP DOWN 12%

KANSAS MEMBERSHIP DOWN 8 %

MONTANA MEMBERSHIP DOWN  
3%

UTAH MEMBERSHIP DOWN 18%

WASHINGTON MEMBERSHIP  
DOWN 14%

WYOMING MEMBERSHIP DOWN  
13%

<sup>1</sup> The following Region 1 states earned automatic appointments to the Platform Committee based on their BSM numbers: Alaska, Colorado, and Washington

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## State Party Memberships

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As per *Ballot Access News*: Libertarian registration is now higher than it has ever been. Although Green Party and Constitution Party registration increased between November 2016 and mid-2017, in the past those parties had higher registration totals than they do now.

### States with Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Registrations	Registered Voters	Percentage Libertarian	Change Since 7/17 Report
ALASKA <sup>2</sup>	7,561	523,653	1.4%	-19%
ARIZONA <sup>3</sup>	31,941	3,665,316	.87%	+.17%
COLORADO	45,268	3,774,852	1.19%	+1.7%
KANSAS	15,463	1,776,703	.87%	Same #s
UTAH <sup>4</sup>	13,685	1,543,202	.88%	+1.6%
WYOMING <sup>5</sup>	2,395	262,660	.90%	+.25%

### States without Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Members	How Determined	Growth Since 4/15/17 Report
HAWAII	56	Nat'l BSM	-24.3%
MONTANA <sup>6</sup>	72	Nat's BSM	-6.66%
WASHINGTON <sup>7</sup>	558	Nat'l BSM	-17.7%

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<sup>2</sup> The AKLP Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to ether the registration must be Libertarian registration).

<sup>3</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>4</sup> The LPUT Constitution defines membership differently as including dues-payers and pledgers but not requiring partisan Libertarian registration.

<sup>5</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>6</sup> The MTLP is re-organizing and has a larger voluntary membership than the BSM numbers.

<sup>7</sup> The LPWA has about 385 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 .87%.

### Colorado

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

### Hawaii

The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively, 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. 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.

## 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 in May.

### Arizona

The 2017 Convention took place on January 21, 2017. I was in attendance. The 2018 Convention will be on January 28, 2018, and I plan on attending.

### Colorado

The 2017 Convention took place on March 24-26, 2017. I was in attendance. Dates are still being set for the 2018 Convention, but it is anticipated that it will be in March.

### Hawaii

The 2017 Convention took place on December 3, 2017. I was not able to attend.

### 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.

### 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 will likely be in April.

### Utah

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

### 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 is set for February 16-18.

## Wyoming

The Convention took place September 23, 2017. I was in attendance. There 2018 nominating Convention will take place in the first quarter of 2018.

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## Membership Growth

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I have been obtaining the lists of Regional lapsed members for Region 1 and making calls to encourage renewal earlier this year. I also have been promoting National memberships at the state conventions and have personally signed up about 150 new members between in-person and on-line renewals. I am being sent to several conventions in 2018 by the national party to recruit. I constantly coach and encourage my region regarding national memberships.

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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 entitled to LNC representation will remain the same. I will be working with the Regional Chairs next year on advance signatures on a Regional agreement and determine if they would like any change from the standard agreement. I will also be speaking with the Chairs of New Mexico and Oregon (presently region-less but geographically similar to other Region 1 states) to invite them to join Region 1 if the current Region 1 Chairs support.

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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. I advised them of the potential for adding interactive maps on their sites (as Alaska has done) and for those with partisan registration, this type of registration promotion that Colorado is using:



# ALASKA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *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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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	7,561. This represents 1.4% of the registered voters (523,653). This is numerically a 19% decrease since my last report, but the overall number of voters has decreased as well. The affiliate reports that younger members are getting involved at an increased rate.
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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 around 24.
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<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
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<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>8</sup></p> <p>2016 US Senate candidate Joe Miller received 29.39% of the vote.</p>
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<sup>8</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.

	2018 is a ballot access year.
<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 2014/2016</b>	4 / 3 for statewide races. Will update for 2018 with next report.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$5K yearly. A Café Press account has also been opened for potential revenue.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	The website has been re-vamped with a fresh look and re-launched. I note that the old site is still up and ranking high in Google searches ( <a href="http://www.alaskalibertarian.com">http://www.alaskalibertarian.com</a> ) and alerted Chair Watts. Facebook has 4,272 likes and is now ranked at 26 which is up two ranks since my last report. I suggested that the affiliate might want to look 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>	87. This places Alaska at 36 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is up one ranking since my last

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report and down 15% over a one-year period. Alaska has qualified for Platform Committee appointment and notified National of its choice.

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## Governing Documents

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### PLATFORM:

On website (<http://www.alaskalp.org/platform.html>). Adopted May 7, 2016.

### BYLAWS:

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

### CONSTITUTION:

On website (<http://www.alaskalp.org/constitution.html>). Adopted May 7, 2016.

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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 2017 Convention took place May 6, 2017. I attended as a keynote speaker. The 2018 Convention will be in May.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

Party leadership may change at the May Convention. After the convention, I will be in touch with Chair Watts in the new year regarding the re-formation of Region 1.

## DELEGATES:

There is no procedure in the AKLP Bylaws or Constitution for national delegate selection. Generally they do not fill their delegations (unless at convention with out-of-state delegates) because of the distance and expense to travel. When people step up and declare that they can attend, the Board selects delegates. Chair Watts is uncertain if he will be able to attend or how many delegates that AK will send.

PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 2

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 5

PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 7

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## State Level Membership

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The AKLP Constitution defines members as registered Libertarians voters who pay dues. That number is presently around 24.

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## 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.



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## Elections

### Current and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The new website will concentrate on candidate recruitment for 2018. So far, Mark Fish has announced for State House and has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fishforhouse2018/>).

#### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*

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

#### *PRIMARIES:*

Alaska is a blanket primary state.<sup>9</sup> The date of the mid-term congressional primary is August 21, 2018.

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<sup>9</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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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.<sup>10</sup>

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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>10</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).

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.

From *Ballot Access News*: On the evening of May 17, the Alaska's regular legislative session adjourned for the year. Governor Bill Walker immediately called the legislature into special session, but the special session can only act on matters that the Governor listed, and election law matters are not on his list. The main purpose of the special session is to pass a budget.

Bills that failed to pass include HB 5434, the National Popular Vote Plan bill; and HB 200, for a top-two primary. The sponsor of the top-two bill, Representative Gabrielle Ledoux (R-Anchorage) says she may try to get her idea on the ballot as an initiative in 2018. Ledoux is one of several Alaska Republican representatives who voted to organize the House under Democratic Party leadership.

#### MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

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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. I request that Chair Watts send me any that might be escaping my filters.

I suggested that a Press Release be issued on the mayor re-appointment of Richard Robb.

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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. The affiliate has issued a Resolution on the Alaska Permanent Fund as follows:

## RESOLUTION ON THE RESTORATION OF THE PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND FOR ALL ALASKANS

*Whereas Alaskans' resources rights have been held in common in exchange for Statehood;*

*Whereas apportion royalties from these resources pay the owners of those resources, Alaskans, dividends under the Permanent Fund Dividend;*

*Whereas the statutory disbursement required of these funds - essentially rent on Alaskans' property – go unpaid in favor of money to special interest groups;*

*Whereas the Permanent Fund Dividend is a bulwark against irresponsible expansion of state government;*

*Whereas Alaska Libertarians were instrumental in getting the Permanent Fund Dividend established and are determined to preserve that legacy;*

*Whereas numerous Alaskan statesmen, elected leaders, and governors have upheld the precept that each resident is in fact a co-owner of state resources held in trust, that these joint holdings earn royalties that are in fact the property of each Alaskan;*

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Alaskan Libertarian Party (ALP):*

- 1. urges all state legislators to restore and return all dividend payments that have been wrongfully taken;*
- 2. urges that all future payments be disbursed using the current statutory calculation formula;*
- 3. urges that an amendment to the Alaska Constitution be written and passed forever protecting and establishing these property rights for all Alaskan residents; and*
- 4. supports any and all efforts toward this end, be they executive, legislative, or citizens' referendum.*

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

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Chair Watts urges that the LNC re-consider a resolution on marijuana in light of the signs of the increase of the drug war. Further, the National Party need to focus on credibility and decorum issues that end up harming the state affiliates.

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## Statement from the Chair

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It's time to earn respect. We have been squandering what political clout we had earned in the last election on viewpoints obscure to the common citizen. We now have an opportunity in the next cycle to correct this in our daily actions and comments at all levels. In order to "earn the right" to sell people on Libertarianism, we have to connect with them where they are. Every single person who wakes up to the libertarian ideal finds themselves in the midst of the state. Let's lay down some breadcrumbs of understanding so they can find their way to us, not set them on fire for being there in the first place. In peaceful freedom.

*-Jon Watts, Chair*

# ARIZONA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: John Buttrick, [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: Mike Shipley

Assistant Secretary: Andrea Garcia (not yet on website)

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. I had an extensive discussion with Chair Buttrick about the role and function of the state party as it relates to county parties as objections were made by a member to the information given by the prior Chair. 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

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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### At a Glance Statistics

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Number of Libertarians	31,941. This represents .87% of the registered voters (3,665,316). The numbers represent a .17% increase since my last report.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters. <sup>11</sup>
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The AZLP has ballot access. However, there is also a requirement on a per-county level for ballot

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<sup>11</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.

	<p>access.</p> <p>.67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%).</p> <p>Currently has .87% of the registered voters.</p>
<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	18 / 26 (2 non-partisan). Will update for 2018 with next report.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	This year has been spectacular for AZLP fundraising and will total over 20K.
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Website is modern and current having been recently re-vamped. However, I alerted Chair Buttrick that the Constitution and Bylaws are not easily located and that such are important for members to be educated about their rights. I was able to find the last copies using the WayBack Machine on the Internet Archive. Facebook page likes are at 5,704. This would place Arizona about 19 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down one rank since my last report. I suggested linking their community group with their Facebook page.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	The AZLP moved to NationBuilder this year and now has a complete database with members and supporters. The state hasn't released their "official" registration numbers yet but their database has 37,818 current or past registered Libertarian voters. 68% of these contacts include phone numbers and full addresses based on voter

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registration. While building out their NationBuilder database they have worked to add email addresses for members as well. They started 2017 with less than 200 email addresses and now have over 2,000. The tech committee has set a goal to have over 5,000 email addresses by the end of 2018 with a stretch goal of 10,000.

#### **BSM Members**

325. This places Arizona at 16<sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is the same as my last report and done 5% over a one-year period which is better than most of the region with the exception of Montana.

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## Governing Documents

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### *PLATFORM:*

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

### *BYLAWS:*

Available to members who sign up on website. Amended January 2005.

### *CONSTITUTION:*

Not on website but located through WayBack Machine

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20160528013728/http://www.azlp.org/resources/view.php?id=8>). 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.

"WE PLEDGE OUR PARTY TO WORK BY ALL PEACEFUL  
MEANS TO ELIMINATE THE INTERFERENCE BY  
GOVERNMENT IN THE VOLUNTARY AND CONTRACTUAL  
RELATIONSHIPS AMONG INDIVIDUALS."  
- AZLP ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION



Until Aug 26, 2018

### AZLP Board Meeting

Classic Crust Pizza

The AZLP Board holds our monthly business meeting on 4th Sundays from 4 to 5:30pm, immediately followed by our monthly social at 6pm (listed separately as Capital "L" Night Out).

Come to find out where we're at and where we're going, and stay to socialize with other activists. Newcomers welcome but consider directing them toward the social their first few times at least, as the business meeting side of things can be boring for people who aren't yet in tune with our political culture.... [More](#) | [Less](#)

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## State Convention



The 2017 Convention was held on January 21, 2017, and I was in attendance as a featured speaker. New officers were elected, and a new Platform was adopted. They are required to have their next convention in January 2018 in Tucson (the date is presently January 28, 2017 In Tucson- **not on Facebook or website**). I am exploring possible attendance. The statutory officers will be elected at that time due to Bylaws requirements of any mid-term appointees to these positions having to run for election at the next convened Convention.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

Party leadership will change at the January convention. After the convention, I will be in touch with the new AZLP Chair (Chair Buttrick is not re-running) to discuss region re-formation. It appears that the affiliate does allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

### DELEGATES:

This is the procedure in the AZLP Bylaws (last amended 2005) for selection of delegates to the National Convention:

**17. Delegates to the National Convention of the National Libertarian Party:** At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the State Committee that immediately precedes the convening of a national convention of the national Libertarian Party, the Board of Directors shall present to the State Committee a plan for selecting delegates who shall be eligible to attend this national convention. At this meeting of the State Committee, members of the State Committee may propose any amendments they wish to this plan. After considering amendments, members of the State Committee at this meeting shall vote on this plan. If the plan passes, delegate selection to the national convention shall proceed. If the plan fails to pass, the State Committee shall modify the plan and continue to vote on the plan until it passes in which case delegate selection to the national convention shall finally proceed. If the State Committee finds it impossible to pass a plan for delegate selection, then the Party and State Committee shall send no delegates to the national convention.

PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 7

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 16

PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 23

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## State Level Membership

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## Sub-Affiliates

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

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

In addition to Maricopa County, the AZLP website lists affiliates in the following counties: Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, and Yuma. Cochise and Yuma counties were conducting voter registration drives in order to meet their ballot access percentage requirements. Chair Buttrick reports that Yuma County was successful but that Cochise County might be low (however in reviewing the Secretary of State's website, the totals at the beginning of October were .76% in Cochise County and .63% in Yuma County).

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## Elections

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Current and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate will be starting on petitions for the 2018 cycle early and plan to have a Libertarian on every single ballot access line if possible. While the ballot access laws are oppressive, they have to work with them the best that they can.

Declared candidates so far as per the AZLP website:

Merissa Hamilton (Governor - <https://www.hamilton4az.com>)

Kevin McCormick (Governor - <http://www.mccormickforliberty.com>)

Doug Marks (U.S. Senate - <https://www.doug2018.com>)



Just prior to the submission of this report, Nicholas Sarwark (current Libertarian Party Chair) announced his candidacy for Phoenix Mayor.

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. There may be several more candidates for the governor's race which will go to primary in late August (and be the first honest-to-goodness competitive primary since about 1998) and need to obtain about 4,000 signatures each to be listed.

#### *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>12</sup> This primary will take place August 28, 2017.

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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 .87% 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.

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

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<sup>12</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.

same burden in write-in votes which puts the AZLP in a conundrum since their Primary is closed, yet the figures that the write-ins have to meet include independents/undeclared. In some areas, it would be mathematically impossible for the write-in to obtain the required number of votes from the pool of registered Libertarians.

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. Chair Buttrick does not believe that any decision will come down in time to possibly 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:*

From *Ballot Access News*: Last year, Project Vote sued the Arizona Secretary of State over the high price for a member of the public to obtain the list of registered voters. Mostly in response to the lawsuit, this year the legislature passed HB 2412, which lowers the cost of obtaining the statewide list electronically from approximately \$30,000 to approximately \$500. Afterwards, Project Vote withdrew the lawsuit, which had been *Project Vote, Inc. v Reagan*, 2:16cv-1253.

## 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.



DEC 30	<b>Precinct Walk - Queen Creek</b> Sat 9 AM · Shared to Pinal County Libertarian Party	20852 E Ocotillo Rd, Queen...
JAN 6	<b>Precinct Walk - Butler</b> Sat 9 AM · 5 guests	5921 W Northern Ave, Glen...
JAN 8	<b>Legalization Rally/Signature Drive</b> Mon 9 AM · Shared to Safer Arizona	1700 W Washington St
JAN 13	<b>Precinct Walk - Tuthill</b> Sat 9 AM · Hosted by Doug Marks for US Senate 2018	1829 N Verrado Way, Bucke...
JAN 20	<b>Precinct Walk - Pyramid Peak</b> Sat 9 AM · 1 guest	6525 W Happy Valley Rd, G...
JAN 27	<b>Precinct Walk - Wigwam</b> Sat 9 AM · 1 guest	44 N Old Litchfield Rd, Litc...
FEB 3	<b>Precinct Walk - Indian Springs</b> Sat 9 AM · Hosted by Doug Marks for US Senate 2018	1250 S Alma School Rd, Me...
FEB 10	<b>Precinct Walk - Black Canyon</b> Sat 9 AM · 3 guests	2320 W Peoria Ave, Phoeni...
FEB 17	<b>Precinct Walk - Pinnacle Peak</b> Sat 9 AM · 1 guest	10600 E Crescent Moon Dr,...
FEB 24	<b>Precinct Walk - Palo Verde</b> Sat 9 AM · 3 guests	5166 W Olive Ave, Glendale...
MAR 3	<b>Precinct Walk - Galveston</b> Sat 9 AM · 1 guest	2800 W Chandler Blvd, Cha...
MAR 10	<b>Precinct Walk - Hudson</b> Sat 9 AM · 1 guest	1740 E Broadway Rd, Temp...
MAR 17	<b>Precinct Walk - Escondido</b> Sat 9 AM MST · 1 guest	10662 E Southern Ave, Mes...

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## Finances & Fundraising

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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. In 2017 the affiliate received \$382 from this source

There were extraordinarily successful fund-raising drives since my last report. Here are some of the supporting graphics for these drives. Mike Shipley is a talented graphic designer who produces these items for the affiliate.



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## Media Coverage

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Significant press mentions include:

<https://kdminer.com/news/2017/sep/28/libertarians-get-word-out-andy-devine-days-rally/>

[http://www.havasunews.com/news/libertarian-party-grows-in-mohave-county/article\\_ge584508-c1f7-11e7-8442-1fc551d185dc.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](http://www.havasunews.com/news/libertarian-party-grows-in-mohave-county/article_ge584508-c1f7-11e7-8442-1fc551d185dc.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

# Arizona Libertarians launch referendum to repeal ballot-initiative barriers

by Kim Ruff and Carla Howell

**D**uring the 2017 legislative session, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey signed into law several bills, including H.B. 2404, a bill that severely limits voter choice—and which Libertarians in the state aim to kill. It requires the sponsors of referendums, recalls, and initiatives to pay professional petitioners by the hour, rather than per signature, which makes placing measures on the ballot cost-prohibitive for grassroots organizations. It also opens the door for frivolous lawsuits.

On March 30, Grassroots Citizens Concerned, a legislative watchdog and citizen advocacy group, filed a referendum to repeal H.R. 2404 with the Arizona secretary of state.

**Shipley: “We’re going all out to get this referendum on the ballot so that the initiative process in Arizona remains viable, ensuring citizens have a powerful voice in government.”**

The group, which calls its campaign “#Refer2404,” was founded by Mike Shipley, chair of Outright Libertarians and secretary of the Arizona Libertarian Party, and Kim Ruff, Arizona state coordinator and vice chair of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus.

They have until August 10 to gather 75,000 valid signatures on this statewide measure to ensure it will be referred

to voters on the 2018 ballot. As of May 17, they had gathered 5,000 signatures from volunteers.

The group is well-organized. They built coalitions with like-minded grassroots organizations, expanding their volunteer base to 8,000 people, and they set up team leaders in seven of Arizona’s 15 counties.

They established recurring collection points throughout the state where volunteers can turn in their completed petitions and have them notarized.

They sent multiple press releases tracking the campaign’s progress to over 3,000 contacts in television, radio, print, and online media.

The campaign has been featured in several periodicals, including the *Arizona Republic* and *Phoenix New Times*.

Using GoFundMe, by May 17 they had raised \$4,172 toward a goal of \$10,000—to pay for printing and shipping petitions, notary licenses for team leaders, website and social media, event planning, tabling, and outreach.

“This campaign has taken off like a rocket in just six weeks,” said Shipley. “We’re going all out to get this referendum on the ballot so that the initiative process in Arizona remains viable, ensuring citizens have a powerful voice in government.” •

**Website:** [Refer2404.org](http://Refer2404.org)

**Facebook page:** [Facebook.com/Refer2404](https://www.facebook.com/Refer2404)



## Other



The marijuana bill did not pass, and it will take another two years to get something else on the ballot. This effort has been started with Safer Arizona: Legalize 2018 which is supported by the AZLP (<https://www.facebook.com/SaferArizona2018/> and <https://saferarizona.com>).

In March of 2017, the Arizona legislature passed a bill that sets the financial bar for initiatives and referendums higher than ever before (from the Refer2404 website). Arizona activist Mike Shipley had been spearheading involvement with a ballot initiative to repeal this bill and gathering signatures to get it on the ballot. The deadline for this was August 8, 2017, and although the requisite signatures it was a grassroots movement involving citizens from all political spectrums and had garnered good will and publicity.

Upcoming issues and opportunities will include a referendum that would undo school vouchers and raise public school teachers' salaries and the face for Jeff Flakes Senate seat.

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

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Chair Buttrick communicated two things: 50-state ballot access and candidate support. We had an extensive discussion of the developments with regards to national support of candidates and my commitment to support ballot access encumbrances (I have voted yes on each one; my predecessor had a different philosophy and voted no).

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## Statement from the Chair

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In Arizona we are looking forward to a very active and successful 2018. We are financially stable and prosperous. Our state convention will be held in Tucson in January. Virtually all state offices will be up for election at that time. We will also be setting in place our procedure for selecting delegates to the New Orleans convention. Several important elections are set for next November. Our Gubernatorial race promises to be exciting because we apparently will have multiple Libertarian Candidates vying for the nomination at our primary in August. While no candidate has yet announced for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Jeff Flake I am hopeful that we can field a committed Libertarian. Also, the non-partisan Phoenix mayoral seat will be open and there are at least rumors that a strong Libertarian may enter the race. Our appeal to the 9th Circuit challenging the constitutionality of the new Arizona signature roadblocks to third party candidates has been filed and our fingers are crossed that justice will prevail and we can again enjoy relatively hassle free ballot status without spending inordinate amounts of time and effort simply to get our candidates names on the ballot.

*-John Buttrick, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Wayne Harlos ([chair@lpcolorador.org](mailto:chair@lpcolorador.org))  
Vice Chair: Richard Longstreth ([vicechair@lpcolorador.org](mailto:vicechair@lpcolorador.org))  
Treasurer: John Hjersman ([treasurer@lpcolorador.org](mailto:treasurer@lpcolorador.org))  
Records: Mike Spalding ([recordsdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:recordsdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Membership: Steve Gallant ([membershipdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:membershipdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Communications: Caryn Ann Harlos ([communicationsdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:communicationsdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Outreach: Kevin Gulbranson ([outreachdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:outreachdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Regions: Daniel Lutz ([regionsdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:regionsdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Campaigns: Kim Tavendale ([campaignsdirector@lpcolorador.org](mailto:campaignsdirector@lpcolorador.org))  
Legislative: Michael Stapleton ([legislative@lpcolorador.org](mailto:legislative@lpcolorador.org))  
Fundraising: Vacant

#### *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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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	45,268. This represents 1.19% of the registered voters (3,774,852) and is the same percentage-wise from the last Region 1 report.
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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>	The LPCO has ballot access.  The access requirement is 1,000 registered Libertarian voters.
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<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	46 / 26. Will update for 2018 with next report.
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<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$12K yearly
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<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Page likes are at 24,801. This would place
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Colorado about 4<sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. The affiliate has a dedicated social media volunteer team. Website is current and managed by an IT professional.

**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.

**Database?**

Yes through NationBuilder and managed by an IT professional.

**BSM Members**

482. This places Colorado at 19<sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up one rank since my last report, and a 9% decrease over a one-year period. Colorado earned an automatic Platform Committee appointment but still has to make that appointment.

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## Governing Documents

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*PLATFORM:*

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/platform](http://www.lpcolorado.org/platform)). Adopted March, 2017.

*BYLAWS:*

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/bylaws](http://www.lpcolorado.org/bylaws)). Adopted March, 2017.

*CONSTITUTION:*

On website ([http:// http://www.lpcolorado.org/constitution](http://www.lpcolorado.org/constitution)). Adopted March, 2017.

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## Board Meetings

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

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention was held for March 24-26, 2017. Officer elections and governing document amendments took place. The Convention was a smashing success with outstanding ticket sales and fundraising. The 2018 Convention is planned for March 2018.



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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### 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 does **not** allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

### Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: All delegates must have been members or have been pre-registered to become members of the state Party for at least ninety days immediately prior to the first day of the business in which they are elected and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

Section 2: The Party Chair shall announce to the Convention body the number of delegates and the number to be selected by the Convention.

Section 3: Nominations for delegate positions shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves.

Each member in attendance at the Convention shall cast a single vote for each delegate candidate of his or her choice. The total votes cast by each member shall not exceed the number of delegates to be selected. Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of those voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining delegate positions. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are delegate positions to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected.

Section 4: After the delegates are elected, alternates may be selected by a majority of those voting.

Section 5: The duly elected delegates shall immediately select a delegation chair and determine their own substitution procedures. Such substitutions shall be made without regard to Congressional District representation. A list of the delegates and alternates, and a description of the substitution procedures, shall be submitted by the delegation chair to the State Chair and the secretary of the national Libertarian Party within seven (7) days after the Convention is adjourned.

Chair Harlos will be attending.

PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 10

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 24

PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 34

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## State Level Membership

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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

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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. This is a focus of the newly elected Regions Director. Regular datadumps are now being provided to the affiliates and development groups to spur growth.

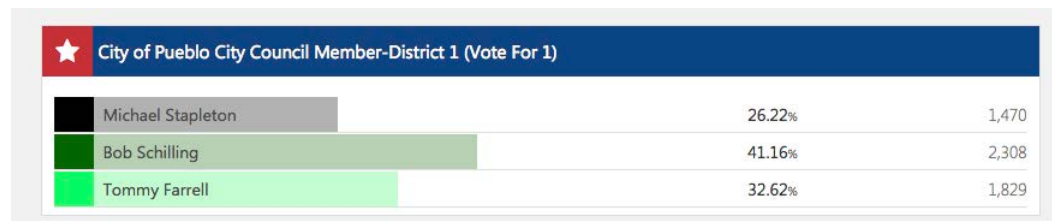
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## Elections

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### Current Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Three candidates ran in 2017:

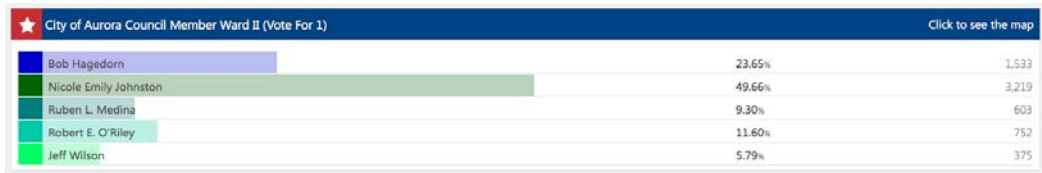


Michael Stapleton was Libertarian candidate



John Keil was Libertarian candidate

## Jeff Wilson—Aurora City Council-Ward 2



### Jeff Wilson was Libertarian candidate

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is currently seeking interested and motivated individuals to run for office in 2018. These races include everything from the local level up to United States Congress with a goal to run a full slate including line-holders.

The affiliate Chair was part of a successful petitioning drive to get an option for the Town of Castle Rock to elect its mayor rather than have him/her appointed by the Town Council which passed 67% to 33%.

### 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 June 7, the Colorado Secretary of State determined that the Unity Party has the needed 1,000 registrations to become a qualified party.

Additionally, the LPCO lost a Colorado Supreme Court case seeking fees in an election access claim joined with a civil rights claim. The only other recourse would be an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

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## Activities

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 Halloween “Night of the Living Statists” event took place along with hosting the Adam Kokesh “Taxation is Theft” Tour. There is an active recruitment of volunteers. A new modern Facebook profile picture was also developed. Both Facebook and Meet-up are used to advertise events along with the Party website.



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## Finances & Fundraising

A former program of mailers to newly registered Libertarians is on the agenda for future implementation. The LPCO was without an active Fundraising Director for a lengthy period of time and is attempting to fire back up an active donor solicitation program.

These are some fundraising graphics developed:



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## Media Coverage

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Significant media coverage included:

<https://coloradopolitics.com/qa-wayne-harlos-colorados-top-libertarian-wants-think-not-fear/>

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/local/libertarian-political-science-professor-to-run-for-colorado-house-district-50-in-2018/>

<https://coloradopolitics.com/colorado-police-must-serve-protect-not-fine-collect/>

<https://beinglibertarian.com/stop-shakedowns-turning-tables-government-tyranny/>

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## Other

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Internal affiliate procedural building was given a mandate at Convention with the development of a Style Guide and Policy Manual which is proceeding. Also, in November a measure was passed which makes it more difficult for initiatives that amend the Constitution to make it on the ballot, requiring signatures from every state senate district and a 55% yes vote. The affiliate strongly opposed this measure. There is a possibility that this may be the subject of an effort to overturn.

Former Libertarian Presidential candidate Steve Kerbel is spearheading a petition drive for “Stop the Shakedowns” ([www.stoptheshakedowns.com](http://www.stoptheshakedowns.com)) for the following Proposition:

*Proposed Initiative #53: Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes requiring any financial penalty, including a fine or forfeiture, imposed by a government entity to be allocated first to the victim of the offense, if any, with the remainder of the financial penalty allocated to an eligible charity designated by the person paying the financial penalty rather than being retained by the government entity?*

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

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The LNC needs to continue leveraging the economies of scale to support state affiliates with database resources and is in support of the present CRM project.

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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.

*-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, [anthony.higa.hawaii@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.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>	56 (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 2014/2016</b>	17 /12. Will update for 2018 with next report.
<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>	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 5,863. This would place Hawaii about 18th in the affiliate rankings which is up one place since my last report. I alerted Chair Ryan that the frequency of postings seems to have dropped down.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes, but scattered over several locations and formats.
<b>BSM Members</b>	56. 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 12% over a one-year period.

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## Governing Documents

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### 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. They are completely gearing up for the 2018 election season.



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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

Next year, I will be in touch with Chair Ryan (she is re-running with no opponent at this time) to begin the re-formation of the Region 1 with Hawaii.

## DELEGATES:

There is no procedure in the HI Bylaws for delegate selection. Generally they do not fill their delegations of the distance and expense to travel over 3,000 miles. When people step up and declare that they can attend, the Board selects delegates. Chair Ryan is uncertain if she will be able to attend or how many delegates that HI will send. It appears that the affiliate does allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

## PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 2

## APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 3

## PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 5

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### State Level Membership

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 about 82 members combined in those categories, but they have several hundred lapsed that get back involved periodically. In addition there are 56 BSM members.

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### Sub-Affiliates

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

#### Current Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate is creating 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.

#### MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

#### OTHER:

SB 824 to use ranked choice voting for all partisan elections was pending in the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committees but has effectively died.

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### Activities

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They do hold two general meetings per year in different locations to facilitate attendance. A large conference focusing on drug criminalization and dispelling human trafficking myths is set for January 9, 2018 for which Chair Ryan is very involved. This conference qualifies for CLE credits for working social workers and nurses.

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### Finances & Fundraising

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The affiliate will be ramping up for 2018 fundraising near the close of the year.

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### Media Coverage

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Chair Ryan has been getting good coverage from her advocacy for the prostitution legalization measure and has been interviewed by all the major TV stations in Honolulu, including KITV, Hawaii News Now, and KHON 2 TV. This is from the LPHI website:

## **Hawaii House Bill 1533 relating to Prostitution**

Libertarian Party of Hawaii Chair, Tracy Ryan, has drafted and had introduced into the ongoing session of Hawaii's legislature a bill to decriminalize prostitution. The bill is supported by a coalition of local advocates. Other supporters are coming on board as the actual bill drafted language is made available to them. In addition to the Libertarian Party and libertarians everywhere, supporters of the decriminalization of prostitution include Amnesty International, The Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, The United Nations, the ACLU, and numerous sex worker lead organizations around the world.

HB 1533 would eliminate penalties in Hawaii laws for adult consensual sex work. This applies to sex worker, client, and manager. It does not apply to the offense of sex trafficking which is defined in Hawaii law to include various abuses of sex workers by "managers" who are little more than criminals and to laws criminalizing those who manage underage persons doing sex work. HB 1533 leaves in place the current legal violation for minors themselves who do sex work. They would remain under the jurisdiction of the Family Court as they are now.

Some negative feedback has been received concerning the part of the bill that overturns a law prohibiting police officers from having sex with someone in pursuance of making a criminal arrest. This was deleted on the basis that the whole question would be moot if sex worker would no longer be subject to arrest to begin with. To be clear supporters of the bill do not believe the police should have the legal right to have sex with a sex worker and then arrest her based on that act. It is only because the entire law was being repealed that repeal of this clause was included in the bill.

Persons wishing to look up the current laws or to read the text of this or any other bill can visit the Hawaii legislative website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). This bill is pending a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee.

There is also pending legislation that would reform voluntary contributions on tax returns to political parties. Chair Ryan will provide me the bill number and information.

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## **Other**

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

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## What does 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. I filled in Chair Ryan of our progress in these areas and promised to keep HI up to date.

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## Statement from the Chair

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In these odd years between elections it is common for the Party to concentrate on legislation and candidate recruitment, which is presently the focus of the HI party.

*-Tracy Ryan, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KANSAS



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## State Organization

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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)

1st District Coordinator: Vacant

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

2<sup>nd</sup> District Coordinator: Heather Toot, [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  
4<sup>th</sup> District Coordinator: Victoria French, dist4@lpks.org- VACANT  
4<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Coordinators: Steven Rosile and Maria Church, 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 have not been new numbers since the last report.
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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 2014/2016</b>	10 / 14. Will update for 2018 with next report.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$6K yearly
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Website is current and attractive. Facebook pages likes are at 3,243. This would place it about 36 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down one rank since my last report. I suggested that the affiliate might want to look into Meet-up.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	Yes, NationBuilder.
<b>BSM Members</b>	135. This places Kansas at 34 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which ranking remains unchanged since my last report. This is down one ranking since my last report and down 8% over a one-year period.

## Governing Documents

### 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. The next one is slotted for January 14, 2018.

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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.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

Party leadership is elected in staggered terms. Next year I will be in touch with Chair Logan regarding the re-formation of Region 1 with Kansas.

### DELEGATES:

The LPKS Bylaws specify this procedure for selecting delegates:

#### ***Subsection 1A(iv).Delegates to the National Convention***

*Delegates to the National Convention shall be selected at the State Convention. All votes for delegates shall be by written ballot, and "not this person" shall always be an option. If "not this person" receives one-half or more of votes, the person who is rejected shall not serve as a delegate to the National Convention.*

*If there are insufficient numbers wanting to attend the National Convention at the time of the State Convention, the State Chair can nominate and the State Executive Committee can fill the delegation at a later time.*

*The State Chair or his or her designee shall chair the State Delegation to the National Convention. The Chair of the Delegation shall have authority to fill any vacant seats at the National Convention.*

It appears that the affiliate does allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

Chair Logan is uncertain if she will be able to attend.

PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 4

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 7

PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION -11

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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 and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Candidates were recruited for local city council-level races in 2017, and the larger races in 2018 some of which are announced on the affiliate website including Patrick McMurray (HD9) and Joey Frazier (HD71)

US House Representative Pompeo joined the Trump team as CIA Director causing a Special Election in the 4<sup>th</sup> District for which the LPKS nominated Chris Rockhold. This election took place on April 11, 2017 with Rockhold garnering 1.72% of the vote which is better than the registered Libertarian percentage of the vote which was .85%. 23% of registered Libertarians turned out.

### *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 2016 this year 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:*

From Ballot Access News: HB 2017 (signed into law) eases ballot access for Special US House elections. The old law required a petition of 4% of the registered voters for an independent in a special US House election (about 14,000 signatures in the typical district), even though in a regular election an independent needs exactly 5,000.

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## Activities

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The Third District hosted an event at Somerset Ridge Vineyard and Winery in August focused on how restrictive liquor laws are in Kansas. At this meeting, we also appointed Miami County Chair, Brandon Caldwell. Our guest speakers were Dick Stoffer, Hy-Vee Director of State Government Regulations, and Jessica Lucas from Uncork Kansas.

<https://www.facebook.com/3DLPKS/videos/1935205633397622/>

The affiliate (and sub-affiliates) participated in the Kansas State Fair and Old Settlers Day in September 2017.

The Third District also hosted an event in October called How to Change the Drug Laws in Kansas. It featured a sitting Kansas State Senator, David Haley, ACLU of Kansas Executive Director, Micah Kubic, and Bleeding Kansas Founder, Lisa Sublett. The livestream has been viewed over 2,200 times.

<https://www.facebook.com/3DLPKS/videos/1958529891065196/>

The 3rd District will also be having a Tax day protest at one of the busiest post offices in the district on April 17, 2018. One was hosted earlier this year where they held "Taxation is Theft" signs provided at the Radical Caucus website and had a much higher acceptance rate than anticipated.



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## Finances & Fundraising

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A fundraising campaign of “You Might be a Libertarian if...” is being started. Graphics are being developed.

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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’s focus is on laying down a great operations infrastructure to have a good return-on-investment for efforts and funds and to have a network of collaboration tools. The LPKS has worked with marijuana advocacy group Bleeding Kanas and are getting behind an ACLU effort to have convictions required in civil asset forfeiture cases. An additional area that they will focus on is the fact that Kansas has the highest tax budget per citizen. As reported in LP News, a legislative hearing to repeal the death penalty in Kansas was held on Feb. 13. Long-time death penalty opponent and former LPKS Chair Al Terwelp submitted written testimony in favor of the bill on behalf of the LPKS. Unfortunately, the bill was tabled for the rest of the session.

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

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Requested from Chair Logan.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Requested from Chair Logan.

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# MONTANA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Michael Fucci, michael.fucci@mtlp.org

First Vice-Chair: Elinor Swanson, elinor.swanson@mtlp.org

Second Vice-Chair: Sid Daoud, sid.daoud@mtlp.org

Treasurer: Francis Wendt, francis.wendt@mtlp.org

Assistant Treasurer: Joe Leavengood, joe.leavengood@mtlp.org

Secretary: Cindy Dyson, cindy.dyson@mtlp.org

Assistant Secretary: Conor Burns, conor.burns@mtlp.org

Website: <http://www.mtlp.org> (new website in development – expected to be in development in the first quarter of 2018)



Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	72 plus about 200.
<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	National Membership BSM and sign-up (with voluntary dues).
<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.</p> <p>Montana has mandatory open primaries.</p>
<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	7 / 9. Will update for 2018 with next report.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$700 with the rest being covered by in-kind contributions.

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**Website / Facebook Current?**

Website is modern and current due to recent effort. Facebook is presently at 1,686 likes and ranks 41<sup>st</sup> (up two ranks since my report) in the nation and is close to catching up to South Dakota.

**Newsletter?**

The affiliate is working on instituting an email or other regular electronic updates and is exploring MailChimp.

**Database?**

Yes through manual Excel Sheets.

**BSM Members**

72. This places Montana at 40th in the affiliate rankings. This is up one rank since my last report and down 3% over a one-year period (the lowest drop in the Region). Montana has a goal of earning a per-capita Platform Committee seat.

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**Governing Documents**

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*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>). Adopted September 9, 2017.

*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 will likely be in April.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

There are no Board elections at the next convention, and I will be speaking with Chair Fucci next year about the re-formation of Region 1.

### DELEGATES:

There is no procedure in the MT Bylaws for delegate selection. Delegate selection procedures are expected to be added to bylaws their 12/5 board meeting. Generally they do not fill their delegations because of the distance and expense to travel. When people step up and declare that they can attend, the Board selects delegates. Chair Fucci is likely to attend. It appears that the affiliate does allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

### PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 2

### APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 6

### PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION – 8

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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 200 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), and Ravalli County (Libertarian Party of Ravalli County). Yellowstone, Lincoln, and Cascade counties are currently organizing. Flathead Libertarians has an active monthly meeting with guest speakers. I was the guest speaker in November 2017 on the topic of "Abortion and the Libertarian Conscience." The affiliate is working on an interactive map for groups.

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## Elections

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### Current and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They are working on soliciting candidate for the open US House and US Senate seats coming up in 2018.

Mark Wicks secured 6% in the Special Election to replace US House Representative Ryan Zinke who was appointed as Trump's Secretary of the Interior. He ran a very active and visible campaign and received \$5,000 in funding from the LNC. Michael Schoenike lost his bid for re-election in Red Lodge.

#### *ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:*

- None.

#### *PRIMARIES:*

Montana has a mandatory open primary.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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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.

### MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

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## Activities

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As “winter is coming” there are no present activities at the state-level but groups such as Flathead Libertarians (see above) have had activities. Original graphics for recruitment have been created such as:



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## Finances & Fundraising

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

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## Media Coverage

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None in this post-election time frame, but the Wicks campaign brought great publicity.

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## Other

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Nothing at this time.

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## What does 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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On September 9th, the Montana Libertarian Party convened in Bozeman to consider adopting new bylaws and to elect officers and Judicial Committee members. After a substantial discussion period, the State Central Committee voted in favor of adopting a new set of bylaws which they requested the incoming board make several amendments to.

The Results of the officer elections were as follows:

Michael Fucci was elected as Chair. Elinor Swanson was elected as First Vice Chair. Sid Daoud was elected as Second Vice Chair. Francis Wendt was elected as Treasurer. Cindy Dyson-McGlenn was elected as Secretary. Joe Leavengood was elected as Assistant Treasurer. Conor Burns was elected as Assistant Secretary.

Rick Breckenridge, Tracy Breckenridge, Alexander Fetto, Angie Killian, Joe Leavengood, Mark McGlenn, Roger Roots, Megan Shutt, and Francis Wendt were elected as members of the Judicial Committee.

The newly elected board met on November 14th and will be meeting monthly going forward. Work on the amendments suggested at the convention continues apace with the bulk of them expected to be completed by December 5th. Included in these changes will be rules to govern our spring delegate convention which we'll soon be announcing.

A number of people have contacted the MTLP about running for office in 2018 and one has submitted preliminary paperwork in advance of the filing period. Efforts are underway to recruit more candidates, and a dedicated candidate recruiter is being sought. For now, though, the Chair is filling this role, working with the newly hired candidate team at national.

Efforts to organize several local affiliates continue and Interim Chairs have recently been appointed in Cascade and Lincoln counties. The MTLP plans to establish an Affiliate Development Committee to provide additional assistance and training to counties in the coming months.

Finally, work on our new website will ramp up in December with the goal of launching it in the first quarter of 2018. We hope to be able to integrate this site with the new State CRM Project if we are granted access to that in time.

*-Michael Fucci, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF UTAH



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

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

Vice Chair: Barry Short

Treasurer: Caryn Terres

Secretary: Brian Kamerath

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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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	13,685. This represents .88% of the registered voters (1,543,202). This is up .01% since my last report.
<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	The LPUT Constitution defines membership as including dues-payers and pledgers to its Statement of Principles, but does not require partisan registration.
<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	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.
<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	11 / 11. Will update for 2018 with next report.
<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$10-12K per year
<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	Advised of navigability issues with website and old content. The new design is very attractive. Facebook page likes are at 2,622. This would place Utah 40 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings, down two rankings since my last report.

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<b>Newsletter?</b>	No but they are working on it and sent a sample.
<b>Database?</b>	Chair Buchman is working on getting this together and will update me next report.
<b>BSM Members</b>	92. This places Utah at 35 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This remains unchanged since my last report and is 18% down over a one-year period.

## Governing Documents

### PLATFORM:

On website (<http://www.libertarianutah.org/our-party/platform/>). No date listed.

### BYLAWS:

On website (<http://www.libertarianutah.org/utlp-bylaws/>). No date listed.

### CONSTITUTION:

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

## Board Meetings

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

## State Convention

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

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## National Convention Preparation/Region Re-Formation

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### LEADERSHIP:

Party leadership (but not the Chair position) may change at next convention. Utah is interested in remaining in Region 1.

The LPUT Constitutions defines membership and the benefits of membership as follows:

### Article Seven: Membership

**Qualification: Membership in the Libertarian Party of Utah is open to anyone who:**

pays the required membership dues and is a Utah resident,

manifests his/her agreement with the Statement of Principles of the LPUtah by signing the Pledge and is a Utah resident, or

manifests his/her agreement with the Statement of Principles of the LPUtah by signing the Pledge and is an appointed alternate delegate to the Libertarian Party national convention.

**The Pledge:** I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals. Any member who advocates or manifests behavior inconsistent with the Pledge or the Party's principles (see Article Two) may have his/her membership revoked.

**Membership Classifications:** Members are classed as:

**Pledging:** Pledging members may vote at county organization meetings only at the county chair's discretion and may attend Party functions. At conventions, Pledging Members may not vote on any matter relating to the Party's internal business, but may vote for candidates for public office. A Pledging Member is eligible to run for partisan office as a Libertarian, and be a delegate to the Libertarian Party national convention, but may not run for Party office. Pledging Members will be entered into the Party's membership list and may receive mailings at the LPUtah's discretion. Pledging Members are not eligible for any LPUtah member discounts. No dues are required, but Pledging Members must sign the Pledge.

**Dues-paying:** Dues-paying Members have full voting rights at all conventions, and eligibility to be a candidate for partisan offices as a Libertarian and a delegate to the Libertarian Party national convention.

#### **Article Nine: Convention & Election Procedures**

**Conventions:** Every year the LPUtah must hold a convention for all members. In odd-numbered years, the Party will hold an organizing convention to elect new officers. In even-numbered years, the Party will hold a nominating convention to choose candidates for political office and delegates to the Libertarian Party national convention as appropriate.

And the LPUT Bylaws provide:

#### **Chapter Four:**

#### **Delegates to Libertarian Party National Conventions**

##### **Section 1. Selection**

The number of delegates is determined by the national Libertarian Party.

Delegates and alternates to LP National Conventions (Nat-Con) will be elected by majority vote at the Convention preceding the NatCon.

If all allotted delegate and alternate positions are not filled at the Convention, or if any elected delegate(s) or alternate(s) is/are unable to attend the NatCon, his/her/their delegate positions will be filled by lot from among the elected alternates, or the Chair may appoint new alternates.

At no time may an appointed alternate be a delegate until all elected alternates are delegates. If elected delegates or alternates arrive at a later date, they replace the appointed alternates.

If the date of the state convention is such that it will fall after the cutoff for submitting a delegation list to the Libertarian National Committee,

The Party will mail a notice to all members in good standing at least 5 days prior to the cutoff date, asking for volunteers to become delegates and alternatives. Notification via the party newsletter will be considered acceptable notice.

The delegation list will be filled with qualified members on a first come basis, starting with delegates and then alternates. In the event that the number of volunteers is less than the total number of slots available, the EC may add additional qualified members to the list using any method it chooses.

The Chair will submit the NatCon delegation list to the Secretary and the Credentials Committee Chair of the national Libertarian Party along with a copy of the Party's Constitution and Bylaws prior to the cutoff.

State convention attendees must ratify, and may amend, the NatCon delegation list. The Chair must submit an amended NatCon delegation list to the Secretary and the Credentials Committee Chair of the national Libertarian Party no later than five days after the state convention. In the event that the delegation list is not ratified, the Party will not send a delegation to the NatCon.

#### *DELEGATES:*

Delegates will be selected at the 2018 state convention. It appears that the affiliate does allow not seating of out-of-state delegates.

#### PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 3

#### APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 5

#### PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 8

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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.

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## Elections

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### Current and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Joe Buchman ran in the only Federal election in the nation for Utah 3<sup>rd</sup> District for US House and was invited to a record number of debates and garnered a great deal of publicity for the LPUT. The Green and Constitution Parties did not get this kind of attention as they did not run any candidates. Dr. Buchman also received a \$5,000.00 campaign contribution from the LNC.

As of November 20, 2017, these are the results:

## Special General Election 2017

### US House 3

[RESULTS BY COUNTY](#)[COUNTY COMPLETION REPORT](#)

Candidate		% Popular Vote	Popular Vote
JOHN CURTIS	REPUBLICAN	58.04% 	85728
KATHIE ALLEN	DEMOCRATIC	25.56% 	37761
JIM BENNETT	UNITED UTAH	09.30% 	13743
SEAN WHALEN	UNAFFILIATED	03.08% 	4550
JOE BUCHMAN	LIBERTARIAN	02.47% 	3642
JASON CHRISTENSEN	INDEPENDENT AMERICAN	01.55% 	2286



#### ELECTED LIBERTARIANS:

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

There are some candidates lined up for 2018. Andrew McCullough will likely run for County Attorney and Chair Buchman may be running again for the US House seat. Barry Short and Rob Latham are also likely to run. Next 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 month from signature gathering) and the Constitution Party, and some unaffiliated candidates like Sean Whalen as well.

#### 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.

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#### Activities

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The 45<sup>th</sup> LPUT Anniversary event was held in conjunction with a Halloween Roger Stone event. This was hosted at the Overstock corporate headquarters and partially funded by a \$5,000.00 from Patrick Byrne.

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#### Finances & Fundraising

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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 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

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Significant media included:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865686515/Other-candidates-in-3rd-District-race-promise-more-positive-campaigns.html>

<http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2017/08/12/commentary-time-to-consider-the-peace-option/>

<http://kutv.com/news/local/curtis-says-his-victory-is-rejection-of-negative-out-of-state-campaigning>

<http://fox13now.com/2017/08/16/trump-tweets-congrats-to-curtis-herrod-wont-concede-3rd-district-primary/>

<https://www.ksl.com/?sid=45469010&nid=148>

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865687017/Op-ed-Why-you-should-consider-the-Libertarian-candidate-for-the-3rd-District.html>

<https://stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2017/09/08/tds-utah-voters-could-decide-in-2018-whether-to-legalize-medical-marijuana#.WbTBPNOGOL4>

[http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/utah-s-third-congressional-district-candidates-differentiate-themselves-at-provo/article\\_ea560ee6-6aa1-5ab6-bd87-7c93cd8ef202.html](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/utah-s-third-congressional-district-candidates-differentiate-themselves-at-provo/article_ea560ee6-6aa1-5ab6-bd87-7c93cd8ef202.html)

<http://fox13now.com/2017/09/27/count-my-vote-is-back-from-the-dead-and-wants-to-be-on-the-2018-ballot/>

<http://betterutah.org/cd3debate>

<https://www.facebook.com/KUTV2News/videos/10155696826819406>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\\_vzRGX-XbY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_vzRGX-XbY&feature=youtu.be)

[http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/utah-s-third-congressional-district-candidates-differentiate-themselves-at-provo/article\\_ea560ee6-6aa1-5ab6-bd87-7c93cd8ef202.html](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/utah-s-third-congressional-district-candidates-differentiate-themselves-at-provo/article_ea560ee6-6aa1-5ab6-bd87-7c93cd8ef202.html)

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865690490/KSL-Newsradio-to-host-3rd-Congressional-District-debate.html>

[http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/two-debates-to-be-held-featuring-rd-congressional-district-candidates/article\\_655a42b3-62ad-5eae-a7a8-8aaf703bce83.html](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/two-debates-to-be-held-featuring-rd-congressional-district-candidates/article_655a42b3-62ad-5eae-a7a8-8aaf703bce83.html)

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865690769/Congressional-candidates-debate-gun-control-health-care-partisan-politics.html>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/candidates-running-for-open-us-house-seat-in-utah-to-debate/>

<http://fox13now.com/2017/10/17/the-dark-knight-of-political-horror-to-appear-at-utah-libertarian-party/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/candidates-for-chaffetzs-house-seat-to-debate-friday-night/>

[http://www.heraldextra.com/rd-congressional-district-special-election-race/article\\_98503933-77a1-5240-8887-b1a380005647.html](http://www.heraldextra.com/rd-congressional-district-special-election-race/article_98503933-77a1-5240-8887-b1a380005647.html)

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2017/11/05/what-you-need-to-know-about-tuesdays-election-in-utah/>

[http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/first-election-results-show-john-curtis-leading-in-rd-congressional/article\\_5864c251-ab7c-578e-9308-30a69d55edd8.html](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/first-election-results-show-john-curtis-leading-in-rd-congressional/article_5864c251-ab7c-578e-9308-30a69d55edd8.html)

<http://fox13now.com/2017/11/07/election-day-all-eyes-on-utahs-third-congressional-district/>

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## Other

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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 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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The past three months have seen an unprecedented level of earned media for the party driven by two main external events – the special election for Utah’s Third District Representative to the US Congress, and the ballot initiative for medical cannabis. We continue our reestablishment of campus and county-level parties, the most recent affiliate being the Castle Country Libertarian Party, a three county affiliate covering some of the most scenic areas of the state.

Following the invitation to the Americans for Prosperity debate in July, I appeared as the Libertarian Candidate for UT3 in debates held in Moab, Provo, Salt Lake City and Orem Utah. Each generated additional earned media in local papers, as well as Salt Lake City based radio and television including KSL, KTKK, KNRS, KSTU and KKAT. On 29 July Coast to Coast AM, a national late-night radio network with over 600 affiliates, covered the campaign. Although the show has a reputation for conspiracy and UFOs, the interview itself focused on the more general issues of government transparency, fiscal sanity and self-ownership. The hour-long interview can be heard at: <https://www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2017/07/29>. City Weekly ran a quirky analysis of the race including the memorable "Joe Buchman, Pros: Libertarian. Academic. Cons: Preaches self-governance, non-violence and other crazy shit." See: <https://www.cityweekly.net/utah/mess-o-congress/Content?oid=5145005>

On October 28th, in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Libertarian Party of Utah; in honor of its first chair, tax protest martyr (and one of the several key national party co-founders) Karl Bray and in "ghoulish alignment with this year's union of Halloween and Utah's Special Election (Nov 7)" the Utah LP held "A Dark Night of Political Horror with THE "Dark Knight" of Political Horror, Roger Stone." The event was fully funded by Overstock.com, and held in their corporate headquarters, the Peace Coliseum. The documentary GET ME ROGER STONE screened in the Overstock theater, while a VIP reception was held in the "nucleus." Patrick Byrne, CEO of Overstock joined Roger as a keynote speaker. Two awards were presented by the Libertarian Party of Utah: Civil Liberty Activist of the Year to Christine Stenquist of TRUCE (Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education) and Financial Transparency Activist of the Year to John Dougall, Auditor, State of Utah. An 11 minute feature on the event can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/Y3FiKubMoHA>

Final vote tally for the Special Election showed the Republican candidate winning with 58.03 percent (85,739 votes) and the Libertarian with 2.47 percent (3,643). Detailed results are available at:

<https://electionresults.utah.gov/elections/uscongress/3>

Additionally, we have changed our party address, filed with the FEC to become a reporting party, completed an initial revision of our website, and are in the process of recruiting candidates to run for office in 2018. We have acquired the full Utah voter database from the Lieutenant Governor's office, which as a reporting party we can share with both state and federal candidates, as well as using it to contact all 13,000 plus registered Libertarians in the state. We are initiating fund drives to make that possible. We are also organizing candidate support services and resources, for web and ad design as well as outreach training.

Our convention for both candidate nominations and national convention delegate elections is tentatively set for 14 April 2018(location TBD).

*-Joseph Buchman, Chair*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON STATE



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *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, Maggie Mae, James Holcomb, Joshua Smith, Sonny Patterson, Rory Leckland). Chair McGlenn has done some major restructuring to improve efficiency.

Website: [www.lpwa.org](http://www.lpwa.org) - there are presently issues with the website speed.

### Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	459 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.
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<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	No.
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<b>Ballot Access Status/Requirement</b>	1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.
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<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	13 /31 . Will update for 2018 with next report.
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<b>Estimated Budget</b>	\$10K yearly 13K
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<b>Website / Facebook Current?</b>	The website is current and modern. Page likes are at 8,243. This would place Washington about 13 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is an increase of two ranks since my last report.
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<b>Newsletter?</b>	Yes this has been started.
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<b>Database?</b>	Yes, CiviCRM
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<b>BSM Members</b>	459. This places Washington at 11 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is the same since my last report
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and down 14% over a one-year period. The affiliate is organizing a Retention Committee.

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## Governing Documents

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### PLATFORM:

None. Has an "Issues" section on website."

### CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS:

On website (<https://lpwa.org/activist-resources/constitution-and-bylaws/>). Adopted July 8, 2017.

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## Board Meetings

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The LPWA meets quarterly in person and monthly via teleconference. I have asked to be on this distribution list.

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## State Convention

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The Convention successfully re-convened on July 8, 2017. The 2018 Convention is set for February 16-18. When discussing governing documents, I advised Chair McGlenn of the advisability of a "force-field" for their 7/8 rule to prevent the type of games that are tried at National Convention.

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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 will be speaking with Chair McGlenn next year about Region 1 re-formation.

### DELEGATES:

The LPWA Constitution & Bylaws provided for the following for delegate selection. It appears that the affiliate does **not** allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

### C. Elections for National Party conventions:

All delegates and representatives to national conventions of the Libertarian Party must be members of the State and National Parties.

The State Chair will announce to the convention body the total number of delegates and representatives to national party convention committees, and the number to be selected by the State Party convention.

Nominations of delegates from the floor shall not require seconds. Members may nominate themselves.

After the election of delegates, alternate delegates may be elected.

After the election of delegates and alternates, representatives to national committees may be elected.

The duly elected delegates present at the convention will select a Delegation Chair and determine their own substitution procedures.

A list of the delegates and alternates, and a description of the substitution procedures, shall be submitted by the Delegation Chair to the State Chair and the National Secretary within seven (7) calendar days of the convention.

PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 11

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 23

PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 34

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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.

## Sub-Affiliates

The LPWA has eight regions (with regional directors mentioned on site) and about 12-15 county group, 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.





## Elections



### Past and Current Election Cycle (2017-2018)

These are the results of the 2017 races. Jennifer Heese and Paul Addis



Legislative District 48 - State Senator		County Results & Map	
Candidate		Vote	Vote %
Patty Kuderer	(Prefers Democratic Party)	21,212	68.95%
Michelle Darnell	(Prefers Libertarian Party)	9,553	31.05%
Total Votes (not including write-ins)		30,765	

City Of Kent Council Position No. 2		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Satwinder Kaur 	10,320	57.57%
Paul Addis 	7,605	42.43%
<b>Total Votes (not including write-ins)</b>	<b>17,925</b>	



Paul Addis was Libertarian candidate

City of Everett Council Position #3		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Scott D. Murphy 	10,628	65.13%
Jennifer A. Hesse 	5,690	34.87%
<b>Total Votes (not including write-ins)</b>	<b>16,318</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

Jennifer A. Heese was Libertarian candidate.

City Of Covington Council Position No. 4		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Joseph T. Cimaomo, Jr. 	2,081	70.02%
David Lucavish 	891	29.98%
<b>Total Votes (not including write-ins)</b>	<b>2,972</b>	

Libertarian Joseph T. Cimaomo won this election.

City of Long Beach City Council Member 4		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Kevin (Isa) Cline 	209	58.87%
John Nechvatal 	146	41.13%
<b>Total Votes (not including write-ins)</b>	<b>355</b>	
<a href="#">Precinct Results »</a>		

Libertarian Kevin "Isa" Cline won this election.

For 2018 they have likely candidates for all of the Federal races and are working on the State races.

#### *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.



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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 multiple radio appearances by candidate Michelle Darnell.

<https://patch.com/washington/enumclaw/48th-district-senate-race-michelle-darnell-vs-patty-kuderer>

<http://www.redmond-reporter.com/news/proposition-1-focuses-on-renewal-and-expansion-of-property-tax-levy/>

<http://www.king5.com/news/politics/inside-politics-the-race-for-state-senate-ld-48/483243643>

Also, the LPWA sent out this Press Release:

### **Washington Independents**

Recently, two former elected officials in the State of Washington announced a new political action committee focused on helping candidates that appeal to the center. This PAC will donate and otherwise support candidates that, according to Chris Vance, will be fiscally conservative, and socially tolerant.

The political climate right now is a direct result of the hateful two party/two choice rhetoric. The two major parties have created an atmosphere of blame, accusations, and divide. Millions of dollars spent and countless speaking or media events have been used to vilify the "other party" to achieve their means.

The Libertarian Party, since its origin has built a platform dedicated to TRUE liberty- a place where the individual and their natural rights are respected. Libertarians proudly boast of being the very first party to support gay marriage rights in 1971 at our origin and have also consistently called for sound fiscal policy since its inception.

The Libertarian Party ALREADY occupies the space for political orphans and disenfranchised voters, and has always been a bold proponent of responsible fiscal policy and fiercely defended people living their lives as they wish.

Libertarians do not fight over the middle or where that line is drawn because we are a party of principled ideology. When people do not stand for something concretely, we will end up with the worst of both "sides". Principles DO matter more than party, and no one believes that more than the Libertarian Party. We stand for maximum freedom and minimal government.

For this reason, rather than choosing to fight this new group, we will welcome them to the Washington political scene. Any group seeking to end the two party duopoly, and hold principles at a higher level than their party, deserves a voice. While we will never waiver in our beliefs, we will seek out ways to work with the new group to fight the further decay in our political system.

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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.

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### What does 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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The Washington State Libertarians have been very busy combating state overreach. Libertarians have made the news repeatedly over state issues, such as the pay per mile tax and also tackling local issues such as the harassment of a private business by the state liquor and cannabis control board over lawful consumption of cannabis in a private club on private property. Our members' activism has garnered the attention of local media outlets and with the help of our new Communications Director, Christopher Rohloff, we have been mentioned in The Olympian and on talk radio multiple times, keeping the Libertarian name on the front lines. This effort has helped our outreach and we have seen a huge growth in our social media engagement.

Our state convention is starting to take shape, with our Convention Planning Chair, Maggie Mae, orchestrating the details. We are having our convention in Lynwood, WA on February 16 and 17th. Please visit our web page and Facebook page for additional information!

*-Randy McGlenn, Chair*

# 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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<b>Number of Libertarians</b>	2,395 registered voters representing .90% of the voters (262,660) and is up .25% since my last report.
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<b>Method of Membership Determination</b>	Dues-paying registered voters. <sup>13</sup>
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<b>Partisan Registration?</b>	Yes.
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<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>
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<b>Number of Candidates 2014/2016</b>	4 / 1
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<sup>13</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.

<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>	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. 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. The new page is called "Libertarian Party of the Great State of Wyoming" and is at 22 likes. I assisted with the merger of one prior page. Depending on the final count, the affiliate will be last or second to last in Facebook rankings.
<b>Newsletter?</b>	No.
<b>Database?</b>	No.
<b>BSM Members</b>	31. This places Wyoming at 50 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down one rank since my last report and down 13% over a one-year period.

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## Board Meetings

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The Board meets regularly via conference call.

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## State Convention

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I attend the 2017 Convention and Board elections. Their nominating convention will be held in the first quarter of 2018.

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## National Convention Preparation/Region

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### LEADERSHIP:

Party leadership does not go through another election prior to the National Convention. I will be speaking with Chair Cozzens about Region 1 re-formation next year.

### DELEGATES:

The affiliate bylaws are in a state of flux, and there is no procedure yet for delegate selection. This will likely be handled at their 2018 nominating convention. There is no procedure in the WY Bylaws for delegate selection. Generally they do not fill their delegations. When people step up and declare that they can attend, the Board selects delegates. The Executive Director is planning on attending. It appears that the affiliate does allow seating of out-of-state delegates.

### PARTIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS- 1

### APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ALLOCATION BASED ON CURRENT BSM TOTALS- 2

### PROJECTED (UNOFFICIAL) DELEGATION ALLOCATION - 3

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## State Level Membership

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The WYLP Bylaws do provide for dues-paying state level membership. They presently only have about 4 dues-paying members. The Bylaws are in a period of review and revision.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are 23 counties in Wyoming but the affiliate is having difficulty starting active county groups. One group has successfully started in Natrona County.

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## Elections

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### Current and Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They have some candidates on deck to run, including Vice Chair Kit Carson who will be running for Secretary of State.

#### *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.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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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.

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## Activities

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There is nothing currently planned, but the affiliate is in building/re-building mode, and with winter coming, events will need to wait for better weather.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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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 catch-phrase “public lands in public hands” being popular.

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## What does 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.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Requested.

APPENDIX N  
REGION 2 REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tennessee  
Website: lptn.org  
Chair: Cole Ebel

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

See the following 3 pages for the Region 5 Report

## **REGION 5 REPORT**

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

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the Kansas City meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in New Orleans 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). I also served as a guest on the Nora Firestone program on Oct. 12 on WKQA radio (1110 AM in Norfolk, Virginia).

### **Delaware**

Sean Goward ([sean.goward@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.goward@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. I have not received a report from him.

### **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 served as campaign manager for the Cliff Hyra for Governor campaign in Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

### **Maryland**

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

Voter registration is 20,834, which is .53% of the total registration.

Membership is 113 as of October 31.

The MDLP has candidates nominated for the 2018 elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, the US Senate, the US House 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and state house seats 30 and 35-B.

The MDLP will hold its annual holiday party on December 2, and there will also be a special Central Committee meeting to nominate more candidates.

The MDLP has until July 1 to nominate candidates and get them on the ballot. My goal is to run a full slate for the federal offices, and run as many candidates as possible for the state senate in the DC area, where the Republicans generally are unable to field candidates.

The Maryland General Assembly session will begin on January 17, 2018, and last for 90 days. Legislative Director Eric Blitz will continue to participate in crafting legislation and testifying to the General Assembly, as he has done for the past three years.

On Dec. 2, the Maryland LP nominated five more candidates for the 2018 elections:

Jenica Martin	US House 1 <sup>st</sup>
David Bishop	US House 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Pulcher	US House 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jasen Wunder	US House 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Ashwell	Harford County Circuit Court Judge

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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. I have not received a report from her.

## **Pennsylvania**

Drew Bingaman ([chair@susquehannavalleylp.org](mailto:chair@susquehannavalleylp.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, provided the following report:

The biggest news going around the LP circles in PA is of our electoral success, we added quite a few newly elected Libertarians to the role of public officials this election. We are still getting reports of all of the write in winners as well and will provide National with a full list of 2017 elected officials very soon.

Progress continues on our transition to Nationbuilder as our new platform. We hope to have this up and running and contacting prospects and donors very soon. We are working to make our volunteers as productive as possible in their precious spare time they donate to the LPPA.

We have a new Western Vice chair, David Vesley was elected WVC at our last board meeting to fill the vacancy left by Jessica Santiago who left for personal reasons. Jessica is still active in the LPPA but not in the same role.

The western contingent of the LPPA is coming up on a very important opportunity and are preparing to convene a caucus in order to nominate a candidate for the Special Election in congressional district 18. The election is scheduled for March 13.

The LPPA annual convention will be held in Shippensburg over the weekend of March 3rd and 4th. Our business meeting will be held on the 4th and we will have speakers and workshops on the 3rd. The event has been added to our Facebook page and more details are coming soon. Any questions regarding the convention can be directed to Steven Brenize via email ([stevend.brenize@gmail.com](mailto:stevend.brenize@gmail.com)).

That covers the major goings on in PA at the moment. Best wishes to all for the holidays and a happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Drew Bingaman  
Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

## **Virginia**

Bo Brown ([bocbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:bocbrown@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

## **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:

WV is still gaining Libertarian voters every month and have since last year's election. We have identified some counties that we have had success in and have serious candidates recruited. We will have a series of kickoff events in these areas to organize our volunteers, reach out to those who have interest, and to generate some media coverage.

We are getting the last parts of setting up our website with the national party team, and will have a date for our convention soon. We have decided to have it in March or April, before the primary in May, so we may have our candidates able to take advantage of bump in interest in elections during the primary season.

We had many candidates start their campaigns in any serious way right after the convention, and people came out of the woodwork right after the convention so we want that increase in interest to occur as soon as possible in the year. We have 4 candidates already filed with our Secretary of State, and a few who are ready to jump in, myself included.

Please see the following 9 pages for the Region 6 Report

# Region 6 Report – December 9-10, 2017

## New Orleans LNC Meeting

Submitted December 7, 2016 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 ambitious candidate slates.

Nebraskan Libertarians State Senator Laura Ebke's is in it to win her 2018 reelection campaign. The Nebraska GOP has launched a mud-slinging campaign with a scurrilous and dishonest accusation that Laura's free screening of 'A Wonderful Life' movie with popcorn and soft drinks violates campaign law. It does not. One unnamed Nebraska Libertarian closely associated with the LNC has suggested that a copy of the movie be sent to Governor Ricketts for a free viewing during the Governor's mansion parking lot tailgate parties that include refreshments beyond free popcorn and soft drinks.

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.

Illinois is focused on their ballot access campaign that requires 25,000 signatures and is hoping for LNC financial support for their arduous and heroic ballot access efforts.

South Dakota held a successful state convention in July and will be working with LP officials to accomplish their goal of joining Region 6 in time for the 2018 New Orleans national LP convention in New Orleans.

North Dakota is cleaning up their bylaws and launching a new initiative to legalize recreational marijuana.

Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin are going all out with their candidate recruiting, training and support programs.

## 2 ILLINOIS

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Lex Green  
Chair LPILLINOIS  
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Libertarians in Illinois are very active. Our candidates are campaigning at every opportunity, including several parades every week. State Organizing Committee (SOC) attendance is high every month and our Board of Directors are hard at work to achieve our mission and our goals.

Our Communications Division has released several Press Releases and regularly sends out email newsletters to our members. The Finance Division held a fundraiser in September and is planning state funding of next year's Ballot Access Drive. The IT Division has been busy adapting the website to the bylaws changes we recently adopted, and supporting the influx of new SOC volunteers. The Field Operations Division is responding to new member volunteers, and supporting the establishment of new chapters and activities around the state. The Political Division is the busiest of all. They have planned a Candidate's Forum at the University of Illinois in Champaign IL that will feature all three of our candidates for Governor. The Ballot Access Director has submitted for approval a Ballot Access Initiative that will rely more than ever on volunteers and donations to the state party. The Precincts Director has grown our army of Precinct Committeemen to over 100, managed our first ever election of State Central Committeemen, and is assisting Field Ops with the bylaws for our forming Cook County Central Committee.

The Ballot Access effort we are preparing for includes the highest projected levels of volunteer signatures and donations we have ever produced. It, therefore, represents a slightly reduced request for financial assistance from the LNC. That request has been submitted to the LNC for approval at the December meeting. I hope that everyone on the LNC agrees with us that a successful effort to get on the Illinois November Ballot is important to mission of the Libertarian Party and to its Illinois affiliate. If we can achieve 5% of the vote in a state-wide office, our 2020 Presidential candidate will be assured of easy access to the ballot, and we will finally be able to run candidates for Congress.

On a similar note, we have found that Illinois law is ambiguous where local ballot access is concerned. To take advantage of an apparent loophole, several members of the McLean County affiliate are submitting petitions to be listed in the Primary Election to be held March 20, 2018, instead of waiting for the spring gathering period for the fall General Election. Local authorities have been willing to consider accepting these petitions. There is one County-wide candidate, taking advantage of the new ruling of the Federal Appeals court that a full slate isn't required. We also have candidates for 6 other County Board offices in that county.

### 3 IOWA

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James Schneider  
LPIA Chair  
319-505-5550

Major party status has been treating the Libertarian Party of Iowa well. The LPIA will be take part in state primaries for the first time in 2018. LPIA candidates will likely be included in ALL debates in the state.

Jake Porter and Marco Battaglia, LPIA officers and good friends, have been participating in a series of Iowa Gubernatorial debates. Their first debate in November took place in Council Bluffs. The inaugural event was hosted by LPIA officer Jocelyn Fry and moderated by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative.

The first Battaglia-Porter debate in December took place at a Gubernatorial Forum hosted by the largest newspaper in the state. Both of our stalwart Gubernatorial candidates received fair coverage from the media following several interviews. Both have been invited as guest speakers at numerous events.

Libertarian Rob Green of Cedar Falls received the highest vote total for an At-Large City Council Race on November 7th. The seat required a majority, so there is a runoff election scheduled for December 5th.

Party resources in the party are gearing up for the "Iowa Caucus", which we will be hosting on February 5th. We will have 10 caucus sites around the state. Per Iowa Code, we will select precinct captains, county leadership, and delegates to advance to the state convention on March 23rd-24th.

## 4 MINNESOTA

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Chris Holbrook  
Chair LPMN

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota (LPMN) had a successful Minnesota State Fair Booth. Over its 12-day Aug-Sept run we sold approx. 100 new LPMN memberships, collected about 500 additional new leads, and received over \$10,000 in donations.

We just soft-launched our new and improved website developed by an outside firm we hired. Without going into nuance, let's call it an 8-week project pre-funded by a money bomb/donation request. There are still some alterations being made, but we are operable again (<https://www.lpmn.org/>).

We had an event in November that in partnership with Liberty America brought Larry Sharpe to town for a Leadership Lunch (<http://libertyamerica.org/event/liberty-lunch-with-larry-sharpe/>). On a nice Saturday afternoon, roughly 30 plates were sold at \$50 each plus approximately \$500 additional raised on site, all for Liberty America. You can see a video of Larry's great presentation on our FB page (which is approaching 8000 followers) at <https://www.facebook.com/LPMINNESOTA/?ref=bookmarks>.

We ran 6 candidates in local races for Twin Cities municipal offices, including for Mayor in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, which enjoy Ranked Choice Voting. While our Libertarians here ran primarily as Paper Candidates, all received some nice exposure via forums, interviews, and social media. Our election results were 1.1% lowest to 4.9% highest, which is respectable in a Metro that sees 90% of our offices held by DFL and no Republicans even on ballots. Here is an example of the Minneapolis Mayor First Round results: (by the way, if this doesn't translate in this email and you want to use it in a report, you can also find it here, not in the same order. <http://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/Results/MunicipalRaces/107?districtid=43000>)

Mayor First Choice (Minneapolis) Results By Precinct  
134 precincts in contest. 134 of 134 precincts reported in municipality.  
Libertarian Party Charlie Gers 1232 votes 1.18%

Lastly, now that the obstacles described above are behind us, we are rolling up our sleeves to build sub-affiliates in each congressional district in Minnesota. We are also starting discussions with potential candidates for our impending statewide races. They will need to depend on each other to have any definition of success 2018 for the LPMN.

## 5 MISSOURI

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Bill Slantz  
Chair LPMO

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

We have verbal commitments from more than 20 candidates for office in 2018.

The Missouri LP held its annual convention on July 22nd in Jefferson City, MO. Approximately 50 attendees enjoyed presentations by Bill Redpath, Will Coley, and libertarian author Aya Katz. Several new members of the party were in attendance and many have volunteered to serve on the state committee.

Plans are to hold our 2018 convention at the same venue on February 24, 2018 as a nominating convention for statewide races on the 2018 schedule.

The Missouri State Fair is underway (August 10 - 20). The State Fair is traditionally one of our largest outreach events in Missouri. Early reports indicate great interest in the party from fair-goers.

## 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):

Nebraska now has 12,897 registered Libertarians, a 13.5% increase from this time last year. The Republican and Democratic parties shrank by 1.7% and 3.6% respectively. The LP currently makes up just over 1% of registered voters and has its sight set on the goals of 2% in 2018 and 5% by 2020.

Nebraskan Libertarians State Senator Laura Ebke's is in it to win her 2018 reelection campaign. Laura's reelection campaign has completed several successful lit drop efforts. Getting as many as 20 volunteers on Saturdays this fall, she was able to get a door hanger on every door in every town in her district. Next steps for the campaign include phone banking, door knocking and parades.

The Nebraska GOP has launched a mud-slinging campaign with a scurrilous and dishonest accusation that Laura's free screening of '*A Wonderful Life*' movie with popcorn and soft drinks violates campaign law. It does not. One unnamed Nebraska Libertarian closely associated with the LNC has suggested that a copy of the movie be sent to Governor Ricketts for a free viewing during the Governor's mansion parking lot tailgate parties that include refreshments beyond free popcorn and soft drinks.

Nebraskans are excited about a very serious new school board candidate in Omaha. Tyler Gloe is a financial professional who's involved in many community organizations and has already earned the endorsement of Omaha's mayor, Jean Stothert. Tyler expects the race to be contested so he's working to raise funds. We think his campaign is well worth investing in.

The Nebraska state legislative session begins in January. One of the big topics this session will be an occupational licensing reform bill that's sponsored by Senator Ebke. Laura has participated in several town hall events on the issue with representatives of the Platte Institute, a local conservative thinktank and the ACLU of Nebraska. Currently, about one in four jobs in Nebraska require a license and this bill would create an automatic review process for every licensing board, forcing them to justify their continued existence once every five years. Senator Ebke is optimistic about the bill's chances this year.

## 7 NORTH DAKOTA

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

I continue to work on updating our bylaws. I feel bylaws are like our American Constitution. Without clear and usable bylaws, we do not have an effective organization. We Libertarians like to promote our government following the Constitution, but we run our party usually completely ignorant of our own rules. As a former state chairman, I will admit that I was just as guilty.

On the political side, there is a movement to put together a new initiative measure to legalize recreational marijuana, which many of the Libertarians in ND support, including myself. Last year we helped pass a measure to legalize medical Marijuana, but the state is still going through the learning curve to put this measure in force. Biggest problem we have is the state keeps on wanting to regulate it to where it is meaningless, such as requiring payment of a \$5,000 fee just to show you are interested in being a provider.

On April 8th, North Dakota held a statewide meeting in Bismarck to elect new officers. Eric Olsen temporarily filled the gap after Tony Mangnall retired as chair. Marty Risky, a former chair, was elected as our new state chair. A full set of state officers was elected and immediately discussed plans for the 2018 election as well as updates to our state bylaws. The new leadership is highly computer-literate.

North Dakota is pushing national membership, and contributing another \$10 for state membership. Confederation did not work to well for our founders, as independent states running amok does not a country make.

Roland Riemers was appointed by Marty as the state representative to the LNC and was also appointed as a non-voting member of the LPND executive committee to facilitate information flow between state and national. To the best of Roland's knowledge, this is the first time a state party has delegated that responsibility to ensure state and national communication.

North Dakota is continuing a search for statewide candidates for 2018, as well focusing on legislative districts with high Libertarian vote tallies. Districts are going to beat the bushes for strong Libertarian legislative candidates. An offer was made to help finance the cost of one of our young members to attend the next national convention so that ND can encourage young people to get involved in the state Libertarian Party.

## 8 *SOUTH DAKOTA*

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Aaron Alyward  
LPSOUTHDAKOTA Chair

Additional information provided by Greg Baldwin, LPSD At Large Representative:

Since the last convention we have been working on the following things:

- Our focus has been adding more people to the state LP, and trying to recruit people to run for office. For the last few months we have continually added people to the LP, while the Republicans, and Democrats continue to lose voters.
- As for people running for office, we currently have myself running for District 6 State House, and another individual running for City Council in Mitchell, SD.
- We also have two other individuals who are throwing around the idea of running for house seats, and one thinking about county sheriff. We are also in the process of trying to set up county parties, with Minnehaha county have the most progress to date.
- As of December 1st, we will be putting on a "Feeding South Dakota" food drive and donation. That will run from December 1st through December 18th.
- We are also trying to get voters involved by having them submit ideas for T-shirts, which we will be selling going into the new year.
- All the details aren't put together, but we are shooting for the second weekend of April, in 2018, to have our state convention in Sioux Falls, SD.
- This one is a way out yet, but we also booked Constitutional Attorney, KrisAnne Hall, to come speak in Sioux Falls, next October. She will be speaking on the issue of State Sovereignty. We're hoping to have a good turnout for that and get a few state legislators in attendance to they can better serve the people of South Dakota.

## 9 WISCONSIN

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The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin continues to grow and thrive. We currently have 14 candidates for elections in Fall of 2018, and 3 for the Spring elections. We also have a candidate for State Senate in a special election in January.

A popular Libertarian sports announcer in the Madison area has declared for Wisconsin Secretary of State, joining yours truly and Patrick Baird on a slate of statewide candidates.

Check out [TeamGuv.org](http://TeamGuv.org) for more info on the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Secretary of State campaigns.

LPWI is continuing to prepare for our April 2018 State Convention, to be held on the State Capitol Square in Madison. Our keynote speaker will be Jeffrey Tucker.

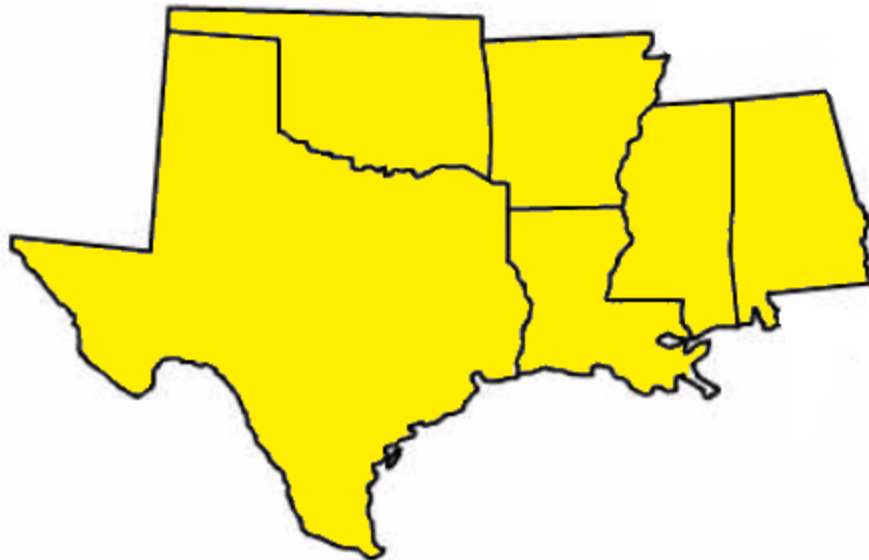
Check out our new website at [LPWI.org](http://LPWI.org), and join us next April. I challenge my fellow District 6 Chairs to throw a better convention than LPWI will. Please send us invitations, as we will be sending you all invitations to ours.

Please see the following 6 pages for the Region 7 Report

# Libertarian National Committee Region 7

*Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu*

*Region Alternate - Erin Adams*



DECEMBER 9-10, 2017

NEW ORLEANS, LA

## ❖ **ALABAMA - Leigh Lachine**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
  - Numbers are declining, but a membership drive is scheduled for December 2017.
- COUNTY NEWS
  - Currently have 5 recognized county affiliates
- ELECTIONS
  - Special US Senate election December 12, 2017
- BALLOT ACCESS
  - LP Alabama needs a realistic plan.
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
  - LP Alabama is co-sponsoring a bill with the Southern Poverty Law Center regarding Civil Asset Forfeiture.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
  - 2018 Convention March 2-4, 2018
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
  - Ron Bishop, Write-In for US Senate, is getting good media coverage.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - Trying NationBuilder, but will likely switch to CiviCRM in March.
- OTHER

## ❖ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
  - We are presently engaged in candidate-recruiting efforts, as well as conducting a membership renewal drive. Our state convention will be February 24-25, at which time we will be nominating candidates for the 2018 election.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
  - National LP membership has declined 20% over the past 12 months. State party membership has also been declining, but exact figures are uncertain due to serious database problems. We are presently conducting a November membership push to get renewals back up.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

➤ ELECTIONS

- An Elections Committee charged with recruiting candidates is actively at work. Including Governor, there are 7 statewide constitutional offices on the ballot this year. We are still seeking possible candidates for 3 to 4 of those offices, along with two out of the four U.S. House seats. Several candidates for state legislature have been identified.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- Done. Ballot access by petition secured over the summer. Ballot access beyond 2018 depends on getting 3% of the vote in the 2018 Gubernatorial race.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- State Convention: February 24-25, 2017.  
We will be nominating candidates, who will then have to file paperwork with the state by March 1.

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

➤ MEDIA

- Members of the news media are hungry for information about announced candidates for the 2018 elections. Our potential candidates for Governor and 4th District U.S. House have received good coverage in the statewide newspaper as well as local media outlets.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- We are participating in the CRM project being coordinated by Andy Burns. We have great hopes for having improved IT capabilities when implemented.

➤ OTHER

❖ **LOUISIANA - Rufus Craig**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Approximately 15000 members
- Actively solicit members to join National - bringing LA number up :)

➤ COUNTY NEWS

➤ ELECTIONS

- LP candidate for State Treasurer received 2% of the vote.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- Convention either April 8th or 15th

- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
  - Rufus will testify at the Commission on Voting Rights hearing on December 6th..

## ❖ **MISSISSIPPI - Denise Cranford**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- BALLOT ACCESS
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
  - 2018 Libertarian Party of Mississippi Convention - Saturday, April 28 @ 9:00am at the Embassy Suites Jackson - North/Ridgeland
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER

## ❖ **OKLAHOMA - Tina Kelly**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
  - Oklahoma is delighted to announce that Amy Murray has been elected to be our new state treasurer. We welcome her to the team and to the fight for liberty.
  - After much consideration, the OKLP voted to allow only those registered as Libertarian to vote in the 2018 primaries. That decision will stand for two years.
  - A committee to plan the 2018 state convention has been formed and details for a target date of late March will be forthcoming. Keep an eye out for the announcement.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
  - Current number of registered Libertarians 4,607. Total number of OKLP membership 166.
- COUNTY NEWS
  - We're growing! Oklahoma, Cleveland, Delaware and Carter Counties have begun the process of forming an affiliate party.

➤ ELECTIONS

- Our 3-way gubernatorial race has begun to pick up momentum. This past week the University of Central Oklahoma held a debate featuring all three Libertarian candidates and Randall University sponsored a forum featuring 7 candidates of the 12 running in all parties.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- We need 2.5% of the gubernatorial vote in November 2018 to maintain ballot access. We currently have 3 candidates running.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- Christina Wright and Amy Murray have been appointed co-chairs of the new fundraising committee. Activities are being planned and announcements forthcoming.

➤ MEDIA

- Libertarian candidates are featured regularly in print and on TV and radio. Our official party status has encouraged curiosity and interest in candidates up and down the ticket, but especially in those running for governor.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- The I.T. committee is pursuing SSL Certification for the OKLP website.

➤ OTHER

❖ **TEXAS - John Wilford**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- We are currently receiving Applications for Nomination from prospective candidates. We are getting our many new county affiliates and leadership prepared for the convention process, and helping connect candidates and counties to ensure proper preparation of all parties for the task of choosing our nominees.

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- We are receiving a higher than usual influx of new people interested in the party, have affiliated several new counties in the last few months, and our donating membership is growing at a modest rate.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

- Since our 2016 conventions, we have grown our number of affiliated counties by approximately 35%.

➤ ELECTIONS

- Campaign season has just officially started with the opening of the filing period, so we are receiving an onslaught of Applications for Nomination. We are busy as hell!

➤ LEGISLATIVE ACTION

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- We're good. We have to get at least 5% in a statewide race to maintain ballot access in each election or 2% in the gubernatorial election, and we are confident that we will have candidates in those races that will be able to reach that threshold.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- We are currently working to raise funds for our 2018 convention. Several members of state leadership have made commitments to each raise \$1,000. We have no details to report at this point on those efforts though.

➤ MEDIA

- Several of our announced candidates are already getting press coverage, particularly in some of the more contentious races.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- We're in the middle of making improvements to our website and are constantly working to make more content available to our members, candidates, county leadership, and others available electronically.

➤ OTHER

## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec 4, 2017

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in New Orleans should additional information become available.

1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am usually able to respond within 24 hours.

2) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I work with state campus outreach coordinators to assist their programs to build campus organizations and assist campus activists.

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

I am pleased to report that I had the honor of giving addresses at Students For Liberty regional conferences at the University of Missouri (Columbia) on Oct. 14 and the University of North Carolina – Charlotte on Nov. 4. (An article about the Missouri conference is available at [www.studentsforliberty.org/2017/10/17/open-hearts-open-markets-mizzou/](http://www.studentsforliberty.org/2017/10/17/open-hearts-open-markets-mizzou/).) I shall work with Wes Benedict to organize an outreach effort at LibertyCon 2018 (the 11th annual SFL international conference) in Washington, D.C. next March.

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

4) LPHQ receives a relatively steady stream of inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus continues to do an excellent job in responding rapidly and professionally to these inquiries.

5) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on several projects. In particular, I work with YAL campus activists in various ways.

6) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I may develop a couple of FEE workshops on understanding public policy data and risk analysis.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec 4, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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