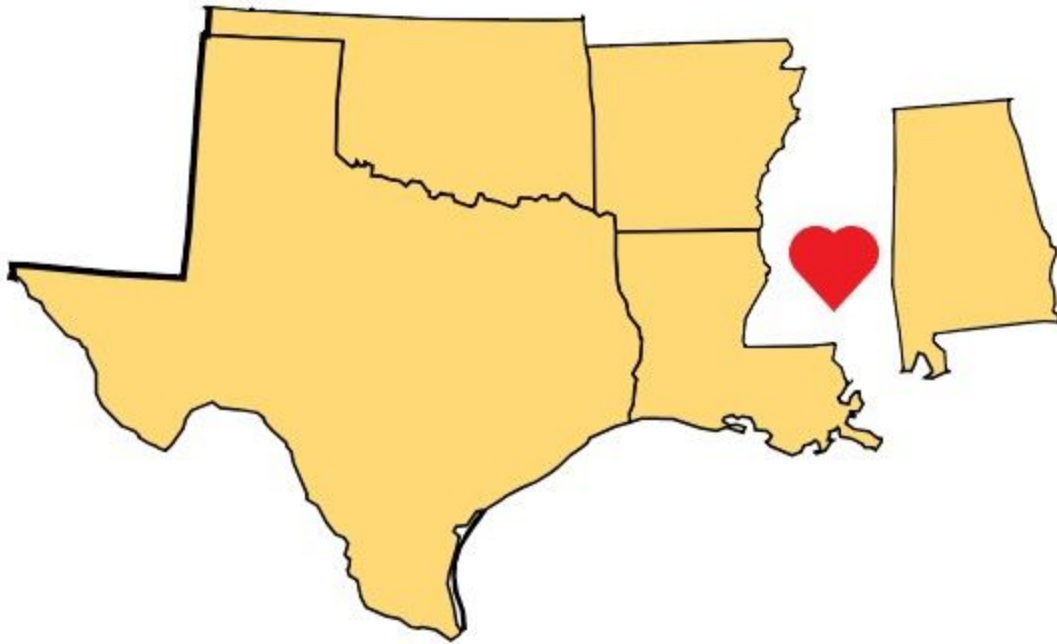


# Libertarian National Committee Region 7

*Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu*

*Region Alternate - Erin Adams*



September 28-29, 2018

PHOENIX, AZ

## ❖ ALABAMA - Laura Lane

### ➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- We have a new Region 2 Representative on the Executive Committee, Zane Johnson. The former Reg 2 Rep was removed from office for cause and Zane, an At Large representative, was voted in to that position. Our other At Large rep, J. Dillon Mabrey, is currently in New Mexico helping with Gary Johnson's campaign.

### ➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Since Jan 2018, we have 7 new lifetime members; however, membership remains low.

### ➤ COUNTY NEWS

- We have two new counties organized: Pike County under the leadership of Richard Fast and Tennessee Valley, consisting of Limestone, Lauderdale and Morgan counties, under the leadership of Luke Kinton. Jefferson and Shelby counties have combined to become the Greater Birmingham chapter under the leadership of Leigh Lachine. Mobile, Escambia, Houston and Montgomery Counties have temporary chairs while they go through the process of organizing.

### ➤ ELECTIONS

- At this stage, the most promising elections appear to be State House Dist 96, Matt Shelby, and Macon County Commission, Frank Dillman. These two candidates do not have large campaign teams, practically running it themselves, but are having an impact with social media and their physical presence in their respective communities by precinct walking, brochures, and signage.
- Another candidate has come forth for the Montgomery City Council, whose elections are mid-2019. Ernest Claybon is already making an impact in his community by attending as many events and speaking at City Council meetings against legislation such as curfews. Laure Lane and others will be meeting with Ernest in the next few weeks to help him iron out a campaign strategy for his district.

### ➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- LPA is already encouraging volunteers to start gathering signatures for the 2020 election cycle. State offices will not be on the ballot, but we are encouraging signatures for the Presidential and US Senate/House. We are considering possible incentives for volunteers.

### ➤ LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### ➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

### ➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

### ➤ MEDIA

### ➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- LPA is assessing other email providers for the organization due to high volume of spam and undelivered incoming/outgoing email. Once a provider is selected, the migration process should be invisible to users.
  - We are also considering migrating to national's database as Nationbuilder does not fully meet our needs. I have asked Andy Burns about setting up a couple of logins for AL to use in evaluating and becoming familiar with the program.
- OTHER

## ❖ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
  - Chair - Michael Pakko  
Vice-Chair - Christopher Olson  
Secretary - Brooke Million  
Treasurer - Stephen Wait
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
  - We have 128 recognized dues-paying members. 96 of those have joined the LPAR directly and 32 are members by virtue of being members of the national LP. (The latter category were added to our membership rolls by a change in our membership dues structure in Nov. 2017). Of the 96 direct dues-paying members, 20 are also members of the national LP.
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTION NEWS
  - Early polling:  
Mark West - Governor: 6%  
Elvis Presley - US Congress Dist 1: 3%  
Joe Swafford - US Congress Dist 2: 2%  
Michael Kalagias - US Congress Dist 3: 5%  
Tom Canada - US Congress Dist 4: 5%
- CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS
  - We have 32 candidates campaigning.
- BALLOT ACCESS
  - Ballot access in 2020 depends on 3% in the Governor's race.
  - Gubernatorial candidate Mark West appears poised to reach the 3% threshold for ballot access in 2020. We're optimistic.
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
  - The LPAR ExCom has committed nearly \$10,000 to augment candidate activities, launching a Campaign Support Fund to help pay for campaign goals beyond the reach of individual candidate fundraising capacity.
- EVENTS
  - The State Fair, Oct 11-22 will be a major outreach event.

- MEDIA
  - Our candidates are being covered relatively fairly. The statewide paper of record, the Democrat-Gazette provides at least some coverage of our gubernatorial candidate on issues in the news. A scheduled televised debate among candidate for Governor was downgraded to a webcast when the incumbent declined to participate. The debate did take place between the Libertarian and Democratic challengers.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - We continue to benefit from the CRM project.
- OTHER

## ❖ LOUISIANA - Rufus Craig

- STATE ORGANIZATION
  - Vice Chair - Mike Dodd. Secretary - Shannon Sloan. Treasurer - Charles Fotsch
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
  - There are about 14,000 registered libertarian voters in the state of Louisiana, and the state party has about 400 dues paying members at any given time.
- PARISH NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- BALLOT ACCESS
- CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS
  - Howard Kearney, CD1 - [www.kearneyforcongress.com](http://www.kearneyforcongress.com)
  - Aaron Andrus, CD3
  - Kyle Randol, CD5
  - James Carstensen, Shreveport City Council
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
  - Our treasurer is spearheading an initiative to take the necessary steps to be able to raise funds at the level that will require FEC filings
- MEDIA
  - The Calcasieu Parish Executive Committee recently put up a billboard: <https://www.facebook.com/calcasieupl/videos/2157071297908881/>
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - Our media officer continues to do a great job with our IT needs and social media outreach.
- OTHER

## ❖ OKLAHOMA - Erin Adams

### ➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Officers are Erin Adams (Chair), Christina Wright (Vice Chair), Chad Williams (Treasurer), and Traci Baker (secretary).

### ➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- LPOK continues to work to increase memberships at state and national levels.

### ➤ COUNTY NEWS

### ➤ ELECTIONS

- Chris Powell won a runoff to become LPOK's gubernatorial candidate. Former state chairman, Chris Powell, is Oklahoma's most successful Libertarian candidate, and is putting that vision and experience to the test by running for Governor. In addition to getting more votes in Oklahoma County than presidential candidate Gary Johnson did statewide, Chris successfully pushed for legislation that led to a dramatic expansion of public access to vital records. Chris has had opinion pieces published in the state's largest newspaper, and has been a plaintiff in a court case that went all the way to the US Supreme Court. No other Libertarian in Oklahoma is as experienced and prepared to take on the establishment party candidates. Chris Powell is ready to take Oklahoma in a new direction towards liberty.
- John Yeutter Is running in a two-way race (No Dem) For State Auditor. Yeutter is a CPA, licensed to practice in the State of Oklahoma. A native of Michigan, he moved to Norman in 1978, and worked in the building trades for over 15 years. Returning to school, he studied accounting, and worked as a staff accountant at The Williams Group, CPAs in Norman. Continuing his education, he received his PhD from the University of Oklahoma and began teaching accounting at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He has been teaching there for the past 22 years. In addition to teaching Auditing, Government Accounting and Taxation, Dr. Yeutter has been involved in community service. He coordinated a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, preparing free income tax returns for the public from 1998 through 2014. He has also served on various nonprofit boards in the community. Both Of these races have the ability to secure our ballot access for another 4 years.

### ➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- Always mindful of ballot access.

- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING.
- MEDIA
  - We are getting a great deal of media coverage for our candidates and affiliate.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
  - The OKLP was in front of this story:  
<http://www.news9.com/story/38865182/violent-parents-facebook-screenshots-raise-concern>

## ❖ TEXAS - John Wilford

- STATE ORGANIZATION
  - Treasurer - Cassie Villela, Vice Chair - Steven Harris, Secretary - Gary Johnson
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP.
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
- BALLOT ACCESS
  - Probability of losing ballot access is low.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
  - Our nominee for Texas Governor was excluded from a debate scheduled by Nexstar Media Group. As a response to pressure from the public on the matter, a representative sent the campaign a list of debate criteria.
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
  - We have been receiving several calls from the media regarding requests for candidate interviews
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - We have started a new voter data analysis project called VAULT.
- OTHER