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CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. (all times Central)

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

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

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

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4 – arrived 4:12 p.m.), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7 – arrived at unknown time after the call-to-order), Justin O'Donnell (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alternate – arrived at unknown time after the call-to-order), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2 Alternate), Dustin Nanna (Region 3 Alternate), Kenneth Brent Olsen (Region 4 Alternate), Steve Scheetz (Region 5 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate), Erin Adams (Region 7 Alternate – arrived at 4:37 p.m.), Alex Merced (Region 8 Alternate)

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

Not attending the meeting were: Joshua Katz (At-Large)

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

CREDENTIALS AND PAPERWORK CHECK

The Secretary noted the one membership change listed in the Secretary's report (see Appendix A). A printed agenda was distributed, and the Secretary distributed a printed listing of potential conflicts of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Mr. Vohra moved to add 5 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice to consider debate participation criteria. There was no objection.

Starchild moved to add 10 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice to discuss "holocracy". The motion failed with a show of hands.

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

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson) 3 minutes

Officer Reports

Chair's Report (Sarwark) 5 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan) 5 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson) 5 minutes

Staff Reports

20 minutes

Counsel's Report

10 minutes

Reports of Standing Committees

Audit Committee (Fox) 5 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (Hayes) 10 minutes
Awards Committee (Lark) 5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Hayes) 10 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Lark) 5 minutes
IT Committee 5 minutes
Platform Committee (Harlos) 5 minutes
Bylaws Committee 5 minutes
Credentials Committee 5 minutes
Ballot Access Committee (Redpath) 10 minutes
Candidate Support Committee (Goldstein) 10 minutes

Reports of Special Committees

Historical Preservation Committee (Harlos) 5 minutes
Social Media Process Review Committee 5 minutes
Blockchain Committee 5 minutes

New Business with Previous Notice

New Business without Previous Notice

Development Director Contract (Sarwark) 10 minutes
Debate Participation Criteria (Vohra) 5 minutes

Regional Reports

3 minutes each

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Since the previous LNC meeting, the following potential conflicts of interest were submitted in writing to the Secretary.

Craig Bowden

Chair, Libertarian Party of Weber County in Utah
Candidate for the United States Senate from Utah

Alex Merced

Senior Policy Advisor, Larry Sharpe for Governor Campaign

The following updates were provided during the meeting:

Steve Nekhaila

At-large director, Libertarian Party of Florida
Alumni member, Young Americans for Liberty

Steve Scheetz

Candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania District 1
Pennsylvania State Coordinator, Radical Caucus
Treasurer, Radical Caucus

Brent Olsen

Northern Vice-Chair, Libertarian Party of California
Chair, Kings County affiliate in the in Libertarian Party of California
Employee, CA Dept of Corrections

Starchild

Is no longer co-host of the Crossover TV show
Is no longer media spokesperson for the Nicholas Wildstar for Governor campaign
Is no longer a paid consultant for No on the Prop E campaign in San Francisco

David Demarest

Is no longer Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Nebraska
Three previously listed items related to the Liberty Un-Convention are no longer relevant

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark gave a brief oral report regarding his activities and fundraising efforts, and he fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

She requested approval for amendments to three sets of past minutes, explaining that two of them were necessary due to the previous email list's routine failure to distribute messages from Jeff Hewitt to all list participants. The recipients' service providers rejected the messages as though they were spam. This resulted in some of his email ballot votes being contained in list's bounce notifications and in the online archive, but not in the email inboxes of LNC members.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the December 10-11, 2016 LNC minutes, on page 9, in the final vote under the section for the IT Committee report, in which the roll call listing shows 14 votes in favor and 1 opposed, but the written count was mistakenly recorded as 14-0. There was no objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the results of email ballot 2017-06 on the subject of "Move Archive Records to Colorado", recorded in the April 15-16, 2017 minutes, to include Jeff Hewitt's "aye" vote and update the vote total from 12-2 to instead be 13-2. There was no objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the results of email ballot 2017-11 on the subject of "Military Members", recorded in the August 19-20, 2017 minutes, to replace Region 4 Alternate Aaron Starr's "aye" vote with Region 4 Representative Jeff Hewitt's "aye" vote, with no change in the vote total of 14-2. There was no objection.

STAFF REPORTS

Wes Benedict provided an oral staff report. Lauren Daugherty summarized fundraising efforts and provided historical comparisons of finances of this convention relative to the 2014 convention. The LNC took no action.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

LNC Special Counsel Oliver Hall had submitted a written report (see Appendix B). Mr. Sarwark summarized highlights and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Chair Julie Fox had provided the LNC with a confidential Audit Committee report as well as the audited financial statements (see Appendix C) for fiscal year 2017. She supplemented with an oral presentation, addressing two recommendations from the auditing firm.

Ms. Mattson noted that the LNC had received the audited financials and the board disclosure letter, but had not yet received the management representation letter. Mr. Sarwark requested that Mr. Benedict send it individually to board members.

The LNC took no action.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Affiliate Support Committee Chair Daniel Hayes presented an oral report. At the request of Mr. Hayes, Ken Moellman (KY) reported that the committee had put out a bid solicitation for a user dashboard for the existing CRM project. The dashboard is expected to increase ease-of-use and reduce the learning curve for an affiliate's volunteers. They received a bid for a total of \$50,000, with a requirement for a \$17,500 down payment to start the project.

Mr. Hayes moved to increase budget expense line 50-Affiliate Support by \$17,500 to start the project to add a user dashboard to the CRM project.

Following debate, Mr. Goldstein moved to amend to strike \$17,500 and instead insert \$50,000.

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

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

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Sarwark

The amendment was adopted with a vote total of 15-0.

The main motion became to increase budget expense line 50-Affiliate Support by \$50,000 to start the project to add a user dashboard to the CRM project.

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

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

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Sarwark, Starchild

The motion as amended was adopted with a vote total of 14-0.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Awards Committee Chair Jim Lark had submitted a written report (see Appendix D), and he supplemented with brief oral comments.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Convention Oversight Committee Chair Daniel Hayes presented an oral report.

Starchild moved to make the historical convention archive used by the Convention Oversight Committee a public archive.

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

Voting "aye": Starchild

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

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 1-12.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

EPCC Chair Jim Lark had submitted a written report (see Appendix E), and he supplemented with an oral report. Mr. Sarwark indicated that the EPCC has approved a director-level contract for Lauren Daugherty. Dr. Lark fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

IT COMMITTEE

IT Committee Chair Sean O'Toole presented an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

There were no questions regarding the Platform Committee.

BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair Joe Bishop-Henchman presented a brief oral report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

No one was present from the Credentials Committee, so the agenda item was skipped.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ballot Access Committee Chair Bill Redpath had submitted a written report (see Appendix F), and he supplemented with an oral report.

Mr. Redpath referred the LNC to the committee report details regarding a North Dakota candidate's insufficient performance in a primary election, which may result in losing ballot access there. He discussed some related legal strategies.

On behalf of the Ballot Access Committee, Mr. Redpath moved that a \$2,500 encumbrance be made to help fund petitioning to place a Libertarian candidate on the North Dakota ballot as an Independent for the 2018 general election. The motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$30,000 to assist the Libertarian Party of New York in qualifying party candidates this year. There was no objection.

CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Candidate Support Committee Chair Sam Goldstein had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix G), and he supplemented with an oral update.

On behalf of the Candidate Support Committee, Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC will provide \$1,000 to the campaign of Jake Porter (for Governor of Iowa) from the Candidate Support budget line. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Harlos indicated she was not requesting time for a report, so the agenda item was skipped without objection.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ms. Van Horn indicated that the Social Media Process Review Committee doesn't have a chair, hasn't met, and has no report; she requested that the committee be re-constituted for the next term. The LNC took no action.

BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE

Preston Smith distributed a document titled “Cryptocurrency Compliance Guide for Candidates” which the Blockchain Committee had produced. He indicated that the guide is still a draft and that legal counsel has not reviewed it. Mr. Merced expressed a desire to develop this document further to add state-by-state rules. The LNC took no action.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CONTRACT

Mr. Sarwark summarized Lauren Daugherty’s role as head of development and indicated an intent to sign the EPCC-reviewed contract to hire her in a director-level position. Ms. Mattson noted that Policy Manual Section 2.04.4 requires that director-level contracts be circulated on a confidential basis to the LNC 10 days prior to the contract being executed, but the LNC had not received the contract yet. Following discussion, Mr. Sarwark moved to postpone this agenda item to be the last item on the agenda. There was no objection to the postponement.

CANDIDATE DEBATE CRITERIA

Mr. Vohra moved to eliminate the token requirements to participate in the chair and vice-chair candidate debates during the convention.

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

Voting “aye”: Bowden, Marsh, O’Toole, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn

Abstaining: Bilyeu, O’Donnell, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 5-7.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Goldstein moved to remove regional reports from agenda. There was no objection.

Region 1 Representative Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix H).

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix I). He had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix K) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix L).

Region 6 Representative David Demarest had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix J).

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONTINUED)

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CONTRACT (continued)

Following public comments, Mr. Goldstein moved to enter executive session for purposes of reviewing an employment contract. The motion was adopted with a show of hands.

The LNC entered executive session at approximately 6:30 p.m. and rose from executive session at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Sarwark moved to suspend the rules to consider an amendment to Policy Manual Section 2.04.3. The suspension of the rules was adopted with a show of hands.

Mr. Sarwark moved to amend the final paragraph of Policy Manual Section 2.04.3 as follows:

Independent contractors doing business with the LNC are required to sign formal contracts that clearly set forth the parties' intention that they be treated as independent contractors. Each contract for director-level employment and any related advice from General Counsel must be circulated to the LNC on a strictly confidential basis following EPCC approval ~~and no later than 10 days prior to the Chair signing the contract.~~

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Marsh, O'Donnell, O'Toole, Redpath, Sarwark

Voting "no": Hewitt, Mattson, Starchild, Van Horn

Abstaining: Harlos, Lark, Vohra

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 8-4, which meets the 2/3rds threshold to amend something previously adopted without previous notice.

Mr. Sarwark moved that the LNC authorize the chair to immediately sign the contract to hire Lauren Daugherty as Development Director.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Marsh, O'Donnell, O'Toole, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn

Voting "no": Starchild

Abstaining: Lark, Mattson, Vohra

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

ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned without objection at 7:33 p.m.

Secretary's Report

For June 30, 2018 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on April 21-22, 2018:

- April 21-22, 2018 LNC session – auto-approved May 22, 2018
- June 1, 2018 EC videoconference – auto-approved on June 15, 2018
- June 20, 2018 EC teleconference – scheduled for auto-approval on July 5, 2018

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- California selects its regional representation at its state conventions, rather than with a caucus at the national convention. At the April 28, 2018 state convention, California selected Jeff Hewitt as its region rep and Kenneth Brent Olsen as its regional alternate for the upcoming term. Nevada has consented to the change. This change created an automatic vacancy on Audit Committee.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- In April 2018, Scott Pettigrew (appointee of Ohio) resigned from the Credentials Committee. Ohio subsequently appointed Jon Mohler to replace him.
- Steve Linnabary (an LNC appointee) has resigned from the Credentials Committee.
- Florida has appointed Steve Nekhaila as an alternate to the Platform Committee.

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

I have distributed a Delegation Chair's Manual to try to preemptively answer many questions that delegation chairs often have about national conventions. The document is available on the convention website, in the "Delegate Docs" section.

I have prepared the delegate token packets, which will be distributed by the Credentials Committee at the national convention.

The following 4 email ballots were completed since the April 21-22, 2018 LNC session:

Motion 2018-06: Amend Policy Manual Section 1.02.7 Electronic Meetings as follows:

- a) The term "electronic meeting" within these electronic meeting rules shall be construed to include teleconferences and videoconferences.
- b) The term "committee" within these electronic meeting rules shall be construed to include both the LNC (as the board of the Libertarian Party) as well as committees.
- c) All videoconferences will be conducted via the Adobe Connect (Citrix) service, ~~hereinafter referred to as Adobe Connect~~ or via Zoom (zoom.us). ~~These two services are hereinafter referred to as~~ Electronic Meeting Provider(s).

[...]

e) Each committee member calling for an electronic meeting must do so by emailing the entire committee and specifying the date of the meeting, time of the meeting, [meeting link including the identity of the Electronic Meeting Provider](#), and the topic(s) to be addressed. Meetings must be so called no fewer than 2 days in advance for committees with fewer than 10 members, or 7 days in advance for committees with 10 or more members. These time limits do not apply to the LNC's Executive Committee, the LNC's Advertising and Publications Review Committee, or the Judicial Committee.

[...]

h) Each participant must provide his own equipment and connectivity, including but not limited to any computer, internet access, web camera, microphone, earphones, or telephone. Members and alternates have the right to participate in an electronic meeting by telephone, however they should use a computer connection if feasible so as to be able to more fully use the ~~Adobe Connect~~ [Electronic Meeting Provider](#) features. The organization is not responsible for providing a central location for physical attendance of an electronic meeting. For face-to-face meetings, electronic participation is not allowed.

i) Each participant must accurately identify himself by name when joining the meeting. Videoconference participants other than members or alternates of the committee must precede their sign-in name with "zz" ([or the group administrator shall do so](#)) so as to group them at the end of the alphabetical participant list.

[...]

n) If the committee permits, participants other than members or alternates of the committee may observe videoconferences using ~~Adobe Connect~~ [the Electronic Meeting Provider](#) (and not by a toll-free number) with their web cameras off and their microphones muted.

o) The LNC Secretary shall promulgate these rules to all members/alternates of each committee upon notice of their election or appointment.

[p\) Arrangements for use of the Electronic Meeting Provides must be made through the LNC Secretary who may be required to be present to administer the meeting which might limit available days for use.](#)

Sponsors: Harlos, Goldstein, Demarest, O'Donnell, Van Horn

Started: 05/23/18

Ended: 06/02/18

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Olsen, Starchild, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

Express Abstention: Katz, Mattson

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

Motion 2018-07: Direct the COC to change inclusion rules as follows. Any candidate who can get 10 signatures should be included in the debate. Convention delegates may sign more than one petition.

Sponsors: Vohra, Starchild, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 06/03/18

Ended: 06/13/18

Voting “aye”: (none)

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Donnell, Olsen, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Demarest

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

Motion 2018-08: The LNC will provide \$500 each to the campaigns of Craig Bowden (U.S. Senate UT) and Lloyd Princeton (U.S. House of Representatives NM) from the Candidate Support budget line.

Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Hagan, O'Donnell, Demarest, Van Horn

Started: 06/05/18

Ended: 06/15/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, O'Donnell, Olsen, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

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

Motion 2018-09: to amend Policy Manual Section 2.02.5 (in part) as follows:

"With a majority vote the committee may select recipients of the Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, [Benjamin Franklin](#), Thomas Paine, and Patrick Henry awards. While the committee has discretion as to the frequency of such convention awards, it is hoped that at least one recipient will be found worthy for each award at each regular convention."

Sponsors: Mattson, Harlos, Hayes, O'Donnell, Katz, Goldstein

Started: 06/11/18

Ended: 06/21/18

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

Voting "nay": (none)

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

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Libertarian National Committee

FROM: Oliver Hall

DATE: June 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Special Counsel's Report

Introduction

This report summarizes my work as Special Counsel to the Libertarian National Committee since I last submitted a report on April 20, 2018. The report is a privileged attorney-client communication, but only relates facts, and not legal advice. As such, it may be appropriate for sharing with a wider audience, including members of the Libertarian Party, at your discretion.

General

As Special Counsel to the LNC, I have reviewed documents and correspondence, responded to questions, and provided legal advice and services on a variety of matters as needed or requested. In particular, I researched and resolved queries relating to: the viability of a cause of action on behalf of a Libertarian Party of Oklahoma candidate; potential liability arising from a medical issue involving a contractor; Maine law pertaining to nomination by convention versus primary elections; Arizona law relating to online fundraising; potential litigation arising from interference with petition circulators in Connecticut; dispute relating to whether Connecticut imposes a residency requirement for petition circulators; exclusion of Libertarian Party of Nebraska candidate from debate; exclusion of Libertarian Party candidates by opinion polling firms; New York law relating to petition circulators; and North Dakota law relating to recounts.

I also provided the following services:

- Drafted and filed FEC complaint against debate staging organizations that unlawfully exclude Libertarian candidates;
- Drafted liability release form for LNC convention;
- Drafted correspondence for LNC annual audit;
- Media outreach to obtain correction of a *Washington Post* story that misidentified an independent candidate as a Libertarian.

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

- *Frost v. Manlove*, No. ____ (De. April 2018) (action for mandamus by Libertarian Party of Delaware against state commissioner of elections).

Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: social media manager contractor; development director; and petitioning contractors in Illinois and Ohio.

Litigation

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

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

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

Libertarian National Committee v. Federal Election Committee, No. 16-cv-0121: This case challenges the FEC's treatment of a bequest from Joseph Shaber, deceased, to the LNC, which imposes an annual limit on the amount of the bequest that may be distributed to the LNC. The FEC filed a motion to dismiss, which the Court denied on January 3, 2017. The parties have taken discovery. In September 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting that the District Court certify certain questions of law to the D.C. Circuit for decision. In October 2017, the FEC filed a new motion to dismiss. On June 29, 2018, the District Court granted Plaintiff's motion and denied the FEC's motion. The District Court certified the questions of law to the D.C. Circuit. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alan Gura, Gura & Possessky: alan@gurapossessky.com; 703.835.9085.

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

See the following 20 pages for the 2017 Audited Financial Statements

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



**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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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, 2017, 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, 2017, 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, 2016, and our report dated August 9, 2017 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, 2016, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



Frye & Company, CPAs
Manassas, Virginia
May 29, 2018

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017
(WITH 2016 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156,281	\$ 239,852
Bequests receivable, net	210,493	166,823
Prepaid expenses and other	37,003	27,899
Property and equipment:		
Land	347,881	347,881
Building and improvements	528,570	528,570
Furniture and equipment	63,206	63,206
Computer equipment	22,801	22,801
Computer software	84,645	84,645
Property and equipment, at cost	<u>1,047,103</u>	<u>1,047,103</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(209,105)</u>	<u>(184,840)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>837,998</u>	<u>862,263</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,241,775</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,296,837</u></u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Unsecured lines of credit	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,581	24,161
Accrued salaries and related benefits	9,073	11,455
Accrued vacation	21,174	33,802
Deferred registrations	101,728	-
Capital lease liabilities	10,698	17,357
Mortgage payable	<u>236,318</u>	<u>327,163</u>
Total liabilities	406,572	413,938
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	827,529	877,044
Temporarily restricted	<u>7,674</u>	<u>5,855</u>
Total net assets	<u>835,203</u>	<u>882,899</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,241,775</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,296,837</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, 2017
(WITH 2016 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)**

	2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	2016
Revenue and Support				
Contributions and membership	\$ 1,356,375	\$ 72,308	\$ 1,428,683	\$ 1,895,268
Convention and other events	90,832	-	90,832	398,690
Political campaign materials	61,902	-	61,902	316,269
Sponsorships and classifieds	6,344	-	6,344	15,836
Interest and dividends	627	-	627	215
Net assets released from restriction:				
Building, legal, and other funds	70,489	(70,489)	-	-
Total revenue and support	1,586,569	1,819	1,588,388	2,626,278
Expense				
Program services:				
Communications	368,458	-	368,458	306,091
Ballot access	151,575	-	151,575	444,485
Brand development	110,731	-	110,731	500,693
Affiliate support	72,348	-	72,348	59,174
Campaign programs	63,889	-	63,889	94,308
Outreach programs	50,951	-	50,951	23,470
Media relations	15,961	-	15,961	16,021
Conventions and events	14,577	-	14,577	249,971
Litigation and lobbying	4,979	-	4,979	7,338
Campus outreach	3,477	-	3,477	3,580
Total program services	856,946	-	856,946	1,705,131
Supporting services:				
Management and general	286,448	-	286,448	239,326
Fundraising and donor acquisition	492,690	-	492,690	407,232
Total supporting services	779,138	-	779,138	646,558
Total expense	1,636,084	-	1,636,084	2,351,689
Change in Net Assets	(49,515)	1,819	(47,696)	274,589
Net assets, beginning of year	877,044	5,855	882,899	608,310
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 827,529</u>	<u>\$ 7,674</u>	<u>\$ 835,203</u>	<u>\$ 882,899</u>

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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017
(WITH 2016 COMPARATIVE TOTALS)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (47,696)	\$ 274,589
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	24,265	24,665
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Bequests receivable	(43,670)	35,069
Prepaid expenses and other	(9,104)	(6,079)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,420	20,548
Accrued salaries and related benefits	(2,382)	4,576
Accrued vacation	(12,628)	9,174
Deferred registrations	101,728	(44,921)
Total adjustments	<u>61,629</u>	<u>43,032</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>13,933</u>	<u>317,621</u>
Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,959)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	-	(7,959)
Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		
Principal payments on capital lease liability	(6,659)	(6,401)
Principal payments on mortgage payable	<u>(90,845)</u>	<u>(134,792)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>(97,504)</u>	<u>(141,193)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(83,571)	168,469
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>239,852</u>	<u>71,383</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 156,281</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 239,852</u></u>
 Supplemental Cash Flows Information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ -	\$ -
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 13,555</u>	<u>\$ 22,866</u>

See accompanying auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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 13,800 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 expenses when obligations are incurred. The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total and not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Committee's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, from which the summarized information was derived. Certain prior year information was reclassified to adhere with the current financial statement presentation.

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.

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Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Income Tax Status - Continued: Certain activities unrelated to the exempt purpose, such as net investment income, are subject to taxation. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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.

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 \$33,900 and \$33,400, respectively, from the trustee during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. 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.

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Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Property and Equipment: Depreciation and amortization expense was approximately \$24,300 and \$24,700, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. No significant loss on the dispositions or impairment of property and equipment was reported by the Committee during the years ended December 31, 2017 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 escalations as of December 31, 2017.

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 \$7,700 and \$5,900, respectively, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- *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, 2017 and 2016.

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.

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Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

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.

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, 2017 and 2016, the Committee determined that no significant assets or liabilities were reported at fair value on a recurring basis in the accompanying financial statements.

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

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Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

Fair Value Measurements – Continued: 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, 2017 and 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.

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, 2017 and 2016, the Committee reported no significant bank balance in excess of federal insurance limits.

Bequests Receivable: As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, significantly all of the Committee's bequests receivable pertain to the remaining corpus from several decedent's estates. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the approximately \$131,500 (or 11%) and \$166,800 (or 13%), respectively, of the Committee's total assets pertain to amounts due from a single bequest.

Note D – Related Party Transactions

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Committee received approximately \$52,400 and \$29,800, respectively, in membership dues and contributions from current and former board members and current and former employees. Additionally during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Committee paid \$29,100 and \$206,100, respectively, to related state affiliates for ballot access petitioning and voter registration campaigns and related travel.

Note E – Bequests Receivable

From time-to-time the Committee receives bequests and legacies from decedent members' last wills and testaments. Several bequests were outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Note E – Bequests Receivable – Continued

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, 2017 and 2016, the Committee received approximately \$33,900 and \$33,400, respectively, from the trustee with the remaining balance of approximately \$131,500 and \$166,800, respectively, reflected as a bequest receivable as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Committee received notification from the executor and trustee of an additional bequest in which the Committee was a beneficiary of a deceased member's estate. The executor and trustee of the estate estimated the Committee's portion of the estate to be approximately \$111,900 of which the Committee was eligible to receive \$33,900 during the year ended December 31, 2017 given the Committee's interpretation of FEC guidelines and regulations. The remaining balance outstanding on this bequest receivable was approximately \$78,000 as of December 31, 2017.

The executors and appointed trustees are holding the remaining outstanding bequests in interest bearing accounts at 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 interest bearing, insured accounts. The Committee expects to receive approximately \$33,900 annually from the trustee, which may be adjusted annual by the FEC guidelines and regulations.

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 \$78,000 as of December 31, 2017 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 no significant outstanding balances on the lines of credit as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. Additionally, no significant interest expense was incurred during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. 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, 2017:

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Note F – Unsecured Lines of Credit – Continued

Unsecured lines of credit with regional financial institutions in the form of two credit card accounts with total available credit of \$78,000. 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, 2017, 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 to purchase the Committee's office 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 curtailments since inception of the loan. The Committee incurred interest expense of approximately \$13,000 and \$22,000, respectively, on the mortgage during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The outstanding principal balance and terms of the mortgage payable are as follow as of December 31, 2017:

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 significant principal curtailments. Interest expense incurred on the promissory note was approximately \$13,000 during the year ended December 31, 2017.

\$ 236,318

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Note G – Debt Obligations – Continued

Mortgage Payable - Continued:

Less current portion of notes payable	23,881
Long-term portion of notes payable	<u>\$ 212,437</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, 2017 and 2016, the net book values of the capitalized assets were approximately \$9,400 and \$16,000, 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 \$600 and \$900, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The outstanding principal balance and terms of the capital lease liabilities are as follows as of December 31, 2017:

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). 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 \$600 (or \$350 and \$250, respectively) during the year ended December 31, 2017.	\$ 10,698
Less current portion of capital lease liabilities	<u>6,933</u>
Long-term portion of capital lease liabilities	<u>\$ 3,765</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:

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Note G – Debt Obligations – Continued

Capital Leases - Continued:

	<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>Digital Copier</u>	<u>Postage Machine</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 23,881	\$ 5,918	\$ 1,015	\$ 30,814
2019	25,051	3,024	741	28,816
2020	26,294	-	-	26,294
2021	27,598	-	-	27,598
2022	28,996	-	-	28,996
Thereafter	104,498	-	-	104,498
	<u>\$ 236,318</u>	<u>\$ 8,942</u>	<u>\$ 1,756</u>	<u>\$ 247,016</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>
2018	\$ 6,099	\$ 1,158	\$ 7,257
2019	3,049	772	3,821
	<u>\$ 9,148</u>	<u>\$ 1,930</u>	11,078
Less imputed interest at an annual rates of 2.89% and 11.03%			<u>(380)</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payment			10,698
Less current portion of capital lease liabilities			<u>6,933</u>
Long-term portion of capital lease liabilities			<u>\$ 3,765</u>

Interest Expense: Total interest expense incurred on the debt obligations, including the above mortgage payable and capital lease obligations, total approximately \$13,600 and \$22,900, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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 legal defense and radio advertising funds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note H – Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Continued

The Committee's temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Building acquisition fund	\$ 5,209	\$ 2,402
College campus programs	1,806	2,555
Legal defense and radio fund	659	898
	<u>\$ 7,674</u>	<u>\$ 5,855</u>

The following net assets were released from restriction during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Building acquisition fund	\$ 69,000	\$ 17,000
College campus programs	750	-
Legal defense and radio fund	739	-
	<u>\$ 70,489</u>	<u>\$ 17,000</u>

Note I – Intentions-to-Give

The Committee receives commitment 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. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Committee recognized approximately \$360,000 and \$350,900, respectively, from recurring contributions from members.

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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 \$9,800 and \$9,500, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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.

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 \$33,900 and \$33,400, respectively, for each of the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. 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.

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Note K – Commitments & Contingencies – Continued

Employment Contracts – Continued: 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.

Hotel Contracts: The Committee has contracts with hotels and other venues for conventions and other events. These contracts contain cancellation clauses that may require the Committee to pay certain liquidating damages in the event of cancellation. The amount of damages may vary 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 may also risk forfeiture of any deposits made with these hotels.

Note L – Income Taxes

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 office. 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, 2017 and 2016, 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 Forms 1120-POL.

Tax Contingencies: Although the Committee has not received any notice of intent to examine its tax returns, the Committee's tax returns remain subject to examination or review 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, 2017 and 2016 that are more likely than not to be sustained should the Committee's tax returns be subject to examination. Accordingly, the Committee also did not incur or accrue any significant penalties or interest associated with uncertain tax positions during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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Note M – Subsequent Events Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events for the period January 1, 2018 through May 29, 2018, 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.

2018 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 29, 2018

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

The members of the 2018 Awards Committee are Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, Jim Lark, Keith Laube, and Jennifer (“Hap”) Werther.

From March through May, the Committee solicited nominations from LP members for the national awards (Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin*, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, and Thomas Jefferson), as well as nominations for election to the Hall of Liberty. The solicitation took place by various means, including an article in *LP News*, e-mails to the LP e-mail list, and a blog post on LP.com. The deadline for submission was May 31.

During the December 2016 meeting, the LNC adopted a motion without objection to induct into the Hall of Liberty all who had received the Thomas Jefferson Award for lifetime achievement prior to 2012, when the Hall of Liberty was instituted to recognize lifetime achievement and the Jefferson Award was redefined to recognize outstanding leadership and character.

The five people inducted into the Hall by the LNC vote are Ruth Bennett (2008 Jefferson Award), David Bergland (1998 Jefferson Award), the late Ron Crickenberger (2004 Jefferson Award), Jim Lark (2008 Jefferson Award), and the late John Perry (2002 Jefferson Award). The Committee received and considered other nominations for the Hall of Liberty. None of the other nominees received the unanimous vote required for election.

The Committee also selected the recipients of the Adams, Franklin, Henry, Paine, and Jefferson Awards. The recipients will be honored at a ceremony during the national convention in New Orleans. Selection of each recipient required a majority vote of the entire Committee.

The Committee expresses its gratitude to the following people:

- Robert Kraus, for his help in distributing information about the awards process and his assistance in obtaining the trophies to be presented to the recipients and inductees
- Eric Dixon, for his work to prepare video presentations for the awards ceremonies
- The LP members who submitted nominations.

The names of the previous recipients of the Adams, Paine, Henry, and Jefferson Awards, along with the names of the Hall of Liberty members, are enclosed below in an appendix.

* The Benjamin Franklin Award was created in April 2018; the first recipient of the award will be named at the 2018 national convention. Nominations for this award were not solicited until late April/early May 2018.

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

1996:

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

1998:

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

2000:

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

2002:

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

2004:

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

2006:

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

2008:

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

2010:

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

2012:

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

Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris
Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

2014:

Patrick Henry Award: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis
Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia
Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris
Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon
Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

2016:

Patrick Henry Award: Will Hammer
Samuel Adams Award: Wendy Adams
Thomas Paine Award: Jason Scheurer
Thomas Jefferson Award: BetteRose Ryan
Hall of Liberty: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath

2018:

Benjamin Franklin Award: To be announced
Patrick Henry Award: To be announced
Samuel Adams Award: To be announced
Thomas Paine Award: To be announced
Thomas Jefferson Award: To be announced
Hall of Liberty: Ruth Bennett, David Bergland, Ron Crickenberger, Jim Lark, and John Perry

Benjamin Franklin Award:

2018: To be announced

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine
2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis
2016: Will Hammer
2018: To be announced

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger
1998: Steve Dasbach
2000: Richard Rider
2002: Bruce Baechler
2004: Jim Lark
2006: Michael Badnarik
2008: Bill Hall
2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

2012: Clyde Garland
2014: Hardy Macia
2016: Wendy Adams
2018: To be announced

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger
1998: Harry Browne
2000: Michael Cloud
2002: Richard Pearl
2004: Mary Ruwart
2006: John Stossel
2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg
2010: Rex Bell
2012: Jim Lark
2014: Sharon Harris
2016: Jason Scheurer
2018: To be announced

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan
1998: David Bergland
2000: Ed Clark
2002: John Perry
2004: Ron Crickenberger
2006: Harry Browne
2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark
2010: Bill Redpath
2012: Sharon Harris
2014: Pat Dixon
2016: BetteRose Ryan
2018: To be announced

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger
2016: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath
2018: Ruth Bennett, David Bergland, Ron Crickenberger, Jim Lark, and John Perry

EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 29, 2018

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

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

1) The EPCC recently submitted a minor revision of the Employee Manual to the LPHQ staff for comment. Robert Kraus indicated that he must provide some information to the EPCC about 401k plans to include in the revision.

2) At this time, the EPCC is not able to recommend adoption of the proposed “Whistleblower Protection” and “Document Retention” policies that were circulated last year.

The EPCC considered feedback from LPHQ staff and Oliver Hall (LNC special counsel) concerning these proposed policies. Various concerns about the proposed policies were expressed. In particular, it is not clear that it is necessary for the LNC to adopt these policies as a matter of law/regulation.

In addition, questions were raised concerning some of the specific details of the proposed policies. For example, it was not clear that the Audit Committee should be given authority regarding “Whistleblower” issues.

The current EPCC members believe that future EPCCs should continue to investigate ways of improving LNC policies and procedures, and that it may be necessary for the LNC to modify its policies and procedures concerning “whistleblower” and “document retention” matters.

3) In his capacity as EPCC chair, Dr. Lark reviewed the LNC Policies and Procedures manual to determine whether the manual should be updated. He provided his suggestions to LNC treasurer Tim Hagan.

4) Recently LNC chair Nicholas Sarwark submitted a proposed contract for Lauren Daugherty to the EPCC for review. The EPCC is currently reviewing the document, and will soon submit its comments to Mr. Sarwark.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana

June 30, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

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

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

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

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

Upcoming petition drive:

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

I will forward the encumbrance request for \$30,000 from the LPNY to the LNC EC to the entire LNC in a separate email. The Ballot Access Committee previously recommended an encumbrance of \$35,000, but due to a generous pledged donation from Michael Chastain, the LPNY funding request has been reduced.

Now, the ongoing drives:

OH: Party petition deadline is Tuesday, July 3. The one and only signature turn-in to the Secretary of State’s office will be on Monday, July 2. Net sigs needed: 54,965.

The LPOH will turn in slightly over 100,000 gross signatures, with about 62,500 net signatures, just to be sure that we have enough net sigs. Volunteer gross sigs to date: 7,392.

IL: 25,000 net sigs needed. Drive started Tue, March 27. Turn-in was on Mon, June 25. The Exec Comm encumbrance for this was initially \$48,000, with \$8,000 added in a June 20 EC conference call. It is expected that all \$56,000 will be spent.

Here is the report from LPIL Ballot Access Coordinator Krysta Walker.

Yesterday at 9 a.m., party members and candidates submitted over 47k raw signatures to the State Board of Elections. WCIA covered the submission of our signatures at the SBOE. I believe this is the first time that we have had active press coverage of that part of the morning, so that is very exciting. We then went to the capital where we had a press conference.

We made our goal of 18k volunteer signatures by Sunday evening. I am so very proud of each and every one of our members who collected signatures. 23 chapters participated.

Special mention to our top 3 chapters and top 3 volunteers. BRAVO!

Top Chapters

DuPage	3712
Metro East	2630 (Illinois suburbs near St. Louis)
Chicago	2473

Top Collectors

Jason Spyres	1670
Justin Tucker	1643
Claire Ball	1063

The next step will be our signature defense [if a challenge to our sigs is filed].

TN: The LPTN states that they collected 17,000 signatures for the 2017 petition drive with volunteers and petitioners paid for by the LPTN. We do not know the breakdown between volunteer and paid sigs.

Additionally, the LNC sent \$8,000 to the LPTN. LPTN Chair Cole Ebel says the LPTN never used that money. LP Executive Director Wes Benedict has asked the LPTN to return the \$8,000, but the LPTN has not agreed to that.

Additionally, Michael Chastain sent \$2,500 for signatures to the LPTN. Cole Ebel states that that money was not spent, and Michael Chastain has not asked for his unspent contributions to be returned. The same is true with Bill Redpath, but for \$750.

LPHQ also spent \$7,250 for SMI (Sean Wilmoth) to collect signatures, but no signatures were collected and the \$7,250 paid to SMI was not returned. Per the terms in our contract with SMI, SMI should return the funds minus expenses incurred attempting to collect signatures.

I will now address other states:

AZ: No LP candidates on the ballot this year. The statewide candidates were challenged off the ballot by the Republican Party. Only registered Libertarians and Independents, which constitute only about 34% of Arizona registered voters, were eligible to sign our candidates petitions to get on the primary ballot. Our candidates did not get enough such signatures.

ND: The LPND will lose ballot access after the November 2018 election, because only one candidate ran in the LPND 2018 Primary (Roland Riemers) and he received fewer than 300 votes. Under ND law, his name will not be printed on the general election ballot. Unless lobbying succeeds, the LP will probably have to fund a petition drive in ND before the 2020 campaign. A party petition is 7,000 valid sigs, but only about 7,500 gross sigs would have to be gathered.

On our June 27 telephone conference call, the Ballot Access Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend that a \$2,500 encumbrance be made to help fund petitioning to place a Libertarian candidate (possibly Roland Riemers) on the ballot as an Independent for the 2018 general election. That will help our Arizona lawsuit, as we could then say that only Arizona did not have a Libertarian candidate on the ballot for a federal or state office in the 2018 general election.

PA: There is a 5,000 net sig petition drive in PA to put Ken Krawchuk on the ballot for Governor and candidates for other offices. The EC has not encumbered funds for this. I was approached by a member of the LPPA who inquired about LNC funding help. I stated that, given the then current LNC cash position, I could not bring such a request to the Executive Committee. I personally gathered 280 gross sigs on PA Primary Day, Tuesday, May 15. The LPPA and its candidates should be able to handle this themselves.

VA: The Matt Waters for US Senate campaign funded its 10,000 net signature petition drive itself. The drive ended on Tuesday, June 12. Over 14,000 gross sigs were turned in. While official word has not been received from the State Board of Elections, it should be assumed that Matt Waters is on the ballot. Corey Stewart, a Trump supporter, won the Republican nomination for US Senate. If Matt Waters earns 10% of the vote, the LPVA will be a recognized party in VA through the 2021 general election.

Legislation & Lawsuits:

NY: The LPNY and I won our lawsuit against the state's ban on out-of-state petitioners. In the settlement, however, the ban will continue to be in effect through Election Day 2018.

OK: A bill to change the retention requirement from 2.5% for Governor or President to 2.5% for any statewide office over a four year period passed and was signed into law. Richard Winger thinks that we will never have to petition again in OK.

Sum of LNC 2018 petition drive expenditures through June 27: \$109,073. LNC 2018 budget has \$250,000 for ballot access expense.

It is the opinion of Ken Moellman, and I can't disagree, that it is going to be very difficult going forward to pay only \$2.50 per gross signature on LP petition drives.

Bill Redpath
Chair
Ballot Access Committee

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Candidate Support Committee

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

The original mission of the Candidate Support Committee was changed at the Spring 2018 LNC meeting to the following:

6) Candidate Support Committee

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

The Committee will also review applications and make recommendations to the LNC on their merits.

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

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

Through a combination of on-line meetings and emails, the CSC completed the first part of its new mandate by creating a Candidate Support Application which can be found here <https://www.lp.org/2018-application-candidate-support/>.

Since the publication of the application, the CSC has received four applications from candidates seeking financial support from the LNC: Craig Bowden (U.S. Senate UT), Lloyd Princeton (Congress NM), Jake Porter (Governor IA) and Dale Kerns (U.S. Senate PA).

The CSC found that the first two applicants, Craig Bowden and Lloyd Princeton, met the criteria set by the LNC for financial contributions to candidates and proposed the following email ballot:

The LNC will provide \$500 each to the campaigns of Craig Bowden (U.S. Senate UT) and Lloyd Princeton (U.S. House of Representatives NM) from the Candidate Support budget line.

Each candidate had asked for significantly more than \$500 but budget constraints and the fact that neither of these races had ballot access implications caused the CSC to propose that amount in our motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

The CSC met again to consider the second set of applicants, Jake Porter and Dale Kerns.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kerns' application indicated that he was not yet officially on the ballot for U.S. Senate for PA which is one of the major criteria set by the LNC for candidate support. The CSC informed Mr. Kerns that we could not consider his application at this time but encouraged him to resubmit the application to the new CSC once ballot status is attained later this year.

Mr. Porter's application met the criteria set by the LNC and the CSC makes the following motion:

[The LNC will provide \\$1000 to the campaign of Jake Porter \(IA Governor\)
the Candidate Support budget line](#)

The CSC proposes a higher amount for Mr. Porter's campaign since it does have ballot access implications for the LP Iowa:

We must achieve 2% in the Governor's race to maintain major party status. Here is how major party status impacts ballot access:

- *Reduces the signatures required from 1,500 to 1,000 for all statewide offices except Governor (unless we use special convention-see below)*
- *Eliminates the 2020 Presidential signature gathering requirement. (We file a form and we get our Presidential nominee on the ballot)*
- *Allows us to have a Libertarian primary*
- *Ability to nominate candidates for unfilled spots in the primary by holding special conventions saving us petitioning for most all down ticket races (statewide, federal, state legislative, and county seats). This allowed us to run a full slate for statewide and federal office for the first time in state party history.*

I also met with Candidate Support Specialist Cara Schultz and discussed a wide range of help she would like from the new Candidate Support Committee including many of the topics covered in the revised mission of the CSC. I strongly recommend the new LNC populate the CSC at the post convention LNC meeting with the goal of immediately working to implement candidate support beyond just financial contribution.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Candidate Support Committee.

Sam Goldstein, Chair

See the following 5 pages for the Region 1 Report

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Region I Report



*Regional Report for Region I
Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas,
Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming*

*Libertarian National Committee Meeting
June 30, 2018*

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Region 1 Exit Report

The nine affiliates that comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. I was elected to this position at the 2016 Libertarian National Convention, and it has been a wonderful two years. For many reasons, when I started my term, there was not a particularly positive relationship between the Region and the National Party (from their perspective), and one of my goals was to turn that around and provide value in my representation, and to set a high bar for the standards to be expected out of Regional Representatives. I kept each of the campaign promises I made and believe I am leaving the Region to my successor in very good shape.

Since my last report two months ago, affiliates have been very busy getting ready for the convention and elections and the next report done by my successor should show significant change. The prior Region 1 Alternate Mr. Steve Nielson had resigned, and the Regional Chairs elected Mr. Craig Bowden as the new alternate. Mr. Bowden jumped right in, and one of my only regrets is that I did not have that kind of help for the entire term as I think Region 1 could have been taken to new heights.

Most of time regarding Region 1 during this time has been to answer questions about convention and make sure the affiliates were aware of informational documentation and deadlines. I also set to work designing a regional agreement which much better serves the regional interests with responsibilities of the representatives clearly set out (attached is a copy of the Regional Agreement). I also obtained the needed signatures ahead of time for region re-formation and added two states to the region: New Mexico and Oregon. The re-introduction of Oregon into representation with the National Party is an honor and an achievement that I will treasure. I have signed agreements from all of the states that now comprise Region 1 for a total BSM percentage of 14.289%. The regional elections and caucus have been set.

This may be my shortest report ever, and I wanted to say this role has been more rewarding than I could have imagined. I will be in an active advisory role as any of the new representatives need or request.

In Liberty,

Caryn Ann Harlos

2018 REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR REGION ONE

The state affiliates of the Libertarian Party listed below, through their state chairs, hereby form a representative region for the purpose of electing the number of members and alternates of the Libertarian National Committee that are allocated by the national Bylaws to the region based on the number of national party sustaining members associated with the region. To facilitate the gathering of signatures, signatures may appear on separate versions of this agreement. All versions together shall constitute the agreement.

A regional caucus shall be held at each regular national convention. Each registered National Convention delegate of states who are signatory to this agreement who are present at the caucus shall have one vote. Voting shall be by ballot using approval voting, and None of the Above (“NOTA”) will always be an option in at least the first round and until eliminated. A candidate must receive at least a majority to be elected. If no candidate receives a majority after three ballots containing the same candidates, or if NOTA receives the first majority, the position in question will remain vacant until next convention. The current LNC representatives (or in the absence of such representatives, the regional state chairs) will be responsible for organizing the regional caucus and balloting and will make an effort to provide reasonable notice to the affected delegates.

This agreement shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of the national Libertarian Party a number of versions of this agreement signed by state chairs with enough national party sustaining members to form a representative region. After this agreement has come into effect and before the final vote has been called on the election of the regional representatives at the regional caucus, a state affiliate may join or withdraw from this agreement with the consent of a majority of the other signatory state affiliates.

The term of office for a regional representative or alternate shall commence at the close of the convention at which a representative region may be formed and shall end at the close of the next convention at which a representative region may be formed.

Once the elections have been completed, any person elected as a regional representative member or alternate of the LNC may be removed from office by:

- 1) a majority written vote of the region's registered national convention delegates who were present and qualified to vote at the initial election, or
- 2) a majority vote of the state chairs in the region.

A vacancy may be filled by:

- 1) a majority written vote of the region's registered national convention delegates who were present and qualified to vote at the initial election, or
- 2) a majority vote of the state chairs in the region.

2018 REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR REGION ONE

DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The elected representatives will sign off on this agreement indicating their agreement with these duties and expectations:

- 1) diligently represent and advocate for the interests of the regional states in their votes, debate, and participation in the business of the Libertarian National Committee;
- 2) make a good faith effort to confer with each of the state chairs prior to votes of significant import;
- 3) provide regular updates to regional members (i.e. website, social media groups, electronic newsletter, regional conference calls);
- 4) pass on any regional contact information obtained to the successor representatives;
- 5) provide both a telephone number and email address for members to contact the representatives and be reasonably available to speak with same;
- 6) make a good faith effort to confer with each of the regional chairs prior to the production of a regional report for submission to the Libertarian National Committee;
- 7) timely produce and submit comprehensive reports to the Libertarian National Committee;
- 8) make a good faith effort to attend at least one convention in each of the regional states per term;
- 9) the regional alternate is expected to fully participate in all proceedings, including attendance at LNC meetings, and to assist the Regional Representative as needed, including a regular report of their activities to be included in the regional report(s).

The representatives will not be guaranteed any compensation for travel in relation to their duties though any regional state may voluntarily contribute towards a travel expense fund.

The Libertarian Party of the state of _____ agrees, in accordance with the terms above to enter into a representative region with the Libertarian Parties of the states of **Alaska (0.637%); Arizona (2.199%); Colorado (3.309%); Hawaii (0.384%); Kansas (0.932%); Montana (0.582%); Oregon (1.144%); New Mexico (0.945%); Utah (0.664%); Washington (3.274%); and Wyoming (0.219%)**

TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF QUALIFYING NAT'L MEMBERS- 14.289%

2018 REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR REGION ONE

I attest that I am authorized to enter into this agreement and contractually bind my state party thereby.

Name: _____ Office: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ATTESTATION OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

I attest that I will fulfill the duties and obligation outlined in this agreement.

Name: _____, Regional Representative

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____, Regional Alternate

Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 29, 2018

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the Denver 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).

Delaware

Sean Goward (sean.goward@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He indicated that there is little new information to report concerning the LPD.

District of Columbia

Joe Bishop-Henchman (jdhenchman@gmail.com), chair-elect of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia, provided the following report:

In March, John LaBeaume became Acting Chair of the DC Libertarian Party with the task of getting candidates onto the ballot for the June 19 primary election. Thanks to LNC help in 2016, the DCLP has automatic ballot access as one of four recognized parties. To keep that status, at least one of our District-wide candidates must win at least 7,500 votes in each November general election. That will be about 4% of the vote in 2018.

We're pleased to report that while DC has not yet certified everything, it looks like we will have a full slate of candidates on the November ballot for each District-wide office: Martin Moulton for Mayor, Bruce Majors for Delegate, Chris Massari for Council Chair, Denise Hicks for At-Large Council, and Joe Henchman for Attorney General. The Republicans were not so fortunate, failing to nominate or file write-in status for any District-wide office, so they are in real danger of losing their automatic ballot status for 2020 (they could petition back on as a new party, or petition individual candidates).

Additionally, Joe Bishop-Henchman was elected as the new DCLP Chair by a vote of 109 to 1, to take office July 1. He may be reached at jdhenchman@gmail.com.

Maryland

Bob Johnston (bob.johnston@lp.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report:

The Maryland Libertarian Party has 21,409 registered voters as of May, 2018. This is 0.54% of the registered voters in the state, and the party has 1,036 more registered voters than at this time last year.

The party has 101 members as of 5/31/18.

Three more MDLP candidates were nominated for the 2018 elections at a meeting of the Central Committee on June 7. The party will probably have 20 candidates on the November ballot.

The MDLP will be having its annual summer picnic on Saturday, 18 August in North East, MD.

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North Carolina

Susan Hogarth (hogarth@gmail.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, provided the following report:

LPNC finished the primary season and is now working with 47 candidates for the November election. We have a contract with ecanvasser, a software product that will enable our 4-6 most active campaigns do serious doorknocking, and will give dozens of volunteers valuable experience canvassing. Several affiliates are starting speaker programs.

Jeff Scott, a candidate for Congress from Charlotte, earned such respect from one of his Democratic opponents during the primary season that the guy, having lost his primary, is now endorsing the Libertarian Scott.

We have several key new volunteers, including Events, Candidate, and Volunteer Coordinators. Several committees are working on (among other things) publications, a policy manual, our regular bylaws review, and a review of our strategic plan. A major fundraising initiative is in the planning stages, as is a novel welcome/outreach program for newly-registered Libertarians.

Things are getting interesting in North Carolina generally, as lowered ballot access barriers have seen NC go from a three-party state to a five-party state with the entrance of the Greens and Constitutionalists. Should be an interesting campaign season!

NOTE: I had the honor of addressing the LPNC convention banquet on May 19. Allow me to express my thanks to Ms. Hogarth and her colleagues for their hospitality.

Pennsylvania

Drew Bingaman (chair@susquehannavalleylp.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, provided the following report:

In short, the LPPA has been mostly focusing on our petition drive for statewide candidates. And while we are currently over the bare minimum legal requirement with a volunteer drive, the board has decided to pay petitioners for an additional 3000 signatures. This will be a large expense for the LPPA and we are working to fund raise in order to make up for that whole in our bank account. With those additional signatures, we should be guaranteed ballot access for our statewide candidates.

Virginia

Bo Brown (bocbrown@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. The LPVA submitted over 14,000 signatures to place Matt Waters on the ballot for the U.S. Senate. For Mr. Waters to be placed on the ballot, the campaign was required (among other things) to submit at least 10,000 signatures of registered Virginia voters to the State Board of Elections by June 12.

West Virginia

Luke Brumfield (luke.brumfield@lpwv.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

Now that he has secured the Constitution party nomination, I can report that we were approached by Donald Blankenship for our nomination for US Senate after his loss in the GOP primary and our convention. We promptly refused him, already having a candidate among other reasons. His court case to overturn the "sore loser" law is pending.

We had a successful convention with a good amount of engagement and some fundraising. We have a mix of state delegate, county commission, and Charleston(capitol) city council candidates.

NOTE: I had the honor of addressing the LPWV convention on Apr. 28. Allow me to express my thanks to Mr. Brumfield and his colleagues for their hospitality.

See the following 11 pages for the Region 6 Report

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Region 6 Report – June 30, 2018 New Orleans Pre-Convention LNC Meeting

Respectfully submitted June 26, 2018 by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative with contributions by Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate

FREEDOM, Nothing More, Nothing Less

1 SUMMARY

The big news in Region 6 is the likelihood Region 6 will remain intact after the 2018 national convention biannual caucus in New Orleans. Subject to caucus approval, South Dakota will be rejoining Region 6 through the efforts of the new Chair Aaron Alyward and his talented and hardworking team.

Thanks to Bennett Morris, new Illinois Chair for all his help on the Region 6 formation agreement. Illinois is in the midst of their ballot access campaign led by Krysta Walker. We look forward to the results following the June 25 petition turn-in process.

Iowa congratulates Jake Porter on his victory in the Libertarian gubernatorial primary. Porter's friend and opponent, Marco Battaglia, has agreed to run for Iowa Attorney General.

Nebraska Libertarian State Senator Laura Ebke soundly defeated Governor Ricketts' hand-picked GOP candidate and will move on to the general election in November. Nebraska elected a talented new state central committee headed by the new Chair, Michael Knebel.

South Dakota survived severe out-of-season blizzard that led to a second and highly successful convention. Kurt Evans and Richard Shelatz were nominated for a strong Governor/Lt. Governor ticket.

North Dakota has cleaned up their bylaws. Roland Riemers is running for Secretary of State to maintain major party status.

Missouri is going all out with their candidate recruiting, training and support programs.

Reelected Chair Phillip Anderson reports that Wisconsin will be sending a full delegation to the national convention in New Orleans.

2 ILLINOIS

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In Illinois, the last three months of work have been dedicated to the petition drive. Led by Ballot Access Director Krysta Walker, statewide petitioning began on March 27th. The turn in date is this Monday, June 25th. The requirement minimum number of valid signatures is 25,000. After approving multiple rounds of additional funding from the State Party operations budget and receiving additional funds from National on 6/21, we have collected an approximate total of 46,000 subject to turn-in count revisions.

Illinois is seeking volunteers to assist with a petition challenge that is likely to come from Republicans. Dates for the challenge process will be established after the petition is filed. We will keep National in the loop if and when a call for volunteers is needed.

In April, members of our new Executive Board and State Central Committee were elected by the 150+ Precinct Committeemen as dictated by Illinois law. Bennett Morris (Chair), Ryan Mahoney (Vice Chair), Jeni Floyd (Secretary), and Brian Dunn (Treasurer) were elected to two-year terms on the Executive Board.

In June, Illinois also established a Party Archivist position to align with the historical preservation efforts by the National Party. The position was filled by Kate Nadolski who is uniquely qualified with a master's degree in Library and Information Science.

Members are eager to get past the current ballot access hurdles and start campaigning for the 5% statewide election result needed to achieve established party status in Illinois this November.

3 IOWA

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Iowa Libertarian gubernatorial candidates Marco Battaglia and Jake Porter made history in the first televised Libertarian primary debates, held on the Iowa Public Television Iowa Press program. Additionally, the candidates were featured on the CBS, NBC and ABC local affiliate programming, including Sunday morning shows devoted entirely to our race. As well, Jake Porter was endorsed by The Des Moines Register in our primary race, another first for our party.

Iowa participated in the major party primary elections on June 5th. Jake Porter bested Marco Battaglia in our contested gubernatorial race and will appear on the general ballot as our nominee for governor. Lynne Gentry will be on the general election ballot as Porter's Lt. Governor nominee, in Iowa gubernatorial candidates run as a team on the ballot.

Porter has also been invited to participate in the Sioux City NBC affiliate televised debates alongside our Republican and Democrat gubernatorial nominees and accepted. If the other two candidates accept, this will be the first time a Libertarian candidate in Iowa has debated the other major party candidates on television.

We held post-primary nominating conventions on the district and state level, placing five statewide candidates and two U.S. Congressional candidates on the general election ballot. Iowa now has all statewide and federal races with a Libertarian candidate for the first time in Iowa history. Major party status has afforded us the ability to place these candidates via convention without petitioning requirements, saving us from gathering over 10,000 signatures. Multiple county parties will also convene nominating conventions, Iowa is on pace to field over thirty candidates statewide, a record for the state.

Marco Battaglia, former gubernatorial candidate, has accepted the LPIA's nomination to run as Attorney General, with no Republican nominee, this will be our first two-way statewide race, against a long time Democrat incumbent, greatly increasing our opportunity to maintain major party status.

4 MINNESOTA

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- Outreach Presence:
 - April 28 Gun Rights Rally at MN State Capitol:
 >2000 in attendance
 - June 3 Grand Old Day in St. Paul – booth:
 >200,000 in attendance
 - June 23-24 Pride Festival in Minneapolis – booth:
 >400,000 in attendance
- Marketing Efforts:
 - Quarterly spring newsletter mailed
 - Special ballot-access-needs letter mailed
 - Active Facebook page with growth >10%
- Affiliate Development:
 - 6 of our 8 Congressional Districts had meet ups:
 District 2 has won pub trivia 3 months running over 10 teams
- Candidate Activity:
 - We just achieved getting 5 Libertarian candidates on the ballot for state office for the fall election
 - Our general election ballot access petition window in Minnesota was May 22-June 5 (only)
 - We collected nearly 6000 total signatures despite serious weather and holiday hurdles:
 - Governor/Lt. Gov. race (Josh Welter/Mary O'Connor):
 >2000 required
 - State Auditor race (Chris Dock):
 >2000 required
 - State House of Representatives Races:
 >500 required each:
 - Jill Galvan, Matt Swenson exceeded 500
 - Brian McCormick, Troy Sjerven – Thanks for trying
- LNC Convention Delegation:
 - We filled all 19 spots at our State Convention, however there looks to be 3-4 who have last minute conflicts that are doubtful to make it:

- Party on Wayne
- Party on Garth

5 MISSOURI

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LPMO report provided courtesy of Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate:

We held our state convention on February 24. LNC Vice-Chair Arvin Vohra was our keynote speaker and was well received.

This was our first "nominating convention" where we determined who we wanted to represent the party for state-wide offices in the August Primary.

Japheth Campbell of Springfield is our US Senate candidate. Sean O'Toole is our State Auditor candidate.

With filing now closed, the Libertarian Party of Missouri has 29 candidates for races including US Senate, State Auditor, US Congress, State Senate, and State Representative. All state-wide slots have been filled as have all eight Congressional slots. Two Congressional primaries will be contested.

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The Libertarian Party of Nebraska held their state convention in May and elected a new State Central Committee. Michael Knebel is the new state chair after being active with the party leadership for the past 8 years. The first month has been very successful for the new SCC. They have set up a new fundraising committee and elected former Congressional candidate David Hunt as the chair.

The fundraising committee has increased the monthly donations and set up a new donor program. The party has also taken on more of a presence across the state by establishing two new county parties and participating in several parades and fairs.

This summer will continue to be busy for the party as they get closer to 15,000 registered Libertarians in the state. The primary focus is to get Senator Laura Ebke re-elected. Senator Ebke soundly defeated Governor Ricketts' hand-picked GOP candidate and will move on to the general election in November.

The secondary focus is to hire an Executive Director, as the job search has already yielded a dozen qualified candidates. Interviews for the Executive Director will take place in July as the LPNE looks to hire its first paid position.

The LPNE continues to garner state wide media recognition. Chair Knebel has appeared on the Tom Becka show on the Fox affiliate in Omaha. Vice-Chair Matt Maly has been interviewed for an AP article about party growth.

Confidence is high as the new leadership team continues to push the party into new areas of growth and recognition.

7 NORTH DAKOTA

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North Dakota information was provided by Roland Riemers, Immediate Past Region 6 Representative:

In a recent statewide meeting we finally trashed our ancient bylaws and adopted new bylaws better in line of how we operate. We also elected a new set of state officers. For this election we had an absence of people willing to run for statewide office. We need to get 5% of the November vote for SOS or we lose our ballot status.

I decided to run for this office again, having received 5.3% of the vote 4 years ago. I expect no problem getting the needed 5% again this year, and in fact got 23% of the vote for State Auditor two years ago. The state party endorsed several state legislative candidates and is working to build up party strength and numbers in the next two years.

The SOS race may turn into a spotlight contest this year when the Republican incumbent of 25 years recently lost his party's endorsement and is now out of the race. That leaves an experienced statewide Libertarian candidate that is running against two young old party candidates with no statewide experience.

I will be closely watching my June primary vote. If I get a significant increase in my previous primary vote, then I will run a serious campaign. If about the same, I will work to maintain my 5%+ in the November election.

Another race of interest this year is the open seat for our sole congressman. It appears that half the state is running or plans to run. One of the contesting Republican candidates is also about as Libertarian as you can get. In any case, unofficial support of candidates is likely to swing some of these statewide elections.

8 SOUTH DAKOTA

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We held our second state mini nomination convention, due to our first state convention being cut short by a blizzard that prevented out-of-town speakers and many members from attending.

The second state convention was a big success. We had a lively gubernatorial debate and a great group of speakers. We ended up nominating Kurt Evans for Governor and Richard Shelatz, also our party Vice Chair, for Lt. Governor.

As far as speakers go, we were very grateful to host David Pratt Demarest, Kevin Bradley, and Apollo Pazel. It was great to learn from all of them! George Hendrickson, the SDLP's candidate for US House also gave a campaign speech to start things out.

Our Minnehaha County LP had a booth at the Sioux Falls Pride Festival and had a great turn out. The Minnehaha county party, with the leadership of Lisa Nolan, continues to do very well and get people involved.

The state party currently has 1,726 registered Libertarians, up 19 from our last report.

9 WISCONSIN

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The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin State Convention was held in Madison on Saturday, April 14th. Speakers included Larry Sharpe, Kevin Fortune of Liberty America, and Jeffrey Tucker. Despite the terrible weather, attendance was good.

During the afternoon, the convention recessed to attend a gun rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol building, at which our State Chair and gubernatorial candidate Phil Anderson spoke.

At convention LPWI passed several changes to its platform, nominated and elected a full delegation to the Libertarian Party Convention in New Orleans, and endorsed the following candidates for statewide office: Phil Anderson for Governor, Patrick Baird for Lieutenant Governor, and Tyler Danke for Secretary of State.

Also, at convention, LPWI raffled off a Bushmaster rifle, artwork created by LPWI member Brian Defferding, and various other items.

In election news, Brian Defferding was elected to Winnebago County Board. LPWI is currently fielding 14 candidates for office in fall elections, with a few more still making up their minds.

LPWI looks forward to attending the National Convention with a full delegation. Hope to see you all there!

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CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 29, 2018

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This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in 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 the Advocates for Self-Government to assist student organizations.
- 3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I work with state campus outreach coordinators to assist their programs to build campus organizations and assist campus activists. For example, I anticipate visiting West Virginia during the late summer and Wisconsin during the fall to work with campus organizations in those states.
- 4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL's 501c(3) status.

I anticipate that I shall address various SFL regional conferences this fall. In addition, I have accepted an invitation to address the European Students For Liberty regional conference in Reykjavik, Iceland in September. I may have the opportunity to address additional ESFL events during the fall.

- 5) In May I delivered two addresses at the annual Friedman Conference in Sydney, Australia, sponsored by the Australian Libertarian Society and the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance. I met with several students to discuss efforts to build Libertarian campus organizations. As a result of my participation in the conference, I have been asked by a prominent donor to Libertarian causes in Australia to help him design and promote a Libertarian educational program for university students.

In addition, I led seminars and workshops for the staff and the student interns at the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in Perth. I also addressed a meeting of the Liberal Democrats (the Australian version of the Libertarian Party) in Western Australia.

- 6) I shall give a lecture at the 2018 Liberty International World Conference, sponsored by Liberty International and the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation in Poland. The conference will take place on Aug. 12-15 in Krakow, Poland. During the conference I shall work with student attendees to help them build their campus organizations.

- 7) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects. Unfortunately, I may not be able to participate in the annual YAL convention this year.
- 8) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I am interested in working with FEE to develop a couple of workshops on understanding public policy data and risk analysis.
- 9) LPHQ continues to receive inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus continues to respond rapidly and professionally to these inquiries. I greatly appreciate his fine work in this matter.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, June 29, 2018

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International Representative, Libertarian National Committee

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

1) The IALP Members Assembly took place on Apr. 21 in Prague, Czech Republic. I participated in the Assembly via the internet. The Assembly considered various organizational matters. The Assembly was scheduled to take place on Apr. 21-22; however, the representatives were able to conclude business by the end of the Apr. 21 session.

Allow me to suggest that the LNC express its appreciation to former LNC chairs Geoff Neale and Mark Hinkle for their efforts to build the IALP.

2) In May I participated in the sixth annual Friedman Conference in Sydney, Australia, sponsored by the Australian Libertarian Society and the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance. On May 25, I served as a panelist on the topic of "U.S. Politics." The other panelists were Dara Lind (reporter, Vox.com) and Ilya Shapiro (senior fellow in constitutional studies, Cato Institute); Tom Palmer (executive vice president, Atlas Network) served as the moderator. I discussed the situation involving "third parties" and independent candidates in the U.S. system.

On May 27, I served as a panelist on the topic of "The Future of Liberty" (the final event of the conference). The other panelists were Dr. Chris Berg (senior fellow, Institute of Public Affairs) and Jeffrey Tucker (editorial director, American Institute for Economic Research).

On May 29 and May 31, I conducted lectures and workshops at the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in Perth. In particular, I led a seminar on the topic of "Markets Uber Alles: How the Decreasing Cost of Information Allows Markets to Reduce the Size and Scope of Government."

On May 30, I gave an address at a meeting of the Liberal Democrats in Western Australia. I also met that day with Sen. Aaron Stonehouse, the LD member of the Western Australia parliament.

3) I shall give an address at the upcoming Liberty International conference in Krakow, Poland in August. I hope to meet with several members of various libertarian parties during the conference. In addition, I shall give an address at the European Students For Liberty conference in Reykjavik, Iceland in September. I hope to meet with members of various libertarian parties during the conference.