

Region 8 Report

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This report details the recent activities of each state in LNC Region 8. Since the last report, myself and Rich Bowen have been elected as the new regional representative and alternate, respectively. The states in Region 8 are focused on ballot-access, with many currently engaged in or planning for ballot-access related lawsuits. The following are the reports submitted by each state of Region 8:

Connecticut

The chair of LPCT is Dan Reale (dan.reale@lpct.org).

LPCT reports:

Denial of our application for temporary injunction to get on the ballot was appealed to the Second Circuit. The Federal Judge ruled the alternative "electronic" way was adequate.

Maine

The chair of LPME is Jim Baines (jbaines@lpme.org).

LPME reports:

We are in the middle of a petition drive in Maine to get Jo and Spike on the ballot. We lost our temporary injunction, but expect to get our 6,240 registrants (the number of Libertarian Party registrants the state "threw away" in 2018) when the court case ends.

Massachusetts

The chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts is Don Graham (chair@lpmass.org).

I did not receive a report from LP Mass.

New Hampshire

The chair of LPNH is Brian Shields (brianshields@lpnh.org).

LPNH reports:

Ballot access petitioning is in full swing. Results so far have been promising. Four FT hired petitioners.

Ballot access lawsuit looks promising. The hearing date is two weeks before the deadline so we're not waiting for a result. We hope to have enough on hand before the hearing date.

New Jersey

The chair of NJLP is Dan Krause (chair@njlp.org).

NJLP reports:

NJ has set itself a goal of organizing all 21 of our counties into vital, independent local parties able to do the work of the movement on their own; building communities and support structures to create a free NJ in our life-times.

I'm pleased to report that so far, NJ has officially organized 2 Counties, and another 4 are in process. Of our 21 counties, 6 have organized leaving only 15 to go.

We are learning every day, developing the leaders, activists and candidates of the party for the future and finding new and uniquely local ways to be Libertarian together.

New York

The chair of LPNY is Tony D'Orazio (tdorazio@lpny.org).

LPNY reports it is:

- Planning our state convention for September
- Just completed its first (non-presidential) Libertarian state primary on June 23rd.
- In progress getting Jorgensen's name on the ballot instead of Hornberger, who won the NY Libertarian Presidential primary.
- Ballot access cases moving forward - changing representation, and continuing to partner with the Green Party to challenge the higher and more frequent thresholds imposed on party status in New York State.

Rhode Island

The chair of LPRI is Pat Ford (pford@lpri.us).

I did not receive a report from LPRI.

Vermont

The chair of VTLP is Archie Flower (chair@vtlp.org).

VTLP has nothing to report.