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CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. (all times Eastern)

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, Joshua Katz, Bill Redpath, Starchild

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Patrick McKnight (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Ken Moellman (Region 3) (arrived at 9:27 a.m.), Aaron Starr (Region 4), Trent Somes (Region 5), Sean O'Toole (Region 6)

Staff included: Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus, and contractor Lauren Daugherty

Not attending were: Jeff Hewitt (Region 4 Representative), Steven Nielson (Region 1 Alternate), Danny Bedwell (Region 7 Alternate), Larry Sharpe (Region 8 Alternate)

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Starting from the proposed agenda:

Mr. Hayes moved to add a 15-minute item for Social Media Management immediately following Staff Reports. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

There was no objection to Mr. Sarwark's request to adjust the lunch schedule to a time certain, lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by a 12:30 p.m. presentation about the hotel's interest in hosting a national convention, and a hotel tour until 1:45 p.m.

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

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson) 3 minutes

Officer Reports

Chair's Report 15 minutes
Treasurer's Report 15 minutes
Secretary's Report 15 minutes

Staff Reports

Social Media Management 45 minutes
Counsel's Report 15 minutes
30 minutes

Reports of Standing Committees

Audit Committee 10 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee 15 minutes
Awards Committee 5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee 20 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee 5 minutes
IT Committee 25 minutes
Platform Committee (appointments) 30 minutes
Bylaws and Rules Committee (appointments) 30 minutes
Credentials Committee 5 minutes
Ballot Access Committee 25 minutes

Reports of Special Committees

Committee to Review 2016 Campaign 30 minutes
Historic Preservation Committee 15 minutes

New Business with Previous Notice

Discussion of Membership Program Edits (Bittner) 30 minutes
Seeking appointments for Libertarians: Funding, staff direction (Katz) 15 minutes
Direction to staff regarding media (Katz) 10 minutes
Lapsed Member and Renewal Recruitment (Harlos) 10 minutes
Document Destruction and Whistleblower Policies (Mattson) 10 minutes

Regional Reports

5 minutes each

Time Certain Items: 12:15 p.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. presentation about hotel's interest in hosting a national convention, hotel tour until 1:45 p.m.

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Mr. Hayes has been elected as Treasurer of the Louisiana Association of Parliamentarians.

Mr. Katz added the following items:

Recipient of funding from Federalist Society to attend James Kent Summer Academy.

Summer associate at law firm serving as general counsel to 10, and special counsel to approximately 50, municipalities. Workload includes, other than municipal litigation, training municipal officials in parliamentary procedure and Missouri sunshine laws.

Mr. Starr is no longer a 2016 candidate for Oxnard (CA) City Council.

Dr. Lark is no longer serving on the Board of Directors for the Advocates for Self-Government.

The following updates were reported during the meeting:

Mr. O'Toole is no longer a 2016 candidate for Missouri State Treasurer.

Mr. McKnight is no longer a New Jersey state director for the Gary Johnson presidential campaign.

Mr. McKnight is now campaign director for Peter Rohrman for Governor of New Jersey.

Mr. Somes noted that the tax status of the Libertarian Youth Caucus has changed to be a 527 organization.

Mr. Bittner is no longer Executive Director of the Advocates for Self Government

Mr. Bittner is no longer a member of the Indiana State Central Committee.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

March financials had been submitted to the LNC in advance. Mr. Hagan supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Ms. Mattson moved to approve version 3 of the 2016 national convention minutes, which had been submitted in advance. Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starr, Vohra

Voting "no": Demarest, Harlos, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-3.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Benedict had submitted a written staff report (see Appendix C), and he supplemented with a presentation. Ms. Daugherty reported on fundraising efforts. Both fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

Without objection, the LNC took up the counsel's report (see Appendix D) out of order at 11:00 a.m. Oliver Hall had submitted a written report in advance. He joined the meeting by teleconference, supplemented with an oral report, and fielded questions. He noted that after we filed the amicus brief in *Wilson v. Sessions*, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the petition for certiorari. Even though the courts in the *Level the Playing Field v. Federal Election Commission* lawsuit had ordered the FEC to reconsider plaintiffs' petition for rulemaking and enter a new decision within 60 days, the FEC reconsidered it and again retained their position that the Commission on Presidential Debates is a non-partisan organization.

Mr. Sarwark moved to amend the agenda to consider amending the legal expense budget. There was no objection to the agenda change. Mr. Sarwark moved to increase budget expense line 75-Litigation by \$5,000 for unexpected cost overruns in ongoing cases. Following debate, there was no objection to the motion.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

Mr. Hayes moved to insert a new Policy Manual Section 2.06.5 Social Media to read as follows:

Only LNC employees and contractors shall serve as administrators of, serve as moderators of, or post content to, the Party's social media accounts.

Following debate, Mr. Goldstein moved to refer this subject to an interim study committee to review the LP social media programs, to report back to the LNC no later than the next LNC meeting, and that committee shall consist of three LNC members and/or alternates and two non-LNC members.

Mr. Starr moved to amend the Goldstein referral motion to establish that the Hayes motion would also be adopted and take effect immediately.

The discussion continued until 12:30 p.m., at which time the LNC heard a presentation from Visit Pittsburgh and from staff of the host hotel about the hotel's interest in hosting a national convention. Following a tour of the hotel facilities, the discussion of social media management resumed at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Nekhaila moved to amend the Starr amendment to replace the Hayes language with "Add a new position to the APRC, to be appointed by the APRC Chair, whom shall vet all posts scheduled on Facebook with the expectation of reviewing content for professionalism and brand integrity. Posts deemed to be potentially harmful shall be suspended from the queue and deferred to the APRC Chair for final review. This position shall expire at midnight of August 20th, 2017."

Following debate, the vote on the Nekhaila amendment to the Starr amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Nekhaila, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Starr

Abstaining: Redpath, Sarwark

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

The vote on the Starr amendment to the referral motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Starr

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

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Sarwark

The amendment was adopted with a vote total of 9-6.

The vote on referring the subject to a committee, as amended with the Starr amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Starr

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Lark, Mattson, Nekhaila, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

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

The vote on the main motion from Mr. Hayes was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Starr

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Lark, Nekhaila, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Hagan

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

Joshua Katz informed the Secretary that he is resigning from the APRC, effective immediately.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 2016 CAMPAIGN

Mr. Somes moved to amend the agenda and immediately take up the report from the Committee to Review 2016 Campaign. There was no objection.

During its December 2016 meeting, the LNC had established this committee "to take bids from political consultants for the task of extensively reviewing and making recommendations for the Libertarian Party's messaging (and modes of messaging), inclusion in the debates, fundraising and campaign finance, campaign mechanics, and state and local affiliates."

Mr. Somes introduced John Engle and Mike Fishbein from Paladin Strategies, who joined by teleconference to present their bid and field questions.

Following debate, Mr. Somes moved to allow the Chair to initiate a contract with Paladin Strategies to create a general messaging strategy for up to 6 months.

Mr. Hagan moved to amend by adding, "and to increase the brand development expense budget line item by \$15,000." Following debate, the Hagan amendment failed by a show of hands.

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

Voting "aye": Demarest, Katz, Marsh, Vohra

Voting “no”: Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Starr

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Harlos, Sarwark

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

Mr. Bittner moved to suspend the rules and take up the Ballot Access Committee report immediately, due to the need of the committee chair to depart soon. Mr. Katz moved to amend the motion to also add an item at the end of the agenda for filling the APRC vacancy created by his resignation. There was no objection to the Katz amendment or to the Bittner motion as amended.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to take up a motion to expand the size of the APRC. The motion to suspend failed by a show of hands.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Moellman, as chair of the Ballot Access Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix E). He supplemented with an oral report summarizing the highlights, and he fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Ms. Mattson moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up only the nomination portion of the elections to the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee, to allow members to complete their ballots overnight, and to turn in and tabulate the ballots tomorrow morning. There was no objection.

Ms. Mattson noted that 84 people had applied for the 5 LNC-appointed seats on the Platform Committee. Nominations were opened. Mr. Redpath nominated all those who had applied. (see Appendix F for a list of the nominees) Nominations were closed without objection. Applicants who were present were permitted to speak to their own nominations, and various LNC members spoke on behalf of various applicants.

BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Ms. Mattson noted that 51 people had applied for the 10 seats on the Bylaws and Rules Committee. She cited LP Bylaws Article 11.2, which establishes party membership as an eligibility requirement for serving on the Bylaws and Rules Committee. She noted that 13 of the 51 applicants were not eligible because they are not members of the party, leaving 38 eligible applicants.

Nominations were opened. Mr. Redpath nominated the 38 eligible applicants (see Appendix F for a list of the nominees). Nominations were closed without objection. Applicants who were present were permitted to speak to their own nominations, and various LNC members spoke on behalf of various applicants.

There was no objection to establishing that ballots are due 15 minutes after tomorrow morning's call-to-order, and ballots were distributed for overnight completion.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Goldstein moved to suspend the rules to take up the Convention Oversight Committee report and to then adjourn until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. Without objection the motion was amended to include both the Audit Committee report and the Convention Oversight Committee report for immediate consideration. The motion as amended was adopted by a show of hands.

Dr. Lark moved to remove the Awards Committee report from the agenda, as the committee is not populated. There was no objection to the motion.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Audit Committee, Mr. Starr noted that the committee has decided to continue to use Mark Frye's firm for the audit of our 2016 financials. The committee will execute the agreement for approximately \$14,000, and work is anticipated to start just after April 18.

Mr. Sarwark raised a point of order that due to size of the expenditure, our financial controls require the LNC to execute the agreement. Mr. Starr noted that the bylaws give the Audit Committee the power to select the audit firm, that party bylaws override any conflicting board policy, and that asking the LNC to approve the selection would introduce the possibility that the motion could fail, thus depriving the Audit Committee of its bylaws-granted authority.

Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC execute the agreement with the audit firm recommended by the Audit Committee. Mr. Katz raised a point of order that the motion is out of order because it would usurp the bylaws-granted authority of the Audit Committee. Ms. Mattson cited the portion of LP Bylaws Article 9.2 which states, "The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor."

The Chair ruled the Redpath motion to be in order. Ms. Mattson appealed the ruling of the chair. The motion to sustain the ruling of the chair failed by a show of hands with 3 in favor and 9 opposed, overturning the chair's ruling and finding the Redpath motion to be out of order.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Convention Oversight Committee had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix G). As vice-chair of the committee, Mr. Hayes supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

Without objection, at 6:26 p.m. the LNC adjourned until 8:30 a.m. the following morning.

CALL TO ORDER – BALLOT SUBMISSION

Just prior to the call-to-order, Starchild wished to require that LNC members sign their ballots for Platform Committee and for Bylaws and Rules Committee, though no such requirement had been established before voting began. A majority of the ballots had already been turned in, some with signatures, and some without signatures. After it became clear that there was not agreement about what level of detail ought to be included in the minutes, Ms. Mattson requested that the LNC decide the matter now, rather than attempting to handle it by email ballot when the draft minutes are submitted.

The meeting formally called back to order at 8:45 a.m. on April 16, 2017.

Mr. Goldstein moved that in the minutes the Secretary should report candidate vote totals only, and not identify the details of the ballots which were signed.

Mr. Vohra made a substitute motion that members should be allowed to go through the stack of ballots already submitted to the Secretary, attempt to identify their own ballot by the markings, and sign them if they wish. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion out of order, as it was establishing a procedure for the election, and was not germane to the question of how to handle the reporting in the minutes.

Mr. Vohra made a substitute motion to direct the Secretary to report the details of those ballots which are signed in the minutes. Following debate, the vote on the Vohra substitute motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starr

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 3-13.

The vote on the Goldstein motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Starr

Voting "no": Bittner, Starchild

Abstaining: Demarest, Harlos, McKnight, Sarwark, Vohra

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

The ballots having been submitted for Platform Committee and for Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Nekhaila served as tellers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hayes, as chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix H). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

Dr. Lark, as chair of the EPCC, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix I). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. Mr. Hagan indicated that he is working on updating the FEC Policies and Procedures manual, and he anticipates the project being complete in a month. The LNC took no action.

IT COMMITTEE

Without objection, the IT Committee report was postponed, as Mr. O'Toole was still tabulating ballots.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ms. Mattson moved that we make arrangements to appoint Credentials Committee members at the next LNC meeting.

Starchild moved to amend the main motion to also direct the Secretary to prepare on any printed ballots space for people to sign those ballots and to establish that the procedure for the election will be to have open balloting. Mr. Starr raised point of order that an amendment about election procedures is not germane to a motion to place an item on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Sarwark ruled the amendment to be in order.

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

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein, Katz, Mattson, Redpath, Starr

Abstaining: Sarwark

The amendment was adopted with a vote total of 11-5.

At the request of Ms. Harlos, Ms. Mattson agreed to solicit applications at least one month prior to the meeting.

The main motion as amended was adopted without objection.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Harlos, as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix J). She supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 1

With 17 approval-voting ballots cast and 5 positions to be filled, the results of the first round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows:

Platform Committee - Round 1

Candidate	Vote Total
Jeffrey Miron	14
Andy Craig	10
John Fockler	10
Alicia Mattson	10
Adam Bates	9
Caryn Ann Harlos	9
Joseph Henschman	9
Aaron Starr	9
David Pratt Demarest	8
Dean Ahmad	7
Matthew Cholko	7
Mark Miller	7
Darryl Perry	6
John Pickerill	5
Kimberly Ruff	5
Dax Ewbank	4
Thomas Knapp	4
Elliott Scheirman	4
Debbie Schum	4
Richard Fast	3
Michael Kielsky	3
Phillip Anderson	2
Kevin Bjornson	2
Douglas Dycus	2
James Hines	2
Joseph Howe	2
Clayton Hunt	2
Chris Maden	2

Dustin Nanna	2
Warren Patterson	2
Mike Seebeck	2
Richard Ilyes	1
Drew Layda	1
Rachel Mace	1
Tom Maciejewski	1
Ryan Martinez	1
Mark Potwora	1
Roland Riemers	1
David Stewart	1

Jeffrey Miron, Andy Craig, John Fockler, and Alicia Mattson were elected to the Platform Committee, having received majority votes.

Also having received majority votes, the fifth and final position had a 4-way tie between Adam Bates, Caryn Ann Harlos, Joseph Henchman, and Aaron Starr.

There was no objection to using signed ballots for a run-off for the fifth and final seat on the Platform Committee.

With 17 approval-voting ballots cast and 10 positions to be filled, the results of the first round of balloting for the Bylaws and Rules Committee were as follows:

Bylaws and Rules Committee - Round 1

Candidate	Vote Total
Andy Craig	14
Joshua Katz	13
Chuck Moulton	13
Caryn Ann Harlos	11
Aaron Starr	11
M Carling	10
Joseph Henchman	10
David Pratt Demarest	9
Alicia Mattson	9
Kimberly Ruff	6
Michael Kielsky	5
Timothy Perkins	5
Darryl Perry	5
David Stewart	4
Roland Riemers	3
Carolyn Clift	2
Richard Fast	2
Richard Ilyes	2
Mike Seebeck	2
Clayton Hunt	1
Rachel Mace	1
Ryan Martinez	1
Mark Potwora	1

Andy Craig, Joshua Katz, Chuck Moulton, Caryn Ann Harlos, Aaron Starr, M Carling, Joseph Henchman, David Pratt Demarest, and Alicia Mattson were elected to the Bylaws and Rules Committee, having received majority votes. One final position remained unfilled as no other candidate received a majority vote.

Mr. Redpath moved to appoint Kimberly Ruff to the final position. Dr. Lark raised a point of order that we would be appointing someone who did not receive a majority vote. Mr. Starr raised a point of order that our existing procedure from RONR, p. 441, lines 11-24 already prescribes how to conduct subsequent rounds of voting. Mr. Sarwark found the point of order well taken and noted that the Redpath motion would require a vote sufficient to suspend of the rules.

The vote on the Redpath motion to suspend the rules and appoint Kimberly Ruff to the final position was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Bittner, Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Starr

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Sarwark

With a vote total of 7-8, the motion failed to achieve the 2/3 vote required to suspend the rules.

Mr. Starr moved to reopen nominations for the Bylaws and Rules Committee. The motion was adopted by a show of hands with a 9-5 vote total. Mr. Starr nominated Brian Holtz, who had contacted him expressing willingness to serve. Nominations were closed without objection.

Mr. Goldstein moved to suspend the rules and establish that the next Bylaws and Rules Committee ballot will include only those who received 4 or more votes in the previous round of voting, and the next Platform Committee ballot will only include those in a 4-way tie with 9 votes for the final seat. Ms. Mattson raised a point of order that pre-printed ballots were only available for the first round of voting, and since the LNC would be writing on blank paper for all subsequent rounds of voting, and since members can still vote for any eligible person, the motion has no effect making it an improper motion. The Chair issued no ruling.

The Goldstein motion was adopted by a show of hands with a vote total of 11-3.

LNC members completed ballots for a second round of voting to fill remaining seats on both the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. Kraus served as tellers while the LNC proceeded with other business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

IT COMMITTEE

Mr. O’Toole, as chair of the IT Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix K). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 2

With 17 approval-voting ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the second round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Platform Committee - Round 2

Candidate	Vote Total
Caryn Ann Harlos	9
Aaron Starr	9
Adam Bates	8
Joseph Henchman	5

The fifth and final position was a tie between Aaron Starr and Caryn Ann Harlos, each having received a majority vote.

With 17 approval-voting ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the second round of balloting for the Bylaws and Rules Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Bylaws and Rules Committee - Round 2

Candidate	Vote Total
Kimberly Ruff	10
Darryl Perry	6
Brian Holtz	5
Michael Kielsky	5
Timothy Perkins	3
David Stewart	2
Carolyn Clift	1

Kimberly Ruff was elected to the final seat on the Bylaws and Rules Committee, having received a majority vote.

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 3

LNC members completed ballots for a third round of voting to fill the remaining seat on the Platform Committee. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. Kraus served as tellers.

With 17 approval-voting ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the third round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Platform Committee - Round 3

Candidate	Vote Total
Caryn Ann Harlos	8
Aaron Starr	8
Adam Bates	6

None of the candidates received a majority vote.

Without objection, the LNC agreed to suspend the rules on the fourth round of balloting and establish that members will only vote for one candidate, rather than again using approval voting. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. Kraus served as tellers.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM EDITS

The LNC discussed the differences between “sustaining membership” as defined by the bylaws, and the “benefits lapse date” as defined in Policy Manual Section 2.05.4. The LNC took no action.

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 4

With 17 vote-for-one ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the fourth round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Platform Committee - Round 4

Candidate	Vote Total
Aaron Starr	8
Caryn Ann Harlos	6
Adam Bates	3

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules in order to then take up a motion to appoint Aaron Starr to the final Platform Committee position and to appoint Caryn Ann Harlos as an alternate. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by a show of hands with a 9-2 vote total.

The LNC took up the motion to appoint Aaron Starr to the final Platform Committee position and to appoint Caryn Ann Harlos as an alternate.

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

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Starr

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Katz, Marsh, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Hayes, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 5-10.

There was no objection to conducting a fifth round of balloting, permitting members to only vote for one candidate. Ms. Harlos and Mr. Starr were permitted 1 minute to speak for their nominations, and both answered questions. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. Kraus served as tellers.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONTINUED)

SEEKING APPOINTMENTS FOR LIBERTARIANS

After some explanation, Mr. Katz moved to direct staff to build relationships with sympathetic Congressional staffers, particularly in the Senate, and direct up to half of our Candidates and Campaigns budget for that purpose.

Starchild moved to amend to add "and that staff develop, with outside expertise as appropriate, written and oral guidelines to those engaged in such contacts, on how to exert influence without being influenced."

Without objection the LNC tabled the pending motions in order to hear the results of Platform Committee balloting.

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 5

With 17 vote-for-one ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the fifth round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Platform Committee - Round 5

Candidate	Vote Total
Caryn Ann Harlos	8
Aaron Starr	7
Adam Bates	2

None of the candidates received a majority vote.

The LNC conducted a sixth round of balloting, permitting members to only vote for one candidate. Mr. Nekhaila and Mr. Kraus served as tellers while the LNC continued with other business.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONTINUED)

SEEKING APPOINTMENTS FOR LIBERTARIANS

The LNC took up the tabled motions again, a main motion from Mr. Katz and an amendment from Starchild.

Following debate, the vote on the Starchild amendment (to add “and that staff develop, with outside expertise as appropriate, written and oral guidelines to those engaged in such contacts, on how to exert influence without being influenced.”) was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Harlos, Katz, Marsh, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starr

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 6-10.

The vote on the main motion (to direct staff to build relationships with sympathetic Congressional staffers, particularly in the Senate, and direct up to half of our Candidates and Campaigns budget for that purpose) was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starr, Vohra

Voting “no”: Redpath

Abstaining: Goldstein, Lark, Sarwark, Starchild

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

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS – ROUND 6

With 17 vote-for-one ballots cast and 1 remaining position to be filled, the results of the sixth round of balloting for the Platform Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Platform Committee - Round 6

Candidate	Vote Total
Caryn Ann Harlos	8
Aaron Starr	8
Adam Bates	1

None of the candidates received a majority vote.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to resolve the tie with a coin-toss between Aaron Starr and Caryn Ann Harlos, with the coin-toss winner being appointed to the fifth position, and the coin-toss loser being appointed as an alternate. The motion was adopted by a show of hands with a 10-5 vote total.

Caryn Ann Harlos won the coin toss, thus she was appointed to the fifth position on the Platform Committee, and Mr. Starr was appointed as an alternate.

COMMITTEE ELECTION – ELECTION OF INTERIM CHAIRS

LP Bylaws Article 11.1 prescribes that the LNC shall appoint a temporary chair of the Platform Committee and of the Bylaws and Rules Committee to serve until each committee selects its own chair.

Nominations were opened for interim chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

Dr. Lark nominated Joshua Katz.

Mr. Vohra nominated Chuck Moulton.

Mr. Demarest nominated Alicia Mattson, but she declined the nomination.

Nominations were closed without objection.

The election was conducted with a show of hands, which resulted in 10 votes for Joshua Katz and 5 votes for Chuck Moulton. Mr. Katz was elected as interim chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, having received a majority vote.

Nominations were opened for interim chair of the Platform Committee. Mr. Bittner nominated Alicia Mattson. There were no other nominations. Ms. Mattson was elected as interim chair of the Platform Committee by a show of hands with a 14-1 vote total.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONTINUED)

DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING MEDIA

Mr. Katz requested to withdraw this agenda item. There was no objection.

LAPSED MEMBER AND RENEWAL RECRUITMENT

Ms. Harlos spoke of her efforts phoning lapsed members and asking them to renew, and signing up new members at state conventions in her region. She encouraged other regional representatives to do the same. The LNC took no action.

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION AND WHISTLEBLOWER POLICIES

By email Ms. Mattson had distributed recommendations from an outside audit firm that the LNC adopt a document retention and periodic destruction policy as well as a whistle blower policy. She had also distributed copies of draft policies previously proposed by the Audit Committee in 2014. The Employment Policies and Procedures Committee report indicated those committee members did not feel they had the expertise to finish the task and requested assistance from legal counsel, which has not been budgeted.

Following discussion, Mr. Hagan moved to direct the Chair to direct our special legal counsel to review the existing draft document retention and whistle blower policies and obtain a recommendation on further needed action.

Dr. Lark suggested that it would be a good opportunity to also have our employee manual reviewed as well, and Mr. Sarwark agreed.

Starchild moved to amend the motion to also amend the underlying document drafts to change instances of "Director of Human Resources" to "Executive Director", to change instances of "Board of Directors" to "Libertarian National Committee", and to change instances of "director" or "board member" to "LNC member".

The vote on the Starchild amendment failed by a show of hands.

The main motion was adopted without objection.

APRC VACANCY

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules and take up the agenda item to fill the APRC vacancy created by the resignation of Joshua Katz. There was no objection.

Nominations were opened for the APRC position.

Ms. Harlos nominated Mr. Demarest.

Mr. Hayes nominated himself.

Ms. Bilyeu nominated herself.

Nominations were closed without objection. During further discussion, Mr. Hayes withdrew his nomination.

There was no objection to using an approval vote on a signed ballot, and the LNC continued with other business during vote tabulation.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Nekhaila moved to amend the agenda to allow immediate consideration of a motion regarding social media assets. There was no objection.

Mr. Nekhaila moved to create an interim study committee to review the LP social media programs, assess strengths, weaknesses, and procedures, and report back to the LNC no later than the next LNC meeting; that committee shall consist of three LNC members and/or alternates and two non-LNC members whom shall be elected by the LNC members of the committee. The chair of the LNC shall be urged to take action in getting the LNC and staff more involved in the Party's social media assets.

Following debate, there was no objection to the motion.

Nominations were opened nominations to fill the 3 LNC-appointed positions on the just-created Social Media Process Review Committee.

Mr. Bittner nominated himself.

Mr. Goldstein nominated Mr. Hayes.

Ms. Harlos nominated herself.

Dr. Lark nominated Mr. Nekhaila.

Mr. Vohra nominated himself.

Mr. Katz nominated himself.

Mr. Katz moved to suspend the rules to only permit voting for up to three candidates. The motion was adopted by a show of hands with a vote total of 8-3.

Mr. Marsh and Chuck Moulton served as tellers while the LNC continued with regional reports.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 Representative Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix L), and she fielded a question.

The Region 2 report (see Appendix M) was temporarily skipped, as Mr. Marsh was tallying APRC results.

Region 3 Representative Brett Bittner had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix N) and he noted a minor correction in it.

Region 4 Alternate Aaron Starr gave an oral report, noting details of the California affiliate's upcoming convention and his ongoing local efforts.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix O), and he supplemented with a brief oral update. Dr. Lark had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix P) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix Q)

Region 6 Representative David Demarest had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix R). There were no questions.

Region 7 Representative Whitney Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix S). There were no questions.

Region 8 Representative Patrick McKnight had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix T), and he supplemented with a brief oral update.

APRC VACANCY RESULTS

With 15 approval ballots cast and 1 position to be filled, the results of the balloting for the APRC vacancy were reported as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

APRC Vacancy

APRC Candidate	Vote Total
Whitney Bilyeu	11
David Demarest	4

Ms. Bilyeu was elected, having received a majority vote.

Post-adjourment note: The table above reflects the totals announced during the meeting. An audit of the ballots following the meeting found that the correct totals were: Whitney Bilyeu – 12, David Demarest - 4. This error did not change the outcome of the election.

REGIONAL REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Region 2 Representative Ed Marsh had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix M). He and Region 2 Alternate Steve Nekhaila provided brief oral updates.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE RESULTS

With 16 vote-for-up-to-three ballots cast and 3 positions to be filled, the results of the balloting for the Social Media Process Review Committee were as follows (see Appendix F for signed ballot details):

Social Media Process Review Committee

Candidate	Vote Total
Brett Bittner	10
Daniel Hayes	10
Steve Nekhaila	9
Caryn Ann Harlos	8
Joshua Katz	6
Arvin Vohra	6

Brett Bittner, Daniel Hayes, and Steve Nekhaila were elected, having received a majority vote. Two remaining positions on the committee will be filled by the just-elected members.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements, the LNC adjourned without objection at 1:29 p.m.

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- Gave many interviews, including Salon, IVN News, Real Clear Politics, The San Francisco Review of Books, KCWU Radio, and many others.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases on issues.
- Traveled and spoke at Libertarian Party events in California, New Mexico, and Michigan.
- Conducted conference calls for Libertarian Party members and potential new members.
- Met with major donors and potential donors to support our new development and fundraising efforts.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including lawsuits, appeals, and employment and petitioning contracts.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

Secretary's Report
For April 15-16, 2017 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on December 10, 2016:

- May 27-30, 2016 National Convention – Draft minutes were distributed and posted on our website in accordance with the timelines set forth in the bylaws. After feedback was received during the December LNC meeting, an updated version has been created and distributed. I anticipate these will be approved during this LNC meeting.
- July 17, 2016 LNC session – adopted during December 10, 2016 LNC session
- December 10-11, 2016 LNC session – auto-approved on January 9, 2017
- January 28, 2017 EC teleconference – auto-approved on February 11, 2017

There have been no LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The LNC appointed Whitney Bilyeu, Sam Goldstein, Daniel Hayes, and Alicia Mattson to the Convention Oversight Committee during its December 10-11, 2016 meeting. Mr. Sarwark notified the LNC by email on 01/15/17 of his appointment of BetteRose Ryan (Chair), Erin Adams, and William Brackeen to the non-LNC-member seats on the committee.
- Email ballot 2017-02, ending on 01/23/17, created a Historic Preservation Committee and designated Caryn Ann Harlos as its chair and granted her the power to appoint up to 4 other members. Ms. Harlos notified the LNC by email on 02/20/17 of her appointment of James Gholston, Joe Dehn, Joseph Buchman, and Ed Fochler to the committee.
- Ken Moellman and Sean O'Toole had previously been appointed to the IT Committee. Mr. Sarwark notified the LNC by email on 02/28/17 of his appointment of John Athayde, Stephen Berger, Steven Haddox, Joshua Drake, and Doug Waddell to the committee.
- During its December meeting, the LNC created a committee to solicit bids for reviewing the 2016 LP Presidential campaign. Larry Sharpe and Trent Somes were appointed to that committee, and they were granted the power to name one additional member. The LNC was notified by email on 12/18/16 that they chose David Demarest as the third member.

Other tasks I have completed include:

- Provided staff an article for LPNews summarizing the December LNC meeting
- The listing of committee memberships on the website is up to date with the above changes
- Assembled applications for Platform Committee and for Bylaws and Rules Committee from 90 applicants for the LNC's review

LNC Policy Manual Section 2.07.2 requires that the Secretary “distribute to each affiliate party the Presidential vote totals which the Secretary proposes to use for purposes of delegate allocation for National Conventions as provided for in the Bylaws, no later than the last day of April in the year following a Presidential election...” I expect to accomplish this task on time.

The following 7 email ballots were completed since the December 10-11, 2016 LNC session:

Motion 2017-01: Amend a motion adopted on December 11, 2016 as follows:

“that the Libertarian National Committee establish a committee to take bids from political consultants for the task of extensively reviewing and making recommendations for the Libertarian Party’s messaging (and modes of messaging), inclusion in the debates, fundraising and campaign finance, campaign mechanics, and state and local affiliates. Said agency will agree to present their findings to the public before December of 2017. The committee will take bids until the ~~10th~~^{30th} of January.”

Sponsors: Demarest, Katz, Mattson, Harlos

Started: 01/11/17

Ended: 01/21/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

Voting “nay”: (none)

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

Motion 2017-02: The LNC establishes a Historic Preservation Committee to help preserve and publish historical documents of the party and to manage LPedia. This committee is granted a budget of \$5,000. Caryn Ann Harlos is appointed chair with authority to appoint up to 4 others. This committee will expire at the end of the LNC meeting preceding the 2018 LP National Convention.

Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Demarest, Bittner

Started: 01/13/17

Ended: 01/23/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Starchild

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 14-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-03: The Libertarian National Committee condemns the unjust detention of libertarian activists Ubaldo Herrera Hernandez and Manuel Velasquez by agents of the Castro regime in Cuba on February 2, and demands the immediate safe release of these political prisoners who were targeted for their peaceful activism promoting limited government and free markets. We further ask the U.S.

government's State Department to place diplomatic pressure on the Castro regime for their release, and encourage Libertarian Party members and supporters to contact their elected officials toward that end.

Sponsors: Starchild, Harlos, Demarest, Vohra

Started: 02/14/17

Ended: 02/24/17

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Mattson, Redpath

Express abstention: McKnight

With a final vote tally of 9-7, the motion fails to achieve the 3/4 vote required to adopt a public policy resolution with previous notice (see LP Bylaws Article 7.11).

Motion 2017-04:

WHEREAS the current federal classification of cannabis under the Controlled Substances Act as a Schedule 1 drug having no medicinal value is an inaccurate classification at odds with the findings of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and those of many other researchers; and

WHEREAS this dishonest classification is an impediment both to useful academic research, and to realizing the economic benefits that legalization offers; and

WHEREAS cannabis is a drug with few harmful effects and zero documented fatalities which is even safer when not forced into the black market, where labeling, testing, and quality control are less prevalent; and

WHEREAS drug prohibition in the United States has been an unmitigated failure, with a third of Americans self-reporting having used cannabis despite strict penalties against its sale, manufacture and use, and over \$1 trillion of taxpayer money in a futile effort to enforce drug laws, including those pertaining to cannabis; and

WHEREAS the black markets created by these unconstitutional statutes have led to increased violence both in the United States and in other countries such as Mexico where cannabis and other drugs are produced for the U.S. market; and

WHEREAS millions and millions of peaceful Americans have been arrested, imprisoned, fined, or otherwise needlessly criminalized and stigmatized, potentially for life, because of their use of cannabis, and the 2 million Drug War prisoners currently behind bars in the United States have given this country the highest documented incarceration rate of any nation on Earth, accounting for a reported 25% the world's prisoners; and

WHEREAS drug prohibition has been the major driver of the practice of asset forfeiture, in which over \$13 billion has been seized by law enforcement across the country, often from people who have not been convicted of, or sometimes even charged with, any crime; and

WHEREAS this gross violation of legal due process, has incentivized the arbitrary and often discriminatory arrest of U.S. residents in what has come to be known as "policing for profit" ; and

WHEREAS unconstitutional statutes attempting to control what people choose to put into their own bodies constitute a vast and dangerous government intervention into people's personal lives violating the cherished American values of individual freedom and choice; and

WHEREAS polls now show that most Americans support legalizing cannabis for both medical and recreational use, and voters in multiple states have voted accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee supports the immediate full legalization and federal de-scheduling of cannabis and industrial hemp products, as a much-needed first step toward ending the destructive "War on Drugs" entirely, in accord with the Libertarian Party's platform.

Sponsors: Harlos, Demarest, Starchild, Redpath

Started: 02/24/17

Ended: 03/06/17

Voting "aye": Demarest, Harlos, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Bittner, Hayes, Katz, Mattson, Starr

Express abstention: Goldstein, Hagan

With a final vote tally of 8-5, the motion fails to achieve the 3/4 vote required to adopt a public policy resolution with previous notice (see LP Bylaws Article 7.11).

Motion 2017-05:

The Libertarian National Committee strongly opposes the unjust arrest and detention of peaceful individuals. The arrests on February 2, 2017, and subsequent detention of libertarian activists, Ubaldo Herrera Hernandez and Manuel Velazquez, in Cuba illustrate the threats to freedom we all face around the world.

The Libertarian Party calls on the Cuban government to immediately release details of the above-mentioned arrests and detentions, including the specific charges being levied against the individuals in question. In the absence of such information, we call for the release of these prisoners.

Libertarian activism worldwide must not be deterred by the attempts of authoritarian leaders, totalitarian governments, and dictatorial regimes to silence the voice of freedom. We condemn any acts of official oppression, and uphold the promotion of limited government and free markets in any country. Furthermore, we call on the U.S. Department of State to publicly denounce violations of the right to free speech, the right to peaceably assemble, and the right to due process abroad.

Sponsors: Bilyeu, Harlos, Demarest, Marsh

Started: 03/09/17

Ended: 03/19/17

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

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

Motion 2017-06: Move to budget an additional \$5,000 (budget line 90) to relocate the historical records in the Duke Street basement and in the off-site storage facility to a location in Colorado to be determined by Historical Preservation Committee Chair. The facility will be paid by for and under the control of the LNC and will be obtained at a cost equal or less to the price paid for the similar facility in Virginia. The Executive Director will be directed to send out up to two fundraising emails to cover this expense and the prior budgeted Historical Committee expense (credit to budget line 25).

Sponsors: Harlos, Hayes, Bittner, Demarest

Started: 03/24/17

Ended: 04/03/17

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Goldstein, Lark, Marsh, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Katz, Mattson

Express abstention: Redpath

With a final vote tally of 12-2, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-07: The site for the August 19-20, 2017 LNC meeting will be Kansas City (MO or KS).

Sponsors: Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Bittner

Started: 03/24/17

Ended: 04/03/17

Voting “aye”: Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Starchild, Starr

Express abstention: Bilyeu, Katz

With a final vote tally of 12-2, the motion PASSES.

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

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See the following 25 pages for the Staff Report

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Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Wes Benedict

Summary

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

We're working to maintain gains from 2016 (results typically peak in Presidential election years), and we're laying the foundation to prepare for the 2018 election cycle.

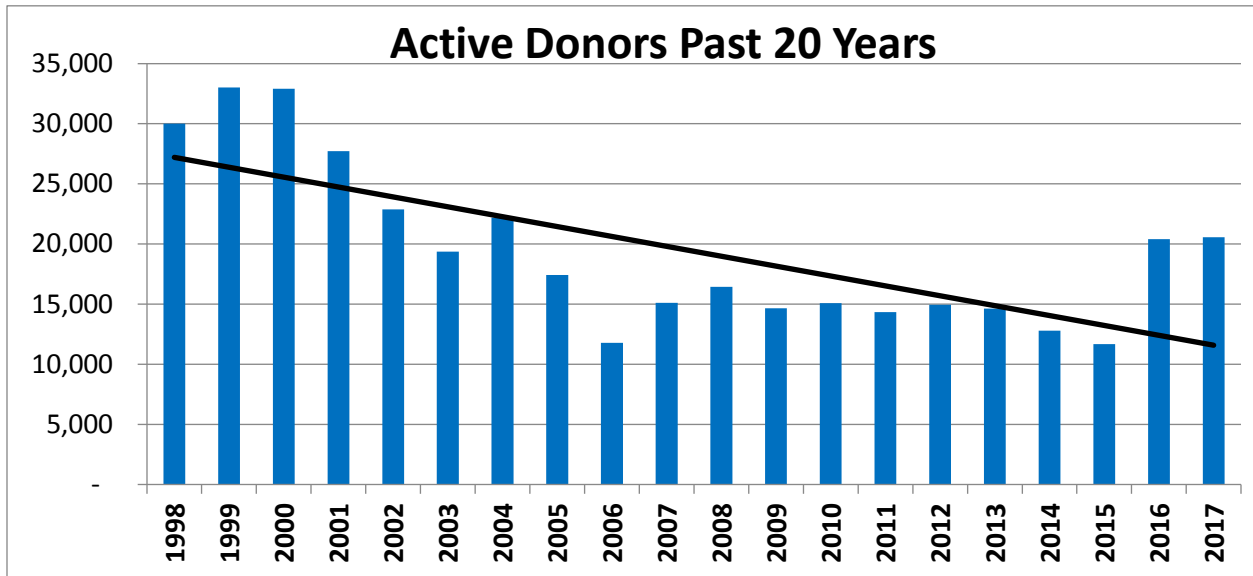
In Q1 2017 we focused on infrastructure upgrades: LP.org, LPStore.org, LPAction.org, upgrading the membership database to Raisers Edge NXT, a development department, and staff changes. Those projects have gone well, as have overall Q1 financial results.

Areas of concern include an expected upcoming large decline in membership, weakness in the performance of prospecting to the Johnson for President database, and weakness in house fundraising letter performance. However, those weaknesses have been counteracted by strong performance in other areas by our new development staff.

Much of the content of my section of this report was generated by copying and pasting directly from the great work of the rest of our staff and contractors.

Membership

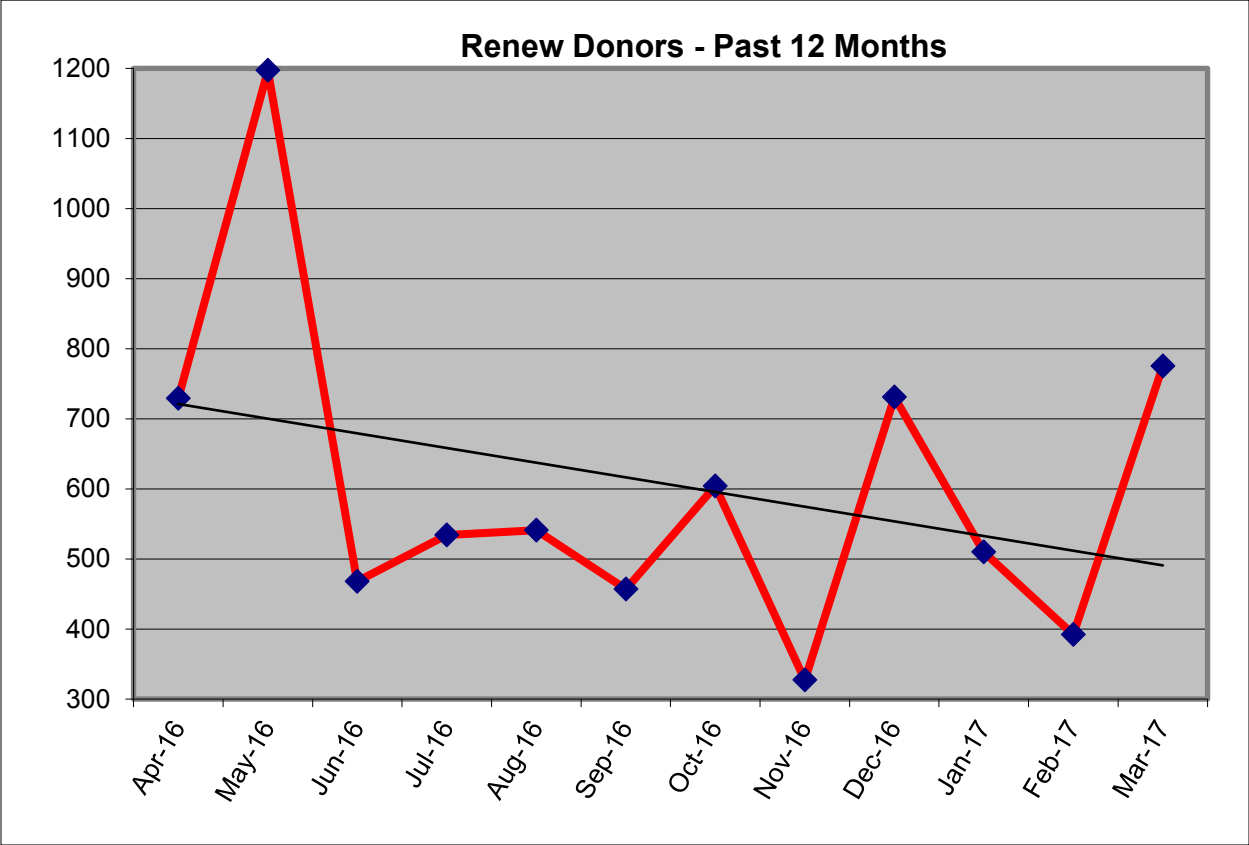
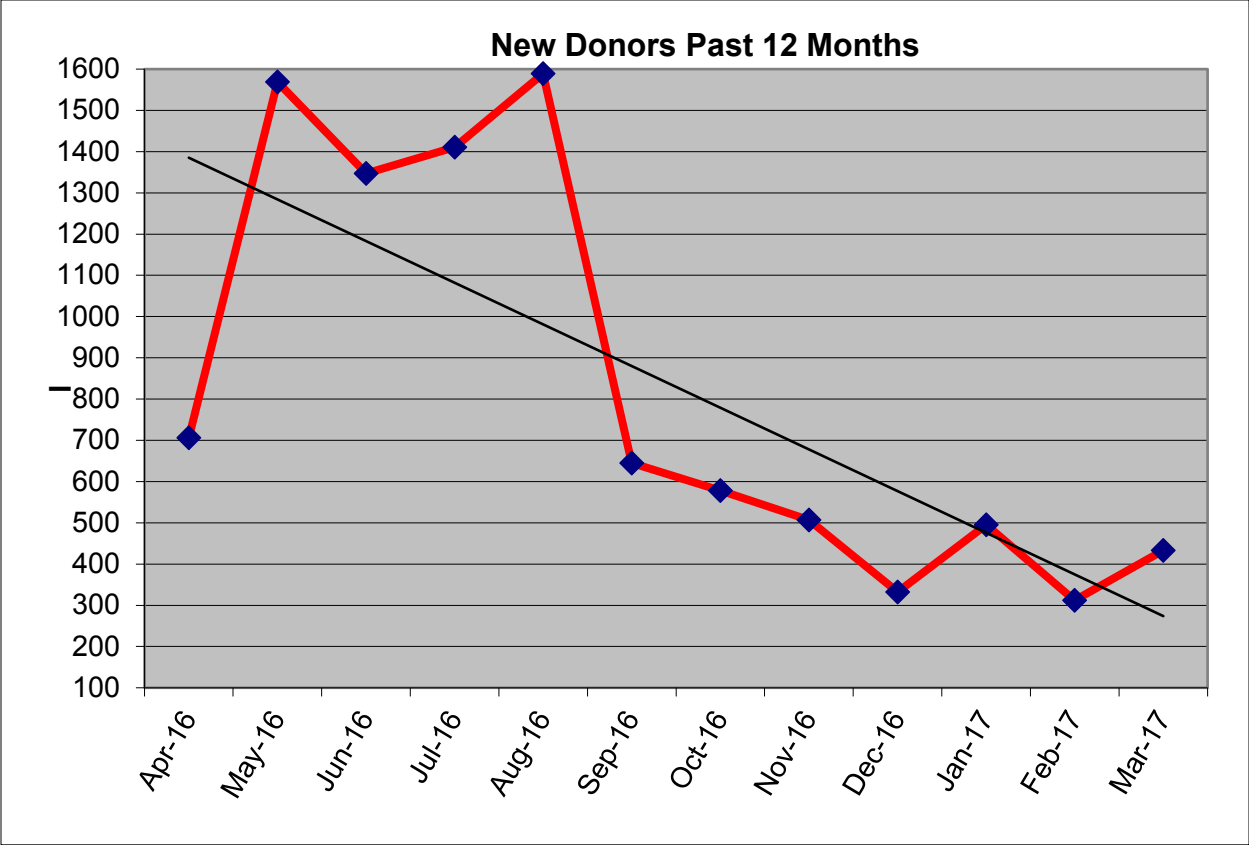
Interest generated by the 2016 Presidential election drove “membership” up to the highest level since 2004.



We’re trying to keep membership above the 20,000 level. However, in May through August of 2016 there was a huge spike in new members and renewals (see detailed membership graphs that follow). Given that many of those memberships will therefore expire in May through August of 2017, I’m projecting a drop of 4,000 to 5,000 members by August. Of course, we’d like to prevent the drop. We’re testing, and exploring, but haven’t found a feasible program yet to prevent the drop.

Membership retention efforts:

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



Prospecting to the Johnson for President database has produced weaker than hoped for results.

Effort	Cost	Revenue	Donors
Two email sent by Ron Nielsen/Johnson Campaign in December & January	\$400	\$12,000 (estimate)	300 (estimate)
Prospecting snail mail 1612 PR	\$5,527	\$3,627	41
Prospecting snail mail 1702 PR	\$6,024	\$825**(partial)	26**(partial)
Prospecting snail mail 1702 PRL	\$8,369	\$2,807**(partial)	73** (partial)

** (partial) is noted because these are preliminary results from mailings sent in February 2017. More results will come from these letters—but my rough estimate is that at least 75% of the results are already in. Additionally, these snail mail efforts encourage people to donate online as well, and we’ve not yet made an attempt to identify online donations that were likely encouraged by the letters.

Anti-spam policies of email providers have hampered email outreach to the Johnson campaign list.

Financial Results

As reported later by our Head of Development, revenue for the first quarter of 2017 was high at \$377,897 (a preliminary estimate), which is higher than the first quarter for any year going back to at least 2007. We had budgeted a loss of \$45,100 for the first quarter, but ended the quarter with only a \$9,240 loss.

Although we are ahead of budgeted revenue for Q1, I’d caution against extrapolating those results too far. A larger than normal portion of the Q1 revenue was from a single individual and those results were combined with two successful matching challenge fundraising efforts. We’ll keep working to exceed budgeted revenue, but given our budgeted loss of \$170,400 for 2017, we should remain cautious on spending.

For 2017, we’ve paid \$62,000 towards paying off the building mortgage early. The Policy Manual requires only \$60,000 in 2017, so we succeeded early, primarily due to a matching donation challenge of \$25,000 by Michael Chastain specifically for the building.

Staff assisted the Convention Oversight Committee with a Name the Convention Theme Contest fundraiser that raised \$15,490. Because of our accrual accounting policies, that \$15,490 will not show as 2017 revenue, but will be booked in July 2018.

LPStore.org

We receive lots of requests to add new T-shirts and other products to LPStore.org. Each new product we offer entails added inventory management costs, with shirts being especially cumbersome due to the various shirt sizes required for each design. Our goal is to offer things that lots of people will want that also usefully promote the Libertarian Party brand, and leave specialty sites like Café Press to offer an infinite variety for infinite tastes.

We ran a shirt contest in March to test 6 varieties of new shirts. The results are below. Kudos to Keith Thompson of Louisiana for designing the two top-selling shirts. Items with a * we've made stock items on LPStore.org and are carrying inventory now. Although the number of orders for the two shirt styles specifically designed for women was low, we added the "Ladies Scoop Neck" so our site could show at least one design specifically for women.

- 130 - "I'm With Her!" T-shirt*
- 96 - "Taxation Is Theft" T-shirt*
- 91 - "Don't Spy On Me" T-shirt*
- 42 - "Legalize It" T-shirt
- 16 - Ladies Scoop Neck*
- 10 - Ladies Racerback Tank



New LP.org website

We launched a new website for LP.org in October, 2016, to replace the one deployed in 2008. The new one, built on WordPress, is mobile-friendly. While it had a fresh and more modern look, the October 2016 installation and hosting was plagued with problems, even experiencing complete outages for extend periods in December and January because of the faulty installation. While the website was designed by a firm specializing in website design, that design was then installed to a hosting service by a volunteer appointed by the former LNC. Additionally, we had three wikis for internal use on the hosting plan of our old website. Those wikis were disabled by the October 2016 website rollout.

At the December 2016 meeting, the LNC passed a motion thanking the Website Redevelopment Committee for getting the new website in place, and allowing the Executive Director to take over management of the website.

Since then, staff worked with the original design firm, and that design firm reinstalled the website to a different hosting service. That reinstallation seems to have solved most of the major technical issues and the site has been up and running robustly ever since. Additionally, while the original problematic hosting service was costing \$1,200 per month, the re-installation hosting is only costing \$249 per month. Our old LP.org website (pre-October 2016), was costing \$712 per month, so our new \$249 per month hosting service provides savings.

With the website deployed to a functional hosting service, we've been allowed to work on dozens of other improvements both to the look and technical functionality. And the wikis that were disabled have since been restored by Andy Burns.

I'd especially like to thank staff member Andy Burns for his help with the new website, as well as Ken Moellman and the rest of the new I.T. Committee whose expertise we have consulted for many issues.

Ballot Access

After 2016, we retained or gained ballot access in 37 states plus D.C., the highest ever after an election in the party's history. Only two states have gubernatorial elections in 2017, New Jersey and Virginia, and both have started their own petition drives for 2017 Governor races (not needing LNC staff's help).

Arkansas and Ohio have started petition drives to prepare for 2018 elections.

Arkansas: We signed a contract with the state affiliate who is contracting with the petitioners. The drive started March 27. We've paid \$2,040 for 1,020 raw signatures. The deadline is June 25 and we don't expect problems meeting the deadline in Arkansas.

Ohio: We signed contracts with 7 petitioners recruited and managed by Ken Moellman and we've paid \$48,229.38 for 20,520 raw signatures. The ultimate deadline is June 2018, but there's hope to finish early. The paid petition drive was outpacing the LPO's validation efforts. Also, the \$60,000 the LPO thought it had pledged from three major donors hasn't materialized, making the LPO unable to pay for the portion of signatures they had planned to pay for. They are working on alternative plans. Staff has talked to the LPO about helping with LPO fundraising efforts. In the meantime, the LPO and the Ballot Access Committee decided to halt the paid effort temporarily while the LPO got a bit reorganized and caught up.



A “double matching” fundraising effort lead by Lauren Daugherty helped get most of the funds in early that we’ll need for 2017 ballot access efforts.



Archives Move for Historical Preservation Committee

Caryn Ann Harlos took a strong interest in cataloging, preserving, and presenting historical Libertarian Party documents. She demonstrated significant follow-through. After having spent a non-trivial amount of time providing information and materials to her, I decided it made sense to ship the archives close to her in Colorado so she could work with the items more directly as well as manage the volunteers she has recruited. The LNC approved the move and we’re scheduled to complete the move in April 2017.

Staff

We've made several staff changes since the December LNC meeting.

Salaried and hourly staff:

- Wes Benedict—Executive Director
- Carla Howell—Political Director
- Robert Kraus—Operations Director
- Nick Dunbar—Special Projects
- Matthew Thexton—Member Services (added part-time)

Staff contractors:

- Bob Johnston—Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist
- Andy Burns—State Affiliate Support Specialist
- Lauren Daugherty—Head of Development (new title)
- Elizabeth Brierly—Assistant Editor; helps with various publications
- Denise Luckey—Designer
- Jess Mears—Development Coordinator (added)
- Burly Cain—Special Projects (added)

Other contractors used on a regular basis:

- Oliver Hall—Special Counsel
- Paula Edwards—FEC Consultant
- Mat Thexton—membership renewal calls
- Collin Daugherty—graphic design
- There are more contractors we use on a semi-regular basis that are not detailed here for things such as cleaning services, HVAC repair, general maintenance, tech support, legal help, ballot access petitioning, LP News articles, and other things.

Former staff and contractors:

- Casey Hansen — Member Services Manager
- Rachel Mills – Press Secretary
- Nathan Grabau – Development Coordinator

Upcoming Staff Reorganization

- Discontinuing position of Political Director
- Creating position of Communications/Press Secretary
- Creating position of Candidate Support and Recruiter

Facebook

Members, staff, and some LNC reps have repeatedly expressed a lot of concern to me over what is getting posted on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/libertarians>

They're concerned about our overall social media strategy, the specific posts, etc.

I share some of their concerns, but have basically told them there's not much I can do in the short term. And that to change who's posting what there would require action from the LNC. If I were to go in there and tell volunteers and others who can do what, and started revoking posting privileges, I don't see that ending well unless the LNC took some direct vote instructing me to do that.

Staff has the capability to take responsibility of the Facebook page if instructed to, just like staff is responsible for the content on LP.org. Overall, I think our Facebook volunteers have done a tremendous job. Sometimes a few of them have tested the limits of what makes sense to post on our official party page. If staff were to be responsible for the Facebook page, I do think there's a chance the page could become too risk averse. An alternative to putting staff in charge of the page could be for the Advertising Publications and Review Committee to more actively review and reject postings they feel might hurt the party's image. If staff is put in charge of the Facebook page, I would expect some volunteers to quit, while others might get even more involved.

Things I needed from the LNC

Last meeting, I asked the LNC for the following three things. All three were granted. That was helpful. Thank you.

1. Freedom and flexibility to get website working better.
2. Small upgrade to the Raisers Edge database and contribution system.
3. Cautious spending focused on priorities of fundraising, website, database.

Direct Mail Performance (Board Reports)

A series of tables follows with lots of detail on our direct mail performance. We refer to the tables as "Board Reports". Keep in mind that the numbers provided are a snapshot, and that mailings that were released within the past few months will continue to show increased returns.

Also, it's worth noting that many of our snail mail letters encourage people to renew, join, or donate online at LP.org. Donations made online in response to a snail mail letter are not linked to the results presented in the Board Reports.

Costs, Dates, and Revenue from Direct Mail Projects 2008 through 2017

2017 Appeals as 2017-03-31

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1701 HO	1/23/17	Guns and Marijuana	24,992	recent contributors	\$10,755.00	\$8,546.00	\$2,209.00	151	0.60%	\$71.23	\$0.79	\$1.26	\$56.60
1702 AR		Annual report	11,367		\$5,676.00	\$19,343.00	-\$13,667.00	81	0.71%	\$70.07	\$3.41	\$0.29	\$238.80
Subtotal House			36,359		\$16,431.00	\$27,889.00	-\$11,458.00	232	0.64%	\$70.82	\$1.70	\$0.59	\$120.21
1702 LP NEWS	2/6/17	Building fund match	21,014	subscribers	\$6,673.00		\$6,673.00	78	0.37%	\$85.55			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News					\$23,104.00	\$27,889.00	-\$4,785.00	\$310.00	#DIV/0!	\$74.53	\$1.21	\$0.83	\$89.96
Renewals													
1701 RE	1/30/17	wes upgrade appeal	3,862	6 month Expires	\$11,520.00	\$1,414.00	\$10,106.00	201	5.20%	\$57.31	\$0.12	\$8.15	\$7.03
1702 RE	3/8/17	wes upgrade appeal	4,215	6 month Expires	\$6,383.00	\$1,469.00	\$4,914.00	110	2.61%	\$58.03	\$0.23	\$4.35	\$13.35
1703 RE	3/31/17	wes upgrade appeal	5,845	6 month Expires		\$1,730.00	-\$1,730.00		0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Renewals			13,922		\$17,903.00	\$4,613.00	\$13,290.00	311	2.23%	\$57.57	\$0.26	\$3.88	\$14.83
Lapsed													
							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Lapsed			0		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Prospecting													
1702 PR	2/21/17		20,012	GJ list	\$825.00	\$6,024.00	-\$5,199.00	26	0.13%	\$31.73	\$7.30	\$0.14	\$231.69
1702 PRL	2/16/17	free t-shirt!	19,832	GJ list	\$2,807.00	\$8,369.00	-\$5,562.00	73	0.37%	\$38.45	\$2.98	\$0.34	\$114.64
Subtotal Prospecting			39,844		\$3,632.00	\$14,393.00	-\$10,761.00	99	0.25%	\$36.69	\$3.96	\$0.25	\$145.38
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$7,040.00		\$7,040.00	120		\$58.67			
Web New Members		New Members			\$27,805.00		\$27,805.00	675		\$41.19			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$32,825.00		\$32,825.00	616		\$53.29			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$1,657.00		\$1,657.00	30		\$55.23			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$3,022.00		\$3,022.00	33		\$91.58			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$72,349.00		\$72,349.00	1,474		\$49.08			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
2016 GRAND TOTAL					\$116,988.00	\$46,895.00	\$70,093.00	2,194		\$53.32			

2016 Appeals as 2017-03-31

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House													
1601 HO	2/1/16	Sarwark 2016 BA	20,005	recent contributors	\$29,708.00	\$8,779.00	\$20,929.00	349	1.74%	\$85.12	\$0.30	\$3.38	\$25.15
1603 HO	3/25/16	urgent yellow BA	19,985	recent contributors	\$47,517.00	\$5,887.00	\$41,630.00	390	1.95%	\$121.84	\$0.12	\$8.07	\$15.09
1604 HO	4/22/16	2015 annual report	19,946	2015-16 stakeholders	\$43,793.00	\$6,913.00	\$36,880.00	337	1.69%	\$129.95	\$0.16	\$6.33	\$20.51
1605 HO	5/7/16	dangerous times	20,103	recent contributors	\$31,793.00	\$7,126.00	\$24,667.00	238	1.18%	\$133.58	\$0.22	\$4.46	\$29.94
1606 HO	6/23/16	no teaser - be revolutionary	24,980	24 month contributors	\$64,408.00	\$3,322.00	\$61,086.00	459	1.84%	\$140.32	\$0.05	\$19.39	\$7.24
1608 HO	8/10/16	all rights	22,439	recent contributors, volunteers	\$26,807.00	\$6,755.00	\$20,052.00	256	1.14%	\$104.71	\$0.25	\$3.97	\$26.39
1609 HO	9/16/16	GOTV	34,979	recent contributors	\$20,114.00	\$11,352.00	\$8,762.00	232	0.66%	\$86.70	\$0.56	\$1.77	\$48.93
1610 HO	10/14/16	Year of the Libertarian	34,979	recent contributors	\$ 9,983.00	\$10,530.00	-\$547.00	130	0.37%	\$76.79	\$1.05	\$0.95	\$81.00
1612 HO	12/9/16	Year of the Libertarians 2	25,000	recent contributors	\$11,539.00	\$8,482.00	\$3,057.00	100	0.40%	\$115.39	\$0.74	\$1.36	\$84.82
Subtotal House			222,416		\$285,662.00	\$69,146.00	\$216,516.00	2,491	1.12%	\$114.68	\$0.24	\$4.13	\$27.76
Renewals													
1601 RE	2/3/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,281	6 month expires	\$12,433.00	\$1,305.00	\$11,128.00	222	6.77%	\$56.00	\$0.10	\$9.53	\$5.88
1602 RE	2/29/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,327	6 month expires	\$13,165.00	\$1,313.00	\$11,852.00	176	5.29%	\$74.80	\$0.10	\$10.03	\$7.46
1603 RE	3/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,054	6 month expires	\$11,700.00	\$1,271.00	\$10,429.00	180	5.89%	\$65.00	\$0.11	\$9.21	\$7.06
1604 RE	4/30/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,667	6 month expires	\$7,465.00	\$1,105.00	\$6,360.00	118	4.42%	\$63.26	\$0.15	\$6.76	\$9.36
1605 RE	5/24/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,422	6 month expires	\$5,841.00	\$1,075.00	\$4,766.00	99	4.09%	\$59.00	\$0.18	\$5.43	\$10.86
1606 RE	6/28/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,251	6 month expires	\$11,681.00	\$1,051.00	\$10,630.00	176	7.82%	\$66.37	\$0.09	\$11.11	\$5.97
1607 RE	8/6/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,495	6 month expires	\$18,940.00	\$1,095.00	\$17,845.00	186	7.45%	\$101.83	\$0.06	\$17.30	\$5.89
1608 RE	8/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,423	6 month expires	\$7,890.00	\$1,079.00	\$6,811.00	136	5.61%	\$58.01	\$0.14	\$7.31	\$7.93
1609 RE	9/26/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,448	6 month expires	\$6,535.00	\$1,864.00	\$4,671.00	117	4.78%	\$55.85	\$0.29	\$3.51	\$15.93
1610 RE	11/3/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,765	6 month expires	\$10,407.00	\$1,395.00	\$9,012.00	175	6.33%	\$7.97	\$0.13	\$7.46	\$7.97
1611 RE	11/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,003	6 month expires	\$9,185.00	\$1,162.00	\$8,023.00	139	4.63%	\$66.08	\$0.13	\$7.90	\$8.36
1612 RE	12/28/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,071	6 month expires	\$9,256.00	\$1,272.00	\$7,984.00	144	4.69%	\$64.28	\$0.14	\$7.28	\$8.83
Subtotal Renewals			33,207		\$124,498.00	\$14,987.00	\$109,511.00	1868	5.63%	\$66.65	\$0.12	\$8.31	\$8.02
Lapsed													
1605 LA	5/7/16	dangerous times	9,882	recent lapsed	\$6,578.00	\$3,503.17	\$3,074.83	134	1.36%	\$49.09	\$0.53	\$1.88	\$26.14
1605 LA2	5/23/16	alternatives	31,061	recent and long term lapsed	\$6,775.00	\$8,049.00	-\$1,274.00	104	0.33%	\$65.14	\$1.19	\$0.84	\$77.39
1608 LA	8/10/16	all rights	12,572	recent and long term lapsed	\$1,050.00	\$3,800.00	-\$2,750.00	17	0.14%	\$61.76	\$3.62	\$0.28	\$223.53
Subtotal Lapsed			53,515		\$14,403.00	\$15,352.17	-\$949.17	255	0.48%	\$56.48	\$1.07	\$0.94	\$60.20
Prospecting													
1602 SFL	2/19/16	SFL Conference		Students for Liberty	\$125.00			262	#DIV/0!	\$0.48	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1603 PR	4/8/16	Alternatives	29,982	house inquiries and exchange lists	\$7,890.00	\$11,995.00	-\$4,105.00	176	0.59%	\$44.83	\$1.52	\$0.66	\$68.15
1605 PR	6/6/16	dangerous times	1,277	exchange list	\$2,650.00	\$425.40	\$2,224.60	12	0.94%	\$220.83	\$0.16	\$6.23	\$35.45
1612 PR	12/2/16	wes member appeal	24,834	GJ prospect list	\$3,627.00	\$5,527.00	-\$1,900.00	41	0.17%	\$88.46	\$1.52	\$0.66	\$134.80
Subtotal Prospecting			56,093		\$14,292.00	\$17,947.40	-\$3,655.40	491	0.88%	\$29.11	\$1.26	\$0.80	\$36.55
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$257,555.00		\$257,555.00	1,744		\$147.68			
Web New Members		New Members			\$318,204.00		\$318,204.00	6,691		\$47.56			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$205,526.00		\$205,526.00	3,272		\$62.81			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$138,901.00		\$138,901.00	206		\$674.28			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00	206		\$82.49			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$937,179.00		\$937,179.00	12,119		\$77.33			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
2016 GRAND TOTAL					\$1,090,372.00	\$48,286.57	\$1,042,085.43	14,733		\$74.01			

2015 Appeals as 2016-12-31

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1501 HO	1/5/15	PSD&C	20,471	most recent contributors	\$25,137.00	\$6,665.00	\$18,472.00	390	1.91%	\$64.45	\$0.27	\$3.77	\$17.09
1502 HO	2/23/15	4 carrier test	19,998	most recent contributors	\$10,492.00	\$7,841.00	\$2,651.00	177	0.89%	\$59.28	\$0.75	\$1.34	\$44.30
1504 HO	4/20/15	yellow urgent - BA	19,987	most recent contributors	\$14,759.00	\$6,364.00	\$8,395.00	236	1.18%	\$62.54	\$0.43	\$2.32	\$26.97
1505 HO	6/1/15	Annual Report	18,068	stakeholders Jan 01, 2014 - Present	\$14,198.00	\$13,876.00	\$322.00	176	0.97%	\$80.67	\$0.98	\$1.02	\$78.84
1506 HO	6/29/15	logo survey	19,986	most recent contributors	\$12,227.00	\$8,561.00	\$3,666.00	343	1.72%	\$35.65	\$0.70	\$1.43	\$24.96
1507 HO	8/3/15	OK Ballot Access	21,156	recent contributors + OK all + 5yr BA	\$22,542.00	\$7,542.00	\$15,000.00	216	1.02%	\$104.36	\$0.33	\$2.99	\$34.92
1510 HO	10/14/15	New Logo	19,989	recent contributors	\$18,270.00	\$8,056.00	\$10,214.00	337	1.69%	\$54.21	\$0.44	\$2.27	\$23.91
1511 HO	11/20/15	BA	19,890	recent contributors	\$17,222.00	\$8,239.14	\$8,982.86	86	0.43%	\$200.26	\$0.48	\$2.09	\$95.80
Subtotal House			159,545		\$134,847.00	\$67,144.14	\$67,702.86	1,961	1.23%	\$68.76	\$0.50	\$2.01	\$34.24
Renewals													
1501 RE	1/29/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,226	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,169.00	\$1,516.00	\$11,653.00	243	4.65%	\$54.19	\$0.12	\$8.69	\$6.24
1502 RE	3/6/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,585	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,855.00	\$1,521.00	\$10,334.00	213	4.65%	\$55.66	\$0.13	\$7.79	\$7.14
1503 RE	3/26/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,046	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,187.00	\$1,444.00	\$10,743.00	226	5.59%	\$53.92	\$0.12	\$8.44	\$6.39
1505 RE	5/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,394	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$4,545.00	\$1,227.00	\$3,318.00	77	2.27%	\$59.03	\$0.27	\$3.70	\$15.94
1507 RE	7/23/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,353	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$30,137.00	\$1,486.00	\$28,651.00	536	12.31%	\$56.23	\$0.05	\$20.28	\$2.77
1508 RE	8/25/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,205	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,990.00	\$1,362.00	\$13,628.00	273	6.49%	\$54.91	\$0.09	\$11.01	\$4.99
1509 RE	9/30/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,460	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$7,925.00	\$1,335.00	\$6,590.00	131	3.79%	\$60.50	\$0.17	\$5.94	\$10.19
1510 RE	10/28/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,563	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,276.00	\$1,249.00	\$11,027.00	214	6.01%	\$5.84	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
1511 RE	12/11/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,150	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,627.00	\$1,194.00	\$12,433.00	226	7.17%	\$60.30	\$0.09	\$11.41	\$5.28
1512 RE	12/28/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,218	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,389.00	\$1,182.00	\$12,207.00	222	6.90%	\$60.31	\$0.09	\$11.33	\$5.32
Subtotal Renewals			42,048		\$134,100.00	\$13,516.00	\$120,584.00	2361	5.62%	\$56.80	\$0.10	\$9.92	\$5.72
Lapsed													
1502 LA	2/9/15	Please Renew Your Mem	29,989	long term expired	\$5,356.00	\$9,580.00	-\$4,224.00	114	0.38%	\$46.98	\$1.79	\$0.56	\$84.04
1508 LA	8/12/15	Please Renew Your Mem	26,120	long term expired	\$4,025.00	\$7,487.00	-\$3,462.00	103	0.39%	\$39.08	\$1.86	\$0.54	\$72.69
1512 LA	12/9/15	5 teaser test	25,586	long term expired	\$5,053.00	\$12,357.00	-\$7,304.00	84	0.33%	\$60.15	\$2.45	\$0.41	\$147.11
Subtotal Lapsed			81,695		\$14,434.00	\$29,424.00	-\$14,990.00	301	0.37%	\$47.95	\$2.04	\$0.49	\$97.75
Prospecting													
1502 SFL				Students for Liberty	\$1,495.00			349	#DIV/0!	\$4.28	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Prospecting			0		\$1,495.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.00	349	#DIV/0!	\$4.28	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$28,297.30		\$28,297.30	279		\$101.42			
Web New Members		New Members			\$35,900.00		\$35,900.00	1,024		\$35.06			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$97,881.65		\$97,881.65	1,727		\$56.68			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$48,134.91		\$48,134.91	100		\$481.35			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$10,638.55		\$10,638.55	156		\$68.20			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$220,852.41		\$220,852.41	3,286		\$67.21			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
2015 GRAND TOTAL					\$370,881.41	\$42,940.00	\$327,941.41	6,297		\$58.90			

2014 Appeals as 2015-12-31																				
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House																				
1402 HO	2/10/14	urgent yellow	34,992	most recent contributors	\$29,089.00	\$10,714.91	\$18,374.09	509	1.45%	\$57.15	\$0.37	\$2.71	\$21.05							
1403 HO	3/21/14	annual report	19,584	stakeholders Jan 01, 2013 - Present	\$28,958.00	\$19,034.62	\$9,923.38	289	1.48%	\$100.20	\$0.66	\$1.52	\$65.86							
1405 HO	5/15/2014*	building Fund	800	previous building fund donors (first class)	\$9,458.00	\$1,192.00	\$8,266.00	87	10.88%	\$108.71	\$0.13	\$7.93	\$13.70							
1406 HO	6/13/14	Voter Demand	19,998	most recent contributors	\$14,641.00	\$7,573.00	\$7,068.00	244	1.22%	\$60.00	\$0.52	\$1.93	\$31.04							
1408 HO	9/3/14	Urgent - Layoff	19,992	most recent contributors	\$28,020.00	\$6,274.00	\$21,746.00	394	1.97%	\$71.12	\$0.22	\$4.47	\$15.92							
1411 HO	11/10/14	Porcupine	22,561	most recent contributors	\$20,305.00	\$7,339.00	\$12,966.00	240	1.06%	\$84.60	\$0.36	\$2.77	\$30.58							
Subtotal House			117,927		\$130,471.00	\$52,127.53	\$78,343.47	1,763	1.49%	\$74.01	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$29.57							
2014 LP NEWS	VARIES								#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!										
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			117,927		\$130,471.00	\$52,127.53	\$78,343.47	1,763	1.49%	\$74.01	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$29.57							
Renewals																				
1401 RE	1/31/14	2012 2013 letter	4,104	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,580.00	\$1,560.11	\$8,019.89	182	4.43%	\$52.64	\$0.16	\$6.14	\$8.57							
1402 RE	2/28/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,562	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,149.00	\$1,354.82	\$10,794.18	210	5.90%	\$57.85	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45							
1403 RE	4/6/14	2012 2013 MM letter	4,502	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,194.00	\$1,567.79	\$8,626.21	206	4.58%	\$49.49	\$0.15	\$6.50	\$7.61							
1404 RE	4/24/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,976	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,777.00	\$1,386.16	\$8,390.84	196	4.93%	\$49.88	\$0.14	\$7.05	\$7.07							
1405 RE	5/31/14	2012 2013 MM letter	2,425	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$8,985.00	\$1,060.91	\$7,924.09	189	7.79%	\$47.54	\$0.12	\$8.47	\$5.61							
1406 RE	7/10/14	life member	12,834	current non-life members	\$23,421.00	\$8,213.45	\$15,207.55	55	0.43%	\$425.84	\$0.35	\$2.85	\$149.34							
1407 RE	7/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,100	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$15,534.00	\$1,342.00	\$14,192.00	295	9.52%	\$52.66	\$0.09	\$11.58	\$4.55							
1408 RE	9/17/14	wes upgrade appeal	3,713	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$18,465.00	\$1,294.00	\$17,171.00	326	8.78%	\$56.64	\$0.07	\$14.27	\$3.97							
1409 RE	10/8/14	wes upgrade appeal	4,211	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,814.00	\$1,652.40	\$13,161.60	256	6.08%	\$57.87	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45							
1410 RE	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	2,540	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,720.00	\$783.00	\$9,937.00	191	7.52%	\$4.10	\$0.07	\$13.69	\$4.10							
1411 RE	12/12/14	wes upgrade appeal	5,402	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$17,662.00	\$2,026.00	\$15,636.00	286	5.29%	\$61.76	\$0.11	\$8.72	\$7.08							
1412 RE	1/12/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,234	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,245.00	\$1,781.00	\$9,464.00	210	4.01%	\$53.55	\$0.16	\$6.31	\$8.48							
Subtotal Renewals			55,603		\$162,546.00	\$24,021.64	\$138,524.36	2602	4.68%	\$62.47	\$0.15	\$6.77	\$9.23							
Lapsed																				
1406 LA	7/7/14	Please Renew Your Mem	31,748	long term expired	\$13,318.50	\$9,056.41	\$4,262.09	249	0.78%	\$53.49	\$0.68	\$1.47	\$36.37							
1410 LA	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	12,286	long term expired	\$8,510.00	\$2,856.80	\$5,653.20	137	1.12%	\$62.12	\$0.34	\$2.98	\$20.85							
Subtotal Lapsed			44,034		\$21,828.50	\$11,913.21	\$9,915.29	386	0.88%	\$56.55	\$0.55	\$1.83	\$30.86							
Prospecting																				
1404 PR-0	4/10/14	Reg LP - No premium	29,296	Registered Libertarians	\$2,547.95	\$8,784.41	-\$6,236.46	54	0.18%	\$47.18	\$3.45	\$0.29	\$162.67							
1404 PR-1	4/10/14	Reg LP - book , t-shirt	29,295	Registered Libertarians (plus cost of prem)	\$4,539.00	\$8,784.41	-\$4,245.41	122	0.42%	\$37.20	\$1.94	\$0.52	\$72.00							
Subtotal Prospecting			58,591		\$7,086.95	\$17,568.82	-\$10,481.87	176	0.30%	\$40.27	\$2.48	\$0.40	\$99.82							
WEB																				
Web Contributions		Donations			\$63,970.00		\$63,970.00	646		\$99.02										
Web New Members		New Members			\$53,491.00		\$53,491.00	1,556		\$34.38										
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$171,774.00		\$171,774.00	2,654		\$64.72										
WHITE MAIL																				
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$30,149.00		\$30,149.00	175		\$172.28										
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$14,615.00		\$14,615.00	180		\$81.19										
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$333,999.00		\$333,999.00	5,211		\$64.09										
SPECIAL PROJECTS																				
1404 HO		ballot fund - email		piryx	\$8,285.00		\$8,285.00	153		\$54.15										
2014 GRAND TOTAL					\$664,216.45	\$105,631.20	\$558,585.25	10,291		\$64.54										

LNC Political Director & LP Communications Report

April 2017

Prepared by Carla Howell

Key stats

- Libertarians are running in special elections for US House seats vacated by Trump appointees in Kansas and Montana, and for legislature in several states.
- Two states have regular elections for legislature or governor this year: Virginia and New Jersey. New Jersey has candidates for governor and Lt. governor along with 12 legislative candidates, plus local candidates. In Virginia, there is a governor candidate and several legislative candidates so far (no official list at time of this writing).
- Bob Johnston has populated the new 2017 candidates page. We're still trying to get affiliates to give us their lists of 2017 candidates, possibly delayed because a lot of new state chairs were recently elected.
- There has been a steady flow of candidate inquiries originating from LP.org website this year: 137 between Dec 28 and April 10. This seems to be in response to Run for Office ads on LP Facebook page and in *LP News*, along with articles about candidate recruitment therein. Also likely a reflection of larger LP membership, which correlates to the number of candidates who run, as well as efforts by affiliates who concentrate on candidate recruitment (much of which is aimed at 2018).
- Iowa appears on the verge of repealing its straight-ticket device, and Texas could follow this year. Eight other states still have straight-ticket: Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, and Michigan (where it was repealed, but it still exists because a U.S. District Court Judge blocked it).

Projects and one-time activities:

- Reorganized LPAction.org so more user-friendly; updated existing information and added new materials to Candidate section. Working with Andy Burns to implement and re-launch. More materials being added.
- Attended hearing for, and following developments of, FEC/CPD lawsuit sponsored by Level the Playing Field, in which LNC is a co-plaintiff. After favorable court ruling in February, where judge ordered FEC to reconsider evidence and issue new ruling, the FEC issued a draft opinion on March 23. In it, FEC basically made same claims as before, i.e., they attempted to justify their 15% threshold for debate inclusion. The LPF legal team is planning next action.

- Assisted with recruiting VA governor candidate. Had difficulty with this due to several prospects who seriously considered running, but backed away. Cliff Hyra announced his bid on April 4.

Regular activities:

- Issue *LP News*, now every two months. Edit and write articles. Elizabeth Brierly does layout and assists with editing.
- Compile and edit monthly issues of *Liberty Pledge*. Elizabeth Brierly does layout and assists with editing.
- Blogs: Bob Johnston oversees and writes; Carla edits and writes.
- Write, format, send biweekly emails to General list via iContact, usually compilations of recent blogs and special announcements. Elizabeth Brierly formats and helps edit.
- Write and issue news releases for LP.org and email to media and LP General list.
- With Bob Johnston, support candidates and affiliates. Bob addresses ballot access and reporting requirements for both candidates and affiliates. Carla does some of same, plus coaches candidates, develops talking points, assists with preparation of media interviews and debates.
- Respond to TV, radio and print inquiries, and book Nick when available. Take, or arrange for others to take, remaining interviews.
- Support state chairs and key state activists in candidate recruitment and help recruit individual candidates when feasible.
- Assist states affiliates and candidates with petitioning, ballot access, lawsuits, as needed.
- Oversee maintenance of iContact email lists – Media and General.
- Attend state conventions and lead sessions of Who's Driving, other presentations.
- Correspond with elected Libertarians.
- Respond to incoming emails, phone calls and occasionally meet with walk-in or scheduled visitors at headquarters
- Attend DC-area events and keep in contact with key libertarian organizations and allies.
- Help Bob maintain candidate contacts spreadsheet; track strongest LP campaigns.
- Maintain relationship with VoiceAmerica to sustain LP's free access to show *Libertarians Working For You*.

Press Releases since last compilation in staff reports

- 4/7 We denounce last night's strikes on Syria.
- 3/22 Libertarian Party condemns arrest and detention of Cuban freedom activists
- 3/1 Libertarians react to Trump speech
- 2/28 Fill the Federal Election Commission vacancy with a Libertarian
- 2/9 Libertarians praise House bill to end Dept. of Education
- 2/8 Civil asset forfeiture is legalized theft by government.
- 2/2 Libertarian Party wins court case against the FEC
- 2/1 Libertarians cautiously hopeful Trump will reduce regulatory burden
- 1/28 Libertarian Party to Muslims: We stand with you.
- 1/27 The Libertarian Party opposes restrictions on peaceful immigration
- 1/25 Libertarian Party accuses Senate subcommittee of aiding child sex traffickers
- 1/19 LP to GOP lawmakers: End Obamacare's individual mandate NOW
- 1/10 LP warns: Cut Sessions short
- 12/15 LP congratulates Perry for opportunity to abolish Department of Energy

LP National Media coverage

- 3/23 Sarwark 5-part interview SF Review of Books
- 3/18 Howell Liberty Talk Radio
- 3/13 Sarwark IVN on A Civil Assessment
- 3/8 Sarwark on Robert Amato show
- 3/1 Howell 1420 WBSM New Bedford, MA
- 2/27 Sarwark intvw Old Dominion Libertarian
- 2/13 LP info provided for book by Eric DeVries
- 2/10 Sarwark Salon
- 2/10 Sarwark Fox News on asset forfeiture
- 2/7 Sarwark WSJ re: Justin Amash
- 2/7 Howell 1420 WBSM New Bedford, MA
- 2/7 Sarwark and Howell Real Clear Politics - FEC ruling
- 2/5 Breitbart column attacks Sarwark on immigration
- 2/2 LP dereg press release covered in Wash. Times

- 2/2 Sarwark intvw w/ Jason Sipe
- 2/1 Howell intvw. w/ Dame (to be published next week)
- 2/2 Sarwark intvw. with Jason Sipe
- 1/31 Sarwark BadChristian podcast
- 1/31 LP to Muslims press rel. in Sacramento Mirror
- 1/20 Vohra in PJ Media on Inauguration Protest
- 1/13 Sarwark in OpEd News re: Sessions press release
- 1/13 Sarwark intvw. with Mazzarone
- 1/13 Sarwark KCWU News
- 12/23 Vohra RTTV re: Rand Paul report
- 12/28 Sarwark Lions of Liberty podcast

Blogs and news posted to LP.org

- 4/11 An Open Letter to the People of Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Other Nations
- 4/10 Illinois LP elects five new officeholders
- 4/6 Libertarians: The men and women in the arena
- 4/5 Two more Republican officeholders join the LP
- 4/4 We are going to outmaneuver and outwork them
- 4/3 In Oxnard, Starr keeps fighting
- 4/3 Federal court hearing in LPF v. FEC gives hope for more open debates
- 4/2 New and improved LPedia.org
- 3/31 Libertarian parenting
- 3/31 Nebraska Bill, Making it Easier for a Party to Remain on Ballot, Gets Tentative Approval in State Senate
- 3/29 Featured lifetime LP member: John Shuey
- 3/28 LNC seeks audio-visual services vendor for 2018 LP National Convention
- 3/28 How to get your campaign started conference call
- 3/27 Kamal Jain showed how to campaign on government transparency
- 3/26 Introducing Legacy Libertarians
- 3/24 Illinois Libertarian candidates win federal lawsuit against law making it illegal for medical marijuana groups to contribute to candidates

- 3/24 Your donation will be TRIPLED!
- 3/24 Westword interviews Libertarian activist Sarah Dagers Stewart
- 3/23 Libertarian selected chair of Concerned Citizens for Elected Mayor in Castle Rock, CO
- 3/23 LSLA Conference
- 3/22 NEW Libertarian shirts! Limited edition
- 3/21 Libertarian candidate campaigns in Montana
- 3/21 Announcing our 2018 national convention theme
- 3/20 Wichita Eagle: Libertarian candidate squares off in debate with Democrat
- 3/16 Our latest victory
- 3/16 LNC chair interviewed on IVN News podcast “A Civil Assessment”
- 3/15 Libertarian Hammer Running to Win Over Del. Dickie Bell’s Seat Again
- 3/14 New Jersey Libertarians nominate Peter Rorhman for Governor
- 3/14 Final round of voting on convention theme
- 3/13 Montana LP chooses candidate for special election for US House seat
- 3/11 LNC Seeks Applicants for Platform Committee, and Bylaws and Rules Committee
- 3/7 Help choose theme for 2018 convention
- 3/1 Arkansas filing deadline moved
- 02/27 Lifetime Membership
- 2/27 Jerome Tuccille, the Libertarian Party’s second gubernatorial candidate, passes away at 79
- 2/24 Renew your membership and get a FREE classic Libertarian book
- 2/24 Former LNC chair interviewed by Being Libertarian
- 2/23 Conference call on outreach to the Left
- 2/22 WA Secretary of State caught in hypocrisy
- 2/22 2017 LP state conventions
- 2/22 Salem city council candidate: ‘Taxation is theft’
- 2/22 Almost there!
- 2/21 LP News February 2017 issue is now online
- 2/16 Kansas Libertarians nominate Chris Rockhold for special election
- 2/15 Affiliate Support Fund

- 2/15 WBRE TV/NBC and WNEP TV report on Libertarian v. Scranton lawsuit
- 2/14 Fox News: LNC chair knocks Trump support of ‘immoral’ asset forfeiture
- 2/14 Libertarian Valentine
- 2/13 LNC regional rep Caryn Ann Harlos on the Tom Woods podcast
- 2/10 Send us ideas for the 2018 convention theme!
- 2/9 Rep. Caleb Dyer (R-NH) joins Libertarian Party
- 2/8 Kansas City Star: Libertarians offer a choice of freedom
- 2/7 Seven Libertarians vying for LP nomination in U.S. House special election
- 2/6 Calif. Libertarian Angela McArdle running in special election for U.S. House
- 2/2 Joe Lanzendorfer running in special election in Delaware
- 2/1 Kansas Libertarians vie for nomination in rare special election for US House
- 1/31 Libertarian in special election for VA House of Delegates
- 1/29 Historical Preservation Committee
- 1/28 Pearl River County Libertarian Party established, chair speaks to Poplarville Rotary
- 1/26 Bullies in Ohio
- 1/20 LNC Vice Chair: Not protesting Trump – yet
- 1/13 US Spy Chief Presents Third-Party Debates as Proof RT Is Anti-US
- 1/12 Final 2016 LP candidate vote results
- 1/12 Ballot Access Battle Ground
- 1/11 Nebraska libertarian legislator chosen to head judicial committee
- 1/10 Double your investment in the LP!
- 1/9 Bloomberg News: Libertarian Challenge to Contribution Limits Advances
- 1/6 New Libertarian Party video: Choose Freedom
- 1/5 Reason Magazine: Thank You, Gary Johnson, for Being the Best Thing in 2016!
- 1/5 Honoring David Nolan
- 1/4 Bacon’s Rebellion: 2016 a big year for the Libertarian Party
- 1/3 2017 dates of interest to libertarians
- 12/30 Year End
- 12/30 Polling bias hurts Libertarians
- 12/29 LNC chair interviewed on Lions of Liberty podcast

- 12/28 Small-government activism propels Grifoni's successful bid for City Council
- 12/27 Ballot measures yield gains, losses for liberty
- 12/26 No preferred flavor of statism
- 12/21 Washington Secretary of State Ignores Precedent, Steals Major Party Status From Libertarians
- 12/21 LP News December 2016 issue is now online
- 12/10 Updated November 2016 Libertarian Election Results
- 12/19 Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards Men
- 12/19 Record endorsements for Libertarian Party candidates
- 12/16 McDermott for U.S. House in Alaska gets 10 percent of vote
- 12/15 Toledo Blade: Recognize the Libertarians
- 12/13 The National Interest: What the Libertarian Party Wants on Foreign Policy
- 12/12 Happy 45th Anniversary!
- 12/9 Corey Fauconier running in special election for state senate in Virginia
- 12/9 Libertarian National Committee Meets Dec. 10-11, Alexandria, VA

Director of Operation's Report – April 2017

by Robert Kraus

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

We have moved to the upgraded next generation cloud based database by Blackbaud called RE NXT. This also incorporates Online Express by Blackbaud which will tie our some of our fundraising via the web site directly into the database. We have utilized this aspect currently for the regional reps who are calling their lapses members & also in-house for some of our renewals, tele-fundraising & pledge updates.

Overall the conversion went better then expected & we were up and running in the new data base within a little over 24 hours. Prior to the conversion we ran a national change of address postal update on our records. In addition, we purged about 200k old prospect (mostly "P") records that were more then 10 years old for which we did not have updated addresses, phones, emails & they were not marked as signing the pledge. None of these had any donation history. These records have been saved & available for those sates that may want them at some point in the future.

We are still in process of setting up part of the new on line system with Blackbaud & we are still looking into how this may allow us to provide some access to our database by the affiliates & we will report back by the next meeting.

There are a small number of states that use the old formatted dump which is very cumbersome. We continue to reach out to them to switch to the updated format which is much easier and simpler to use & anticipate converting all to the updated formatted dump by June.

Building Fund

Curr mortg balc = \$260,121

Extra payments made so far this year = \$62,000

Curr in restricted fund \$2211 (we will likely transfer another \$2500 at end of this month since the last LP News is still bringing in a few dollars).

FEC Filing

We continue to file accurate FEC reports and use Paula Edwards to complete the FEC Filing Process on a monthly basis and handle our amendments. The reconciliation and audit steps to this process continue to work to assure that these reports are correct prior to filing, and to insure that the disbursements and contributions match to our cash accounting records.

As a reminder, the FEC reports are done on a cash basis while our financial reports are done on an accrual basis as required by our bylaws which require adherence to GAAP. Therefore, our Statement of Operations will not always look the same as what is reported on the summary page of our FEC Filings.

Financial

In terms of fundraising we've had our best 1st quarter since 2005. Our current monthly reserve as of 03/31/17 is at \$194,155. We continue to allocate staff compensation on a monthly basis to functional programs / projects & fundraising as noted in the Monthly P&L Detail report.

Thank you!

Robert

Lauren Daugherty, Head of Development

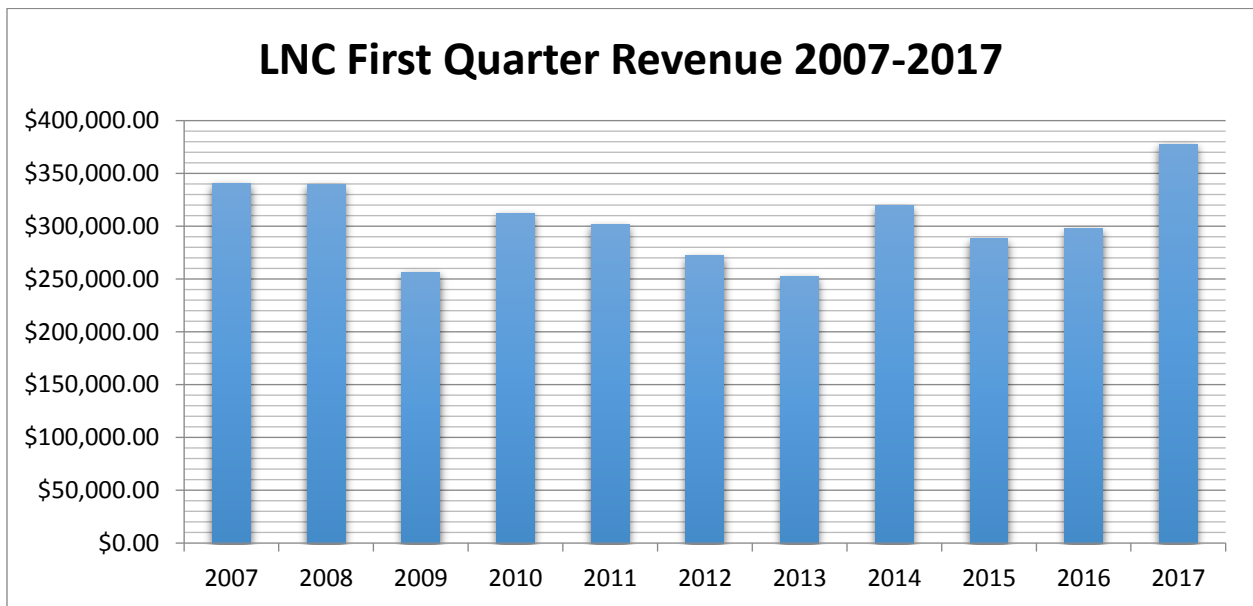
April 2017

Over the last 3 months, we have created a fundraising department in order to better cultivate donors and members.

Originally, our department was staffed by three consultants: myself as Head of Development and Nathan Grabau and Jess Mears as Development Coordinators.

Nathan moved on to other professional pursuits after a few weeks. Jess has stayed, learned basic fundraising skills which built nicely on her previous professional experiences, and has turned into a valuable staffer.

This quarter we raised a total of \$377,792.31, not counting convention revenue or bequest revenue as these will be booked in other periods due to accounting policies. This total surpasses the first quarter fundraising for the past ten years, and beats 2007 and 2008's numbers by more than 10%. Keep in mind that this was achieved despite LP.org being down off and on throughout much of January and with no direct database access for our fundraising team in January or February.



Also, we have maintained membership above the 20k mark. Our primary objective has been revenue and membership has been secondary. I consider fundraising and membership to be two sides of the same coin. They are slightly different but closely related. Much of the work that Jess and I do serves dual goals of increasing fundraising and increasing membership.

In the first quarter, we raised over \$60k towards the building fund. The LNC had budgeted \$60k towards the mortgage for 2017 so that budget line item is now fully funded. The rapid completion of this was facilitated by a generous matching opportunity.

This first matching opportunity was so successful that we were then able to secure a double-matching opportunity for the Ballot Access Fund. Double-matching opportunities are very rare in our industry and very special. This offer is still in progress but I expect it will be completed soon. Upon completion of this offer, we'll have raised over \$100k for the Ballot Access Fund. We are grateful to the donors who offered the generous matches which have encouraged other donors to invest in these critical projects.

We have been slowly updating various pieces relating to fundraising. These include donation forms, thank-you notes, auto-generated responses to online donations, and so on. We have more such pieces that need updating and will continue to pursue that in the next quarter.

We have also been securing donor meetings for our Chair, our Executive Director, and myself. These meetings are critical to building relationships with donors. We've landed some meetings with some high-capacity folks and we plan to continue to build their relationship with the party and encourage them to invest. This takes deliberate and thoughtful work over time.

I have long felt that we needed to do more to communicate directly with our members. So, this quarter we tried a series of conference calls featuring Libertarian leaders speaking on a variety of topics. To date, we have hosted 11 calls and 646 people have called in to these calls. We've received very happy feedback from participants. Each of these calls costs the party a few hours of staff time and really nothing else. I consider them a very sound investment.

Here's some sample feedback from Jon E.:

Thank you very much for the call last night and for all the information that was provided. I appreciated you asking and answering the question I emailed as well. That was very helpful to me as I look to do everything I can to support and grow the Libertarian Party.

Jess, you did a terrific job organizing the call and relaying all of the questions. Even the fact that a confirmation email came out shortly before the call began was a great idea.

Caryn Ann -- I was truly impressed with your presentation. You have a real knack for communicating in a concise yet very articulate manner. Your generosity with your knowledge and experience in the party was very kind, and your passion is contagious! I work in media as a TV Producer, so I tend to be more critical (good or bad...) of the way things are presented. This was very, very good.

Thank you again. I'm honored to be a new member of the Libertarian Party and excited to be a part of what will, no doubt, be a great future for the party and for liberty.

We are also working to give our members and donors more attention and responsiveness. Jess Mears now manages the info@lp.org box which, at times, receives a significant volume of emails on all sorts of topics. Jess attends to whatever is needed with these emails and we've received very happy feedback from members when we exceeded their expectations. Jess also calls as many donors as she can each week to thank them for their donations and she prioritizes calling new members, to thank them for joining.

Here's some sample feedback from Corbin B.:

It really is a cool feeling to [join the Libertarian Party]. You get a card and everything. Jess personally reached out to me and got me set up with contacts. It's a great feeling to be involved in a party which supports the individual as much as we support them.

We also updated the Lifetime Membership pin and offered this new version to existing Lifetime Members. I've heard only positive feedback on this new design

and multiple Lifetime Members expressed that they were very happy that we sent them the pin free of charge.

Many of our Liberty Pledgers are not receiving the sense of satisfaction that we'd like them to have. I aim to improve this. These Liberty Pledgers give every month and play a critical role in our organization. Earlier this month, we offered these Liberty Pledgers a print which features a glamor shot of Gov. Johnson, surrounded by media. Roughly 60 Liberty Pledgers have taken us up on this offer so far and we've received very happy comments from them about this offer.

The one email promotion of LP Store this quarter featured a limited-edition run of several shirts. The two most popular were shirts that speak to the "spirit of the times". We are adding some of these shirts to LP Store.

Lastly, this quarter we have launched a new program called Legacy Libertarians. This is meant to encourage bequests and help the party have a better awareness of bequests that will come our way in the future. We've only done one email on this program to date and I hope to expand upon that in the next quarter.

Next quarter, I want to focus on membership numbers with the goal of maintaining the 20k benchmark. Last summer, we saw a surge in new members. As we know from past history, many first time members do not renew. Thus we can expect a drop in these numbers in the coming months. The best way to counter this is with effective and thoughtfully planned renewal offers and also concerted efforts to recruit new members.

See the following 4 pages for Counsel's Report

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Libertarian National Committee

FROM: Oliver Hall

DATE: April 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Special Counsel's Report

Introduction

This report summarizes my work as Special Counsel to the Libertarian National Committee since I last submitted a report on December 10, 2016. 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 compliance with ballot access laws in Minnesota, Montana, Ohio, among others.

I also provided the following services: drafted and filed an amicus brief in *Wilson v. Sessions*, No. 14-15700 (9th Cir. August 31, 2016) (attached) (with research support from Joshua Katz); researched potential nominees to serve as FEC Commissioners, conducted initial outreach and drafted letter requesting appointment of a Libertarian to the FEC; drafted letter requesting party status on behalf of Tennessee state party; negotiated settlement with 2016 petition circulator; reviewed *Wilson v. Lynch* amicus brief and litigation update fundraising letters; reviewed employee termination letter; consulted with LNC Ballot Access Committee.

I provided litigation assistance in several pending actions involving the LNC or a state party affiliate, including:

- consulted on briefs in *State ex rel Fockler v. Husted*, original mandamus action in Ohio Supreme Court, seeking recognition of Ohio LP based on the votes received by the “independent” campaign of Johnson-Weld;
- consulted on the draft petition for certiorari in *Libertarian Party of Kentucky v. Grimes*;
- consulted on settlement negotiations in *Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*;
- analyzed vulnerability of Minnesota ballot access statute to constitutional challenge.

Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: fundraising and development consultant; membership renewal consultant;

fundraising and membership recruitment consultant; systems and process consultant; petition circulators in Arkansas and Ohio; and Blackbaud Solutions.

Litigation

Arizona Libertarian Party v. Reagan, No. 2:16-cv-01019: This case challenges Arizona's newly enacted law that drastically increases 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. Plaintiffs filed our motion for summary judgment on March 31, 2017. Defendants have 30 days to file theirs, and a hearing on the motions is scheduled for June. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

Constitution Party of Pa. v. Cortes – On July 23, 2015, the federal district court in Philadelphia held that Pennsylvania's ballot access scheme for minor parties is unconstitutional as applied. Specifically, the court held that 25 P.S. § 2911(b), the provision that requires minor parties to submit nomination petitions containing a specified number of signatures, and 25 P.S. § 2937, the provision that authorizes private parties to challenge the sufficiency of those nomination petitions, are unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiffs, including the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. The defendants are the Pennsylvania elections officials charged with enforcing the provisions. They appealed the district court decision to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The Third Circuit affirmed on June 2, 2016. On July 1, 2016, the District Court entered an order significantly lowering the signature requirements for minor party nomination petitions, and enjoining the assessment of costs against candidates who defend their nomination petitions when challenged pursuant to Section 2937. However, the Court also imposed county-based signature distribution requirements, which are likely unconstitutional under *Moore v. Ogilvie*, 394 U.S. 814 (1969). We have therefore appealed this limited aspect of the Court's order. Briefing was completed in December 2016, and oral argument, was held in March of 2017. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

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

Level the Playing Field v. Federal Election Committee, No. 1-15-cv-01397: This case challenges the FEC's failure to act upon, and constructive denial of, an administrative complaint against the Commission on Presidential Debates. On February 1, 2017, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and denied Defendant's motion. The Court remanded

the case to the FEC with instructions to reconsider the evidence and allegations and issue a new opinion within 30 days. The Court also ordered the FEC to reconsider Plaintiffs' petition for rulemaking and enter a new decision within 60 days. 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. 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.) – This case challenges a debate requirement limiting participation to candidates with “a realistic chance of winning” the election. It also requires that the candidate have raised at least \$100,000 for the campaign. On October 11, 2014, the court denied the plaintiff candidate injunctive relief that would permit him to participate in the debate. In September 2015, the judge ordered that there be a trial, and the state answered the Complaint. On February 5, 2016, the Court entered an order granting in part the Defendants' motion for partial dismissal on the pleadings. Plaintiffs are currently in the process of taking discovery. Plaintiffs' counsel is Chris Wiest: chris@cwiestlaw.com; 859-486-6850.

Libertarian Party of Arkansas v. Martin, No. 4:15cv-635 (E.D. AR.) – This case was filed on October 14, 2015. It challenges the state requirement that new or minor parties must choose all of their nominees except presidential nominees by November of the year before the election. The parties have taken discovery. In April 2016, the Defendants sent the Plaintiffs an extensive request for production of documents and interrogatories encompassing a wide range of communications relating to nomination procedures and other internal party matters. The Court held a hearing in the case on July 11, 2016, and entered a decision on July 15, 2016, which held that the state can't require the party to hold its nominating convention before the major parties hold their primaries. This will permit the party to hold its convention in May 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel is Jim Linger: (918) 585-2797; bostonbarristers@tulsacoxmail.com.

Libertarian Party of Illinois v. Illinois State Board of Elections, No. 1:12-cv-2511 (N.D. Ill.) – This case challenges Illinois' unique statute that requires new parties, but not old parties, to run a full slate of candidates, as well as the state's June petitioning deadline. The District Court ruled in the Plaintiffs favor, and the state appealed in May 2016. The appeal is pending, with briefing to be completed by July 15, 2016. Plaintiffs' counsel was Gary Sinawski, with local counsel William Malan, (312) 415-0800; billm@malanlaw.com.

Libertarian Party of Kentucky v. Grimes, No. 3:15-cv-86: This case challenges Kentucky's requirement that minor political parties submit separate petitions to obtain ballot access for each of their candidates, unless the party's presidential candidate appeared on the

ballot in the previous election and received more than 2 percent of the vote (in which case, the party may place its entire slate of candidates on the ballot for the next four years). On July 8, 2016, the District Court entered an order granting summary judgment to the Defendants. The Plaintiffs filed an appeal and requested an expedited schedule. On July 14, 2016, the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit granted Plaintiffs' motion to expedite, and ordered that all briefing in the appeal be completed by July 28, 2016. The Sixth Circuit affirmed. Plaintiffs filed a petition for certiorari in early 2017, and submitted a Reply to the Respondent's Opposition in April 2017. Plaintiffs' counsel is Robert A. Winter, Jr., P.O. Box 175883, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017; (859) 250-3337; robertawinterjr@gmail.com.

Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap: This case challenges Maine's statute requiring new parties to submit 5,000 registered members in December of the year prior to an election year, as well as related restrictions. The Complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction were filed in January 2016, and a hearing on the motion was held in March. The Court originally denied the motion for preliminary injunction, but we filed a motion for reconsideration, which was granted. The Court concluded the state party has shown a likelihood of success on the merits, and ordered the Secretary of State to credit it with the 4,513 voters it had submitted as registered members, and to allow the party until July 12, 2016 to register 487 new members. The Secretary of State of Maine has now certified that the Libertarian Party of Maine has registered more than enough members to be a ballot-qualified political party in the 2016 election cycle. Plaintiffs have negotiated a final settlement with the state, pursuant to which Plaintiffs dismissed their claims in exchange for the Secretary of State's support for legislative reform. Two reform bills are currently winding their way through the legislative process. Plaintiffs' counsel is John Branson of Branson Law Office: jbranson@bransonlawoffice.com; 207-780-8611.

Libertarian Party of Ohio v. Husted, No. 2:13-cv-953 (S.D. Oh. Oct. 14, 2015) – this case raises several claims, including an equal protection challenge to the state's statute requiring "new" parties (including LPO) to submit a petition with 30,000 signatures in order to re-qualify as a party, and a claim that a financial disclosure requirement imposed on the party's circulators had been selectively enforced. In October 2015, the court granted the defendants summary judgment on the challenge to the new party qualification statute, and held that the selective prosecution claim requires more evidence. On May 20, 2016, the court granted the defendants summary judgment on the selective prosecution claim. LPO appealed, the Sixth Circuit affirmed. LPO filed its petition for certiorari on October 26, 2016. The petition was denied. Plaintiffs' counsel is Mark Brown: mbrown@law.capital.edu.

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 28 pages for the Ballot Access Committee Report

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OVERVIEW

About this report

This report is an update to the report presented at the November 2016 LNC Meeting. It only looks at the states in which we do have current activity in 2017.

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

State	Status	To Become A Recognized Party	Retention through 2020
Alabama	No	Must collect signatures equal to 3% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (35,413). Due 6/5/18. Can start petitioning now. Can also petition for individual county party status and Independent candidates.	To attain party status, statewide or countywide (county-only status) candidate must get 20%. Also districts, etc.
Arkansas	IN PROG	Must collect 10,000 signatures, which are due no later than 1/2/18, and must be collected within a 90-day window. Started 3/27/17.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%.
Connecticut	Part	Can run candidates by petitioning (statewide 7,500, US House 1% of 2016 race vote) between 1/2/18 and 8/8/18. Can run 2018 candidates for the US Senate and US House 2nd without collecting signatures.	To attain party status, 2018 candidate for Governor must get 20%, or party must have 20% of the party-registered voters. If a petition candidate gets 1%, can run for that same office in the next election without petitioning.
Georgia	Part	Can run candidates for statewide office. Must collect signatures for non-statewide candidates, the amount equal to 5% of the registered voters in the office's specific district, between 1/11/18 and 7/10/18. Must also pay filing fee equal to 3% of the office's annual salary.	If a statewide candidate receives 1% of the registered voters, can run 2020 statewide candidates without petitioning.
Illinois	No	Must collect 25,000 signatures, between 3/27/18 and 6/25/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%. If any 2018 non-gubernatorial statewide candidate gets 5%, can run statewide candidates in 2020 without petitioning.
Maine	Unk	New law has been proposed by SoS which would grant access and would retain with 5% for governor or president, or with 10,000 voter registrations.	New law proposed would keep through 2020.
Minnesota	No	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (145,821) by 5/31/18. Can also run candidates by petitioning (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000) between 3/18/18 and 5/31/18.	If statewide candidate gets 5%, becomes a recognized party.
New Jersey	IN PROG	Must collect 100 signatures for any non-statewide, 800 for any statewide, due 6/6/17. Petitions available the 1st week of Jan 2017. <i>Drive to place Gubernatorial candidate on ballot in 2017 is not a retention race.</i>	2017 candidates running for the General Assembly must get 10% of the votes cast for the General Assembly.

New York	No	Must collect signatures for individual candidates (statewide 15,000, US House 3,500). For statewide office petitions, at least 100 signatures each must come from of 1/2 of the counties. Can start petitioning for state candidates on 7/10/18, and are due by 8/21/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 50,000 votes.
Ohio	IN PROG	Must collect signatures equal to 1% of the 2016 presidential vote (53,254) by 7/4/18. Started 2/6.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%.
Pennsylvania	No	Must have 15% of the registered voters. Can run individual candidates by collecting signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast for the 2017 elected official of that office, except for statewide office, which is 5,000 signatures. Can start petitioning 3/7/18, and are due by 8/1/18.	Must maintain 15% of the registered voters.
Rhode Island	No	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (22,541). Can start 1/1/18, and are due 6/1/18 if nominating by primary, or 8/1/18 if nominating by convention. Can also run Independent candidates by collecting signatures (statewide 1,000, US House 500), due 7/13/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%.
Tennessee	IN PROG	Must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (33,816), due 5/17/18 if nominating by primary, 8/8/18 if nominating by convention. Can start petitioning now. Can run Independent candidates by collecting 25 signatures, between 1/5/18 and 4/5/18.	2018 gubernatorial candidate must get 5%.
Virginia	IN PROG	Candidates must collect signatures between 1/2/17 and 6/13/17 (statewide 10,000 with 400 from each of the 11 congressional districts; State Senate 250; House of Delegates 125). Started 3/31/17.	2017 statewide candidate must get 10%.
Washington	No	Candidates must either pay a filing fee (federal \$1,740; Governor \$1,669; state \$421), or collect an equal amount of signatures, due between 5/14/18 and 5/18/18.	N/A

LEGAL UPDATES

ONGOING LP LITIGATION

Arizona - The LP is suing to overturn a new law passed in 2015 that increased the burden for Libertarians to get onto the primary ballot. It was intentionally created to harm the Libertarian Party. The main brief in this case was filed in early April.

Illinois - There are 3 cases in Illinois. We have won our case in US District Court against Illinois requiring a slate of candidates in order to run for State or County Executive Branch. There is another case pending with an independent on the 5% requirement for US House.

Kentucky - Kentucky has appealed a ballot access case to SCOTUS. Kentucky only provides one mechanism to transform into a political party - electoral results for President. There is no party petition mechanism. For complete ballot access in a non-presidential year, a nonqualified party would need to collect a total of over 155,000 signatures would be required with each race needing to collect signatures within the district in which the race is being run.

New York - Today, New York has an out of state petitioner ban. This means that you must be a New York voter in order to petition in New York. This is being challenged - Mr. Redpath is a plaintiff - and we believe we will succeed.

Ohio - Ohio asked the Ohio Secretary of State on 12/2 to recognize them as a party based on Johnson election results. Ohio law suggests that a party's candidate does not need a party label in order to gain party status from the outcome of an election for governor or president. Ohio SoS rejected this. LPO filed suit on 12/19. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled against us on 1/20. A motion for reconsideration was filed on 1/24, based on the court using incorrect information. We are waiting on the Ohio Supreme Court since. See: <https://supremecourt.ohio.gov/clerk/ecms/#/caseinfo/2016/1863> Additionally, oral arguments have been scheduled in the Ohio Court of Appeals on another case in Ohio on the Constitutionality of the entire SB193 framework. That case has been dragging on since January 2016.

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

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

Tennessee - LPTN has sent the TN Secretary of State a letter asking them to recognize the LPTN based on the results for Johnson within TN. We hope that the TN SoS will grant this request, but should consider litigation if the TN SoS rejects this request.

SETTLED LP LITIGATION

Maine - Rather than measure electoral results, Maine law measures how many registered members of a party actually voted in the election. This would be compelling registered Libertarians to vote, even for the candidate of some other party, in order to remain a party. The Johnson/Weld ticket obtained over 5% in the general election, which is the maximum threshold set for limiting ballot access per SCOTUS. We settled the lawsuit, received a refund on attorney's fees, and the proposed law to modify the party requirements has been submitted to the legislature and is presently in committee.

OPTIONS FOR LP LITIGATION

Georgia - The scheme for access definitely protects incumbent parties by creating access petition requirements for every single office and limiting party status to 20% for Governor or President. The 11th Circuit has re-affirmed a lower court decision that minor parties only need 7,500 for president, and SCOTUS has already ruled twice that a state can't require more for smaller offices than for a larger office. Today we are recognized for statewide candidates only. Georgia's scheme is set to create different barriers to entry for each level. Statewide candidate must receive 1% of the vote in order to maintain statewide access. County-level access based on countywide races. It is extremely difficult to qualify candidates for US House. No "minor" party or independent has been on the ballot for US House since the law went into effect in 1943.

Tennessee - In early March, LPTN asked the TN Secretary of State for recognition as a minor party based on Johnson's electoral results. Ohio law suggests that a party's candidate does not need a party label in order to gain party status from the outcome of an election for governor or president. We are waiting on a response from the TN SoS. Meanwhile, LP Tennessee has been lobbying in Nashville for a better law, and has also been collecting signatures on a volunteer basis.

Washington - The Washington Secretary of State played math games with the 2016 election results by counting all write-ins count toward the vote test, not just votes cast for registered (valid) write-in candidates, to keep us under 5%. In 2012, Washington did not to count write-in votes, unless the number of write-ins exceeded the margin between the winner and the runner-up. At this time, no legal action has been taken.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Nebraska - Libertarian State Senator Laura Ebke is pushing a bill to ease ballot access in Nebraska. A party would retain access by having 10,000 registered voters. LPNE currently has 11,000+ registered voters.

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

Maine - We are waiting on the Maine legislature to pass a bill as a result of our lawsuit. See: http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?paper=HP0228&PID=undefined&snum=128# There's another bill that is more complex to allow to keep minor party status if registration over 5,000 and under 50,000, can nominate by convention. This alternative bill is drafted, but has not yet been introduced.

Oklahoma - A bill is being considered to change the vote test to be 2.5% for any statewide office, and change the period of retention to 4 years.

RETENTION BASED ON VOTER REGISTRATION

Maine - To get ballot access in 2016, we collected over 5,000 new voter registrations for the Libertarian Party. We are looking at new legislation being passed in Maine to give us access through 2020. The law is in flux as we wait for new legislation to pass. If we need to collect 5,000 more registrations, this would likely cost approximately \$35,000, but should keep us with ballot access for a long time. We are waiting for new legislation to pass or fail before taking action.

Nevada - To retain through 2020, a candidate must obtain 1% all votes cast in US House races, or reach 1% voter registration as of 1/1/18. Currently, registration is at 0.93% as of 11/16. To safely reach 1%, we would need to add approximately 2,000 registrations in 2017, at an estimated cost of \$18,000.

RICHARD WINGER, BALLOT ACCESS EXPERT

On Friday, March 31, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals refused the state of Georgia's request to rehear Green Party of Ga v Kemp. This is the case, won in US District Court in 2016, and in the 11th circuit earlier this year, that said 1% (of the number of registered voters) is too hard for president. The US District Court judge had said 7,500 should be the standard until the legislature fixes the problem.

Richard Winger would like to see the Libertarian Party get at least one US House candidate on the general election ballot in every state in 2018, except the two truly impossible states - the top-two states - Washington and California. Other challenges exist to achieve this goal in 2018. Alabama will be a challenge. The LP may win the Arizona case, and if so, it will be okay. Illinois will be a challenge, but the pending litigation may end with win in time to help us. Massachusetts will be a challenge because it is so hard to get a Libertarian on the LP primary ballot.

Ohio Ballot Access case filed in early 2016 in Ohio Court of Appeals challenging SB193 on the grounds that it violates the state constitution. Oral argument has been scheduled for May.

Alaska is considering a Top Two bill. Top Two is devastating to the LP and every other minor party. Hearings have been on-going, and we need to do everything we can to stop it.

In Florida there is a well-funded attempt to influence the Constitution Revision Commission to support Top Two. Every 20 years in Florida, this commission proposes changes that then get placed on the ballot for voter approval. We need LP activists to show up at these meetings and oppose Top Two.

STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS

How to read this part of the report

Each report is formatted similarly:

State Name

Summary

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

Links to important information

Ballot Access details

Litigation (if applicable)

Pending legislation (if applicable)

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date

Petition end date

Number of signatures required

Number of signatures collected

Estimated cost

LNC Budget

Threshold for retention

Last time retained

Alabama

Summary

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

If LP Alabama were to receive 20% in any statewide race in 2018, they would retain party access for 2020. In 2014, the candidate for State Treasurer ran unopposed, and a Libertarian candidate would have likely reached the 20% threshold.

LP Alabama currently appears to be pursuing local access.

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

Ballot Access:

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

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: Immediately

Petition end date: June 6th, 2018 (deadline)

Number of signatures required: 35,413

Number of signatures collected: N/A

Estimated cost: \$110,000 (at \$2/signature)

LNC Budget: N/A

Threshold for retention: 20% for any statewide candidate

Last time retained: 2000; the candidate for *Supreme Ct. Justice, Pl. 2* received 20.16%

Arkansas

Summary

The Arkansas drive began March 27, 2017. In 2015, 15,609 signatures were collected in 68 days, and validity was 76.1%. The pay rate is \$2 per signature, with our standard requirement for validity. The drive is being managed by state chair Michael Pakko.

Elections: <http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html>
New Political Party: http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Documents/New_political_party_2012.pdf
Running For Office (2012): http://www.arkansas.gov/sbec/pdfs/2012_Running_for_Public_Office.pdf
Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/rcode/Default.asp>

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures within a 90-day period. Signatures must be filed at least 60 days prior to the end of the filing period (March 1, 2016), which is December 31, 2015 (§ 7-7-205(a)).
- The preferential primary election is on the Tuesday 3 weeks prior to the general primary election (2016: May 24), which is held on the second Tuesday in June of the year of the general election (2016: June 14), (§ 7-7-203(a)(b)).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 3% (§ 7-1-101.21).
- Can run as an Independent candidate for Congress by collecting signatures (statewide 10,000; US House 2,000; or 3% of the registered voters in the district in which the candidate is running, whichever is less).
- Cannot start collecting until 90 days prior to the deadline, which is noon on March 1 of the election year (§ 7-7-103).
- Can have a candidate for President on the ballot if party isn't recognized, by collecting 1,000 signatures, due by noon on the first Monday in August (2016: August 2) (§ 7-8-302(6)).
- Presidential electors due 2 days after the state convention. Presidential paperwork due Sept 15 of the year of the election (§ 7-8-302(1)).

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: March 27, 2017
Petition end date: June 25th, 2017 (deadline 90 days after start)
Number of valid signatures required: 10,000
Number of raw signatures collected: 1,020 (4/1/17)
Estimated cost: \$30,000 (at \$2/signature)
LNC Budget: \$30,000
Threshold for retention: 3% for Governor
Last time retained: N/A

Connecticut

Summary

To gain full party access for 2020, would need petition of 7,500 signatures to place governor on the ballot in 2018, and candidate for governor needs 20% result, or party needs 20% voter registration. We have ballot access to certain races in the state, based on electoral results.

Elections: <http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3172&q=525432>

Nominating Petition: http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/nominating_petitions_info/frequently_asked_questions_nominating_petition.pdf

Election Law: <http://www.ct.gov/seec/cwp/view.asp?a=3571&Q=425444&PM=1> (title 9)

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, candidate for Governor in the most recent general election must get 20%, or have at least 20% of the party registered voters at the time of the gubernatorial election (§ 9-372(5)).
- If party is not recognized, candidates must obtain signatures equal to at least 1% of the amount of votes for that office in the last general election, or 7,500, whichever is less. Signatures must be from those eligible to vote for the candidate(s) listed on the petition (§ 9-453(d)).
- Can run for same office w/o having to petition if 1% of vote total was received for that race (§ 9-372(6)), (§ 9-379).
- Cannot start to petition until the first business day in January of the election year (§ 9-453(b)), and are due 90 days prior to the general election @ 4 pm (2018: August 8) (§ 9-453(i)).
- If party can run a candidate in a race as a minor party candidate (e.g. 2016 US Senate & US House 2nd), candidate must be nominated 62 days prior to the general election (2018: September 5) (§ 9-452).
- Can substitute (§ 9-460).

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: January 2, 2018

Petition end date: August 7th, 2018 (deadline)

Number of valid signatures required: 7,500 (Governor only)

Number of raw signatures collected: N/A

Estimated cost: \$28,125

LNC Budget: N/A

Threshold for retention: 20% for Governor, or 20% registration

Last time retained: N/A

Illinois

Summary

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

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

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

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

Ballot Access:

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

Statewide Access Summary

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

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

Number of valid signatures required: 25,000

Number of raw signatures collected: N/A

Estimated cost: \$120,000

LNC Budget: N/A

Threshold for retention: 5% for Governor

Last time retained: N/A

Maine

Summary

Our status is currently unknown in Maine. We have settled our lawsuit, and are now waiting on the state to pass a new law.

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

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

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

Ballot Access (currently):

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

Pending legislation: http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?paper=HP0228&PID=undefined&snum=128#

Minnesota

Summary

Party ballot access petition would require approximately 150,000 valid signatures, or 225,000 raw signatures. The cost is estimated to be between \$450,000 and \$675,000, with a realistic number being \$600,000. Alternate mechanisms need to be considered; we can put individual candidates on with fewer signatures per candidate. In order to retain, a statewide candidate in 2018 would need over 5%, or LPMN must have at least 45 candidates for state representative, 23 candidates for state senate, 4 candidates for the US House, and candidates for all statewide offices. Retains major party status for 2 general elections. We may have legal options based on signature requirement. We should look to support LPMN with running candidates for Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, and US Senate in 2018, as any candidate reaching 5% in any of those races will retain access for the party. Candidate petition signatures must be collected in a 2-week window.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4>
Candidate Information <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1783>
Election Law: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=588#Statutes>

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 5% of votes cast in the last general election, which must be filed before the close of the primary ballot period (2016: May 31) (2014: 1,973,872 = 98,693), or...
- must have a statewide candidate in the most recent general election receive 5%, or...
- must have at least 45 candidates for state representative, 23 candidates for state senate, 4 candidates for the US House, and candidates for all statewide offices. Retains major party status for 2 general elections. (§ 200.02.sub 7).
- Primary elections held on the second Tuesday in August (2016: August 9) (204D.03).
- If party is not recognized, can run non-Presidential candidates by collecting signatures 144 days prior to the primary (2016: March 18), and must be submitted between 70 and 84 days prior to the primary election (2014: May 17 to May 31) (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000) (204B.08,.09).
- Can collect equal number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee (204B.11.sub 2).
- Can run for president by gathering 2,000 petition signatures between start of primary filing period and 77 days prior to general election (2016: May 18 to August 23) (204B.09(c)).

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date:
Petition end date:
Number of signatures required: 150,000
Number of signatures collected: N/A
Estimated cost: \$600,000
LNC Budget: N/A
Threshold for retention: 5% or lots of candidates.
Last time retained: N/A

New Jersey

Summary

There is no mechanism for statewide petition access in New Jersey. In 2017, all legislative seats will be up for election, and ballot access is incumbent on all Libertarian candidates for General Assembly receiving 10% of all votes cast statewide for General Assembly. The New Jersey party is in the process of placing a candidate for governor on the ballot in New Jersey. This requires 800 signatures, and they plan to collect and submit approximately 1,600 signatures. There is no known plan to run candidates for General Assembly seats.

Elections: <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.html>

Candidate Information (2015): <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/candidate-petitions.html>

Election Law: http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2155086&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC_Frame_Pg42 (title 19)

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidates must get 10% of the votes cast for the General Assembly (§ 19:1-1).
- Candidates can get on the ballot by collecting signatures (statewide 800, US House 100) (§ 19:13-5).
- Can have party label on the ballot (§ 19:13-4).
- Can substitute – new candidate must meet signature requirements. Petitions due 64 days prior to general election (§ 19:13-19).
- Primary elections are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in June (2016: June 7) (19:2-1).
- Signatures for non-Presidential candidates due the day of the primary election at 4 pm.
- Presidential signatures and paperwork due 99 days prior to the general election (2016: August 1) (§ 19:13-9).

New York

Summary

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

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

Ballot Access:

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

Litigation:

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2018 (bill might change exact start date)
Petition end date: 6 weeks after start date
Number of valid signatures required: 15,000
Number of raw signatures collected: N/A
Estimated cost: \$60,000
LNC Budget: N/A
Threshold for retention: 50,000 votes for Governor on Libertarian line
Last time retained: N/A

Ohio

Summary

In 2014, LP Ohio lost ballot access due to shenanigans orchestrated by the Republican Party and allies of Governor John Kasich. Various cases have been litigated in both state and federal courts, and the courts have not provided relief. Legal options are still actively being pursued. The ballot access drive began on 2/6/17 and there are over 20,000 signatures collected at this time. Validation efforts are consuming significantly more volunteer time than was originally expected. Petitioning has been slowed, and petitioners sent to other drives, to allow LP Ohio to get caught up on fundraising and validation, and to reassess strategy of this massive 100,000 raw signature petition drive. Full petitioning efforts are planned to resume in early June. This drive was originally estimated to cost between \$159,000 and \$238,500, with \$200,000 being the current budget; however, we believe it will require approximate \$240,000 to complete this drive successfully. The LPO's 2018 candidate for governor would need 3% to retain through 2022.

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

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

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election (2014: 3,001,794; 1% = 30,056).
- At least 500 signatures must come from half of the congressional districts.
- Party petitions must be filed more than 125 days before the general election (2016: July 6).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 3%. Party is recognized for 2 general election cycles (§ 3517.01(A) (1)).
- The primary is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, except in Presidential election years held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March (2016: March 15) (§ 3501.01(E)(1)(2)).
- Can run Independent candidates for statewide office by collecting 5,000 signatures (15,000 maximum). Independent Presidential candidate must file 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10); non-Presidential candidates must file by 4 pm the day prior to the primary election (§ 3513.257).
- Presidential paperwork due 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10) (§ 3505.10).

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

Litigation:

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2/6/17

Petition end date: June 2018 (deadline)

Number of valid signatures required: 55,000 (approx)

Number of raw signatures collected: 20,727 (4/5/17)

Estimated cost: \$240,000 (originally estimated at \$200,000)

LNC Budget: \$100,000 (\$50,000 spent, \$50,000 remaining)

Threshold for retention: 3% for Governor or President

Last time retained: 2012

Rhode Island

Summary

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

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

Ballot Access:

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

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: 2018
Petition end date:
Number of valid signatures required: 23,208 (or 1,000)
Number of raw signatures collected:
Estimated cost:
LNC Budget:
Threshold for retention: 5% for Governor
Last time retained: N/A

Tennessee

Summary

Under current law, a party petition in Tennessee requires 33,844 signatures, meaning the cost would be between \$101,532 and \$152,298, with a realistic estimate of \$125,000. LP Tennessee has asked the Secretary of State to recognize Johnson's electoral result and make them a recognized minor party. Simultaneously, they have been lobbying for a new law which would reduce the number of required signatures to 5,000. This law made it through the State House committees, but the State Senate has postponed the bill until 2018. LP Tennessee has also begun a volunteer petition drive.

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

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

Ballot Access:

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

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: Immediately

Petition end date: August 2018 (deadline)

Number of signatures required: 33,844

Number of signatures collected: Approx 4,000 volunteer signatures per LPTN

Estimated cost: \$125,000

LNC Budget: N/A

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

Last time retained: N/A

Virginia

Summary

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

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

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

Ballot Access:

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

Statewide Access Summary

Petition start date: April 1, 2017

Petition end date: June 13, 2017 (deadline)

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

Number of signatures collected: 1,500 (estimated 4/9/17)

Estimated cost: \$37,500

LNC Budget: \$25,000 loan to state party

Threshold for retention: 10% for any statewide office

Last time retained: N/A

MEETING MINUTES

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

January 10th, 2017

Everyone present except Mark Axinn (planned absence). Oliver Hall will join later. Old minutes approved without objection.

2017. Ohio - over 55k valid, over 80k raw needed. Ohio has legal action and do not want to start paid drive until February 1. Volunteer drive there has started. Bill Redpath looked at Ohio post offices on google earth. Encourage better volunteer effort. 2-3k raw per week should be doable with 4 paid petitioners. Will Arkansas (and Virginia?) happening at the same time present a problem for keeping momentum going? Redpath has contact with petitioners based in Ohio. Plan for 2.00 for in-state, 2.50 out of state. State party asked if they can pay every other week. Consensus is probably not as far as it being OK with petitioners, but they can send signatures in by mail (logistics issues with getting around to different parts of the state).

Winger: could try to do MN, maybe get on in one county and create basis for lawsuit.

VA: One of the potential Gov candidates has pulled out. One additional is still a possibility. Possible candidates for other offices but may be too difficult to do multiple petitions of 10k valid each.

AR: 90 days, probably can be done in 60. Most likely start in March. Chris Thrasher has some potential funding and possible Gov candidate.

Oliver Hall on the call now.

LPKY v Grimes; got extension on cert petition til Feb 24.

LPME v Dunlap: State will work on settlement that will have SOS draft favorable ballot access legislation and help push it through legislature.

Ohio: US Supreme court denied cert in LPO v Husted. Parallel case moving ahead in state court. Precedent in 1912 and 1996, independent group of electors got the required percentage and formed a ballot qualified party and 6 other states have similar provisions. When the law was written it was the only way to form a party. BAN has brief <http://ballot-access.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/RELATORSReplyBRIEFfinal.pdf>

CP of PA v Cortez (includes LP and GP) - we "won" but then unconstitutional distribution requirements imposed which are now being challenged. The distribution requirement was not related to the original subject of the lawsuit.

CP of AZ v ??? - ongoing challenge of primary election requirements. More evidence now as a result of 2016 election. In some cases signature requirements are 30%. 5% is upper limit based on prior rulings.

SD - case over March deadline.

Winger: lobbying efforts going on in various states. MN, IL, IN, ME, TX, AL, others?

Next meeting: TBD

February 23, 2017

Call to order at 5:34 PM EST

Marsh, Thrasher, Moellman, Frankel, Redpath present.

Previous meeting's minutes approved without objection. (Motion: Marsh; Second: Redpath)

Virginia: Mr. Redpath notes there is currently no gubernatorial candidate. 10,000 valid signature requirement, deadline second Tuesday in June. Early May suggested as latest drive starting time.

-Mr. Axinn joined.-

Ohio: Mr. Moellman reports from the ground that things are "a little bumpy" with the state party. Signatures are coming in faster than they can be verified. LP Ohio wishes to slow the drive down. Currently around 5,000 signatures in hand, with nearly \$12,000 spent. Production expected to reach 4,000 signatures per week. LP Ohio can only verify 1,000 per week.

Additional Ohio Discussion Later in Call

Mr. Frankel mentioned the reason for the 100% validity checks is because of checking congressional districts. Suggests targeting specific areas only to ease the burden.

Mr. Winger noted Ohio Supreme Court has not yet responded. Mr. Moellman **[REDACTED]**.

Arkansas: No new information as of this meeting.

Alabama: Desire for a Party petition drive is there, but no funds to do so. Would require 35K+ valid signatures.

New Business:

Tennessee: State party has filed letter with Secretary of State declaring party status. Response expected in 2 to 4 weeks.

-Mr. Winger joined.-

Additional Ohio Discussion

Next Meeting: Thursday March 23rd @5:30pm EST

Motion to Adjourn (Motion: Redpath; Second: Axinn)

Meeting Adjourned @5:51 PM

March 23, 2017

On the call: Moellman, Winger, Frankel.

Axinn and Marsh planned absences. Thrasher also not on the call yet. Wes Benedict and Michael Pakko have joined the call. Redpath is now on the call so quorum is reached.

Winger moves approval of last meeting's minutes. Redpath seconds. Approved without objection.

Arkansas - starting Sunday or Monday. 2.00/sig. 10k valid, 15k raw. May be done in a month or less due to number of petitioners going.

Ohio - suspending or slowing down drive until LPO raises money. About 20k in hand expected by this weekend. 3/25 semi-cutoff. Aim to resume in June. Mr. Winger says LPO Attorney Mark Brown thinks it is possible that we will get a reversal from the 6th circuit this next week. **[REDACTED]**. Lauren Daugherty working with LPO **[REDACTED]**. LPO also looking at several potential commission fundraisers. Some volunteer petitioning expected but has not really kicked off yet. Farmers

markets have been good. Ken knows 2 of the 3 major donors and is willing to help get the pledges fulfilled. 3 potential commission fundraising firms being evaluated but are not yet hired. Brett Bittner as Region 3 rep will help with fundraising.

Virginia - still may get a candidate. **[REDACTED]**. 75 days til deadline June 13. 10k valid needed.

TN - New team elected. Very active group. Pursuing legal, legislative and volunteer petition drive. Letter sent to SOS, **[REDACTED]**. Legislative bill to reduce to 5k valid (from 35k valid). 4-5k sig in hand. Lobby day planned. May consider LNC chip in at the next meeting. Committee hearings in 5 days. "Fiscal note" requiring exorbitant payment for primary eliminated from the bill. Would have otherwise cost quarter million\$ per election. One more round in the legal fight before trying to get help from LNC. Ken talking to them about once a week.

AL - will probably not go for statewide access. Will try to do counties. Frankel trying to get it kicked up to statewide. Same signatures may be used for either one as long as they are kept separate and not turned in yet. **[REDACTED]**. Possibility of special election for US Senate; legal fight over it now. Josh Tuttle is new chair.

Report for next LNC meeting - no monster report again; will just report on the states where we are working for access for 2018.

Winger: Wants LP candidates on the ballot in 48 states for US House in 2018 **[REDACTED]**. Wes: LPHQ will help. Redpath agrees with this goal. GA has a very high requirement. **[REDACTED]** is helping them raise funds.

Thrasher is on the call, did not announce himself earlier. Will help recruit candidate in RI and other states.

Next meeting Sun Apr 9 5:30 pm eastern.

Redpath, motion to adjourn. No objection.

March 29, 2017 Special Meeting for Ohio

On the call: Paul Frankel, Ken Moellman, Richard Winger, Scott Pettigrew, Ed Marsh, Wes Benedict, Bill Redpath

7:33 PM - Call to order

7:34 PM - Roll call

7:35 PM - Where we are now?

-- Ohio SC ruling on reconsideration yet? Can we go federal?

No ruling in Ohio court case. **[REDACTED]**. No answer on going federal at this time.

-- 20,249 raw sigs collected of 100,000 target.

Those are only the paid sigs. Ken has not tracked the volunteer sigs. Tricia Sprinkle has that info but is not on the call (at least yet). State party will hold seminars on petitioning. Volunteer drive will be gearing up more.

-- All but 3 petitioners done - others told might be done this week

Andy planning to go to Arkansas soon. Zach and Lori Stacy producing signatures. Ohio would like to come to a full stop due to validation lag and because signatures may not be checked until next year by SOS. Can we litigate about the issue of signatures that were valid at the time of signing but no longer are when they are checked later? Ken recommends getting an opinion from Mark Brown and/or Oliver Hall for an opinion on this. Richard Winger suggest consulting with initiative proponents on this. Question as to whether the checking is done in the same way on initiatives and party petitions.

Competition for petitioners will increase as time goes on and may drive up prices - is there a way to calculate the signature attrition rate? Also, Ohio has a cap on how we many submit; 3 times the requirement.

-- Total volunteer hours to date: 257.5
----- Coordination hours: 97 hours
----- Validation hours: 160.5 hours for approx 5,000 sigs

Not counting unknown volunteer hours actually spent petitioning. Validation rate translates to about 30 sig per hour. 100% validation to find congressional district. **[REDACTED]**

Wes: have the rules changed since 2007 when we last did one? Ken: yes. New law that passed later. PF: I do not remember CDs being on 2007 forms. **[After meeting, old forms confirmed to not contain CD]**

-- Ohio pledge problems

[REDACTED]. LPO needs to catch up in their end and would prefer national stop trying to raise money for Ohio ballot access until then. Lauren Daugherty, Brett Bittner and Ken Moellman willing to help Ohio with fundraising efforts. Ohio wants to make sure the national and LPO efforts don't undercut each other. Wes: **[REDACTED]**; will coordinate better in the future.

[REDACTED]

Ohio legal donor limit about \$39k/yr.

Wes: backup plan for 2020?

Scott: fewer signatures because basis will be gov turnout vs presidential
Tradeoff is that the retention will be the presidential race rather than the gov race
If all else fails there is also the 5k sig independent presidential petition.

-- LNC paying too much - \$2.50/sig - will run over budget

200k original intended budget

Wes: Validity provisions being enforced

Ken recommends rehiring in order of validity

Ken: 10,000 volunteer signatures would make up the shortfall, if no massive decay in validity **[REDACTED]**

7:45 PM - What have we learned? (8:00)

-- Validation cannot be kept up with volunteers
----- Estimated required: 3,210 manhours total for validation
----- Estimated required: 479 manhours for coordination
----- Bad validity is unacceptable

Burns out volunteers; start enforcing termination of low validity contractors

-- No Sub-Contractors!

Validity of subs is lower. Need to hire people that can be trusted to not hire subs **[REDACTED]**.

----- We don't need that many people anyway

7:55 PM - Where do we go from here? (8:15)

-- LNC help for LPO fundraising
-- LPO outreach efforts - county fairs, etc.

Most require that you stay within the booth, not wander around.
Comfest, Pride in Columbus and Cincinnati, sports events, post office list.
Ken can help in SW Ohio.

-- When do we want to be done? When can we be done?

Ohio wants to wrap up by mid December 2017. Drop dead date is July 2018. **[REDACTED]**
Ohio plan for 5 sprints of 20k sig each over 10 months. Volunteers overwhelmed by 100% validation. Call for out of state volunteers to help with validity? Frankel suggestions: some petitioners may help with their own validity; some volunteers could help with rides rather than validating; door to door effort to complete some districts?

Validator system is online. Was used in Ohio in presidential drive and in some other states. The 100% validation and CD makes validity checking 4 times slower; 2 minutes per sig vs 30 seconds. **[REDACTED]**.

-- When do we restart?

Pettigrew: restart at slower rate with fewer petitioners, maybe in August.

Tricia Sprinkle is now on the call. Suggests June.

Ken: Arkansas (and VA if they have one) will wrap up in June. Would be good to transition people back to Ohio then. Rate may go up if we wait longer after that.

County fairs start around July. June - community fests.

Frankel: farmers markets.

-- Need to focus petitioners on non-split counties - How effect rate?

No answers at this time but several suggestions above.

Richard Wingers suggests letter to the editor/board of editors campaign to make public aware of OH Supreme Court case.

Pettigrew: may not want to press the court too much in case they are considering reconsideration.

Ken: National wants to keep going **[REDACTED]**. LPO wants full stop.

Wes: national donors may want to give to OH, but not if we do a full stop.

Slowdown.

LPO to get legal questions to counsel.

8:15 PM - Adjournment (8:40)

Next regular meeting of the committee is scheduled for Sunday April 9th at 5:30PM ET.

March 29, 2017 Pre-LNC Meeting

Meeting called to order a 5:33PM

On the call: Moellman, Winger, Frankel, Redpath, Marsh, Thrasher

Marsh motion to approve previous two meetings notice. Seconded by Redpath and Winger. Approved without objections.

Reviewing Draft Report.

Adding top two states as a category for the ballot access map.

Adding states to litigation list: NY (out of state petitioner ban), PA (county distribution), SD (deadline)

OK: legislation to ease vote test to any race from top of ticket is making headway, would also make retention 4 years instead of 2

NE: Laura Ebke's bill to add voter registration to retention test

ME: 2 bills introduced or to be introduced. Hoping for bill that will us nominate by convention. Primary petition is difficult. Bill drafted but not yet introduced.

GA: Other parties won lawsuit against presidential qualifying petition being too difficult. Previous precedent indicates that US House petition can't be more difficult than presidential. Should be good grounds for lawsuit.

PA; Waiting on bill to be introduced which would hopefully fix the 15% of voter registrations to be considered minor party as well.

WA: May have missed opportunity to lower vote test.

OH: Another case is moving along to challenge 2013 law. Case was stuck, finally got a hearing date.

OH: Meeting today to decide on fundraising plan. Already moving forward with candidate recruitment.

RI: Possible plan to take over Moderate Party ballot access, or get independent gov candidate with LP label on with 1k sig and retain thru voter percentage. Ballot layout improved.

VA: probably around 1500 signatures so far; DMV permission letter. Gov candidate made loan to campaign, around 15k. Drive started around April 1.

Alaska and Florida have strong top two only push efforts.

MT: Court cut number of signatures in a special election way down

Next meeting to be scheduled when appropriate

Platform / Bylaws Committee Election Details

Nominees for Bylaws and Rules Committee

M Carling	Richard Illyes	Alicia Mattson	David Salisbury
Jonathan Carranza	Joshua Katz	Chuck Moulton	Charles Saucier
Carolyn Clift	Michael Kielsky	Timothy Perkins	Mike Seebeck
Andy Craig	Shaun Kunz	Darryl Perry	George Squires
David Pratt Demarest	James Logan	Patrick Peters	Aaron Starr
Richard Fast	Rachel Mace	Mike Petersen	David Stewart
James Fleming	Tom Maciejewski	Nathan Pierce	Christopher Swartz
Caryn Ann Harlos	Matthew Mahler	Mark Potwora	Ima Waldo
Joseph Henschman	Craig Manual	Roland Riemers	Parker Ward
Clayton Hunt	Ryan Martinez	Kimberly Ruff	

Nominees for Platform Committee

Geoffrey Adams	James Fleming	Tom Maciejewski	Mark Potwora
Darris Adkins	John Fockler	Chris Maden	Roland Riemers
I. Dean Ahmad	Jeffrey Gaul	Matthew Mahler	Kyle Roggenbuck
Cecil Anderson	Hubert Gauthier	Craig Manual	Kimberly Ruff
Phillip Anderson	Joseph Goocher	Ryan Martinez	David Salisbury
Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Alicia Mattson	Lee Ann Santos
Katie Begley	Joseph Henschman	James Mayer	Charles Saucier
Ryan Betters	Jaron Hicks	Curtis D. McGrady	Elliott Scheirman
Kevin Bjornson	James Hines	Mark Miller	Douglas Schell
Steven Braeger	Joseph Howe	Jeffrey Miron	Debbie Schum
Jonathan Carranza	Clayton Hunt	Dustin Nanna	Mike Seebeck
Matthew Cholko	Richard Illyes	Nicholas Nunley	Tyler Smith
Carolyn Clift	James Jaworski	Daniel Palmer	Billy Spruill
Chris Colvin	Michael Kielsky	Warren Patterson	George Squires
Andy Craig	Thomas Knapp	Alexander Pease	David Stark
Nathaniel Deily	Jeanette Ko	Darryl Perry	Aaron Starr
David Pratt Demarest	John Kosanke	Patrick Peters	David Stewart
Andrew DiMartino	Shaun Kunz	Mike Petersen	Christopher Swartz
Douglas Dycus	Tyler Kuskie	John Pickerill	Sunil Vatave
Dax Ewbank	Drew Layda	Nathan Pierce	Christian Wagner
Richard Fast	Rachel Mace	Jonathan Plante	Parker Ward

APPENDIX F
PLATFORM/BYLAWS COMMITTEE ELECTION DETAILS

Bylaws Committee – Round 2 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Carolyn Clift	Brian Holtz	Michael Kielsky	Timothy Perkins	Darryl Perry	Kimberly Ruff	David Stewart
Whitney Bilyeu					X	X	
Brett Bittner	X		X		X	X	
David Demarest						X	
Sam Goldstein			X				
Tim Hagan						X	
Caryn Ann Harlos			X	X	X	X	
Daniel Hayes			X				
Joshua Katz		X					X
Jim Lark		X					
Ed Marsh						X	
Alicia Mattson		X					X
Patrick McKnight				X	X	X	
Bill Redpath		X					
Nick Sarwark						X	
Starchild			X	X	X	X	
Aaron Starr		X					
Arvin Vohra					X	X	
Totals	1	5	5	3	6	10	2

Platform Committee – Round 2 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Joseph Henchman	Aaron Starr
Whitney Bilyeu	X	X	X	X
Brett Bittner	X	X	X	
David Demarest		X		
Sam Goldstein				X
Tim Hagan	X			
Caryn Ann Harlos		X		
Daniel Hayes	X	X		X
Joshua Katz				X
Jim Lark	X			
Ed Marsh		X		X
Alicia Mattson			X	X
Patrick McKnight	X	X	X	X
Bill Redpath	X		X	X
Nick Sarwark	X			
Starchild		X		
Aaron Starr				X
Arvin Vohra		X		
Totals	8	9	5	9

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PLATFORM/BYLAWS COMMITTEE ELECTION DETAILS

Platform Committee – Round 3 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Aaron Starr
Whitney Bilyeu		X	X
Brett Bittner	X	X	
David Demarest		X	
Sam Goldstein			X
Tim Hagan	X		
Caryn Ann Harlos		X	
Daniel Hayes	X	X	X
Joshua Katz			X
Jim Lark	X		
Ed Marsh			X
Alicia Mattson			X
Patrick McKnight		X	
Bill Redpath	X		X
Nick Sarwark	X		
Starchild		X	
Aaron Starr			X
Arvin Vohra		X	
Totals	6	8	8

Platform Committee – Round 4 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Aaron Starr
Whitney Bilyeu		X	
Brett Bittner			X
David Demarest		X	
Sam Goldstein			X
Tim Hagan			X
Caryn Ann Harlos		X	
Daniel Hayes	X		
Joshua Katz			X
Jim Lark	X		
Ed Marsh			X
Alicia Mattson			X
Patrick McKnight		X	
Bill Redpath			X
Nick Sarwark	X		
Starchild		X	
Aaron Starr			X
Arvin Vohra		X	
Totals	3	6	8

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Platform Committee – Round 5 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Aaron Starr
Whitney Bilyeu		X	
Brett Bittner			X
David Demarest		X	
Sam Goldstein			X
Tim Hagan		X	
Caryn Ann Harlos		X	
Daniel Hayes	X		
Joshua Katz			X
Jim Lark	X		
Ed Marsh			X
Alicia Mattson			X
Patrick McKnight		X	
Bill Redpath			X
Nick Sarwark		X	
Starchild		X	
Aaron Starr			X
Arvin Vohra		X	
Totals	2	8	7

Platform Committee – Round 6 – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Adam Bates	Caryn Ann Harlos	Aaron Starr
Whitney Bilyeu		X	
Brett Bittner			X
David Demarest		X	
Sam Goldstein			X
Tim Hagan		X	
Caryn Ann Harlos		X	
Daniel Hayes	X		
Joshua Katz			X
Jim Lark			X
Ed Marsh			X
Alicia Mattson			X
Patrick McKnight		X	
Bill Redpath			X
Nick Sarwark		X	
Starchild		X	
Aaron Starr			X
Arvin Vohra		X	
Totals	1	8	8

APRC Vacancy – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Whitney Bilyeu	David Demarest
Brett Bittner	X	
David Demarest		X
Sam Goldstein	X	
Tim Hagan	X	
Caryn Ann Harlos		X
Daniel Hayes	X	
Joshua Katz	X	
Jim Lark	X	X
Alicia Mattson	X	
Patrick McKnight	X	
Steve Nekhaila	X	
Bill Redpath	X	
Starchild		X
Aaron Starr	X	
Arvin Vohra	X	
Totals	12	4

Social Media Process Review Committee – Signed Ballot Details

Voter	Brett Bittner	Caryn Ann Harlos	Daniel Hayes	Joshua Katz	Steve Nekhaila	Arvin Vohra
Whitney Bilyeu			X		X	X
Brett Bittner	X		X		X	
David Demarest		X			X	X
Sam Goldstein	X		X		X	
Tim Hagan	X	X			X	
Caryn Ann Harlos	X	X	X			
Daniel Hayes			X	X	X	
Joshua Katz			X	X		X
Jim Lark	X				X	X
Alicia Mattson	X		X	X		
Patrick McKnight	X		X	X		
Steve Nekhaila	X	X			X	
Bill Redpath	X	X		X		
Nick Sarwark	X	X	X			
Starchild		X				X
Aaron Starr			X	X	X	
Arvin Vohra		X				X
Totals	10	8	10	6	9	6

Convention Oversight Committee Report April

The theme vote brought in \$15,490. This is better than both previous contests of 2008 and 2016 combined.

Our team is collecting bids for the A/V portion of the convention. Heather Gwynn developed the RFP for the A/V based on our previous conventions' bills.

We have received some prohibitively high early bids. We are attempting to find ways to reduce our A/V total. Without some reduction, our convention tickets will be prohibitively high.

We will be discussing how we develop the bids for the 2020 convention over the next month. Alicia Mattson, Erin Adams and Sam Goldstein are helping the committee modify previous RFPs to send out.

Whitney Bilyeu has drawn up a working budget for the committee. Once the A/V question is resolved, the committee will vote to accept a convention budget. Whitney Bilyeu volunteered oversee our spending and help us stay within budget.

Daniel Hayes is our Vice Chair and is in charge of speakers for the convention. He has invited Tim Moen to be a speaker for this convention. Other ideas are in the works.

Jennifer Osborne and Thom Taylor are working on different ways to raise money at the convention. Currently they are developing a silent auction.

Danielle Alexandre Snitker is taking charge of our volunteer team. She did an excellent job running the volunteers at the 2018 convention and I look forward to having her in charge of the convention volunteer staff in 2018.

We also have a small group of volunteers that we have yet to assign tasks to. We hope to give them work before the convention so they are vested in the event.

The COC recommends the LNC consider holding a meeting in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency (the 2018 convention hotel) preferably in December 2017 with Easter weekend 2018 as a secondary option. As this is our convention hotel we should go through Helms-Briscoe to secure any of these dates. We are currently waiting on the NFL Schedule due out around April 18th in order to use any of the available December rates.

Room rates as reported by Helms-Briscoe for the New Orleans Hyatt:

Dec 2nd & 3rd N/A

Dec 9th & 10th: \$149

Dec 16th & 17th \$119

March 31st & April 1st \$139

We have an excellent COC this time around with full participation as you can see from the attendance record below and the activity list above.

Meeting Dates and Attendance Roster for April 15-16, 2017 LNC Meeting

	Adams	Bilyeu	Brackeen	Goldstein	Hayes	Mattson	Ryan
01/10/17	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y
01/23/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
02/06/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
02/20/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
03/06/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
03/20/17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
04/03/17	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Affiliate Support Committee Report Spring 2017

The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall identify the needs and interests of the various affiliates. In addition, the ASC shall identify those affiliates that are in particular need of assistance that the LNC can provide. The ASC shall deliver a report to the LNC for the last LNC meeting of each calendar year, identifying and prioritizing those needs and interests of the various affiliates. This ranked list shall be taken into consideration when drawing up the following year's budget, and throughout the year as needed. This list will also assist the Executive Director in deciding how to assign tasks to staff, by identifying those services that staff provides to the affiliates that are the most desired. The ASC shall also, as and when needed, recommend to the LNC measures that will address the particular affiliates that need assistance from the LNC. The ASC will also establish a process for tracking the progress in meeting those needs.

Members:

Daniel Hayes (Chairman)
David Demarest
Steven Nekhaila
Patrick McKnight
George Phillies
Michael Pickens
Leigh Lachine

The ASC conducts regular phone conference meetings open to state chairs, officers and other party members. The calls are currently scheduled every 4 weeks. The next ASC meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2017.

State Party Boosts

The Affiliate Support Committee has been sponsoring Facebook promotions of affiliate state conventions on the National Party Facebook page. LNC Member Caryn Ann Harlos who has admin privileges on the page agreed to implement the boost events. The ASC had agreed upon an amount of \$50 per affiliate for those affiliates that agreed to have their event boosted. State affiliates were contacted individually to gain their permission. Because of difficulties with boosting the actual official Facebook event of affiliates, the ASC will stop sponsoring these boosts for the foreseeable future. The ASC would like to thank Ms. Harlos for her assistance.

#ReRegister 2017

The ASC believes the #ReRegister 2016 project was successful. The ASC will be implementing the program again in September 2017. Though it will not have the attention created by a Presidential election to help drive it, the ASC believes that implementing an annual #ReRegister month around the same time each year will lead to greater participation by affiliates going forward, especially during Presidential cycles. The ASC will be working on the exact details for 2017 during the months leading up to September.

Affiliate Support Committee Fund

On February 15th, 2017, the Affiliate Support Committee fund officially launched. To date it has raised over \$1010 to go towards the Affiliate Support line item. It is from this portion of the LNC budget that, Affiliate Development Director Andy Burn's contract and our activities are funded. The ASC STRONGLY encourages anyone who supports the continued assistance of Mr. Burns to donate to the fund. To donate please go to : <https://secure.piryx.com/donate/uO2ehmy0/libertarian/affiliate>

New Affiliate Development

Bylaws Article 5.2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their Constitution and/or Bylaws with the Party Secretary.

There are currently 5 populated territories controlled by the United States which do not have affiliates representing them within the LP. The largest territory is Puerto Rico with about 3.4 million residents. Also, there is Guam with about 163,000, The US Virgin Islands with 104,000, Northern Mariana Islands with 77,000, and American Samoa with 54,000.

Only Puerto Rico seems to have an active Libertarian group though they seem to be difficult to reach.

Recommendations:

1. Continue supporting contractor(s) or staff member(s) who focus on Affiliate Support.
2. Continue empowerment of the Affiliate Support Committee to assist affiliates.
3. Promote the #ReRegister project with September 2017 being designated #ReRegister Month.

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EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 12, 2017

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

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Brett Bittner, Joshua Katz, and Jim Lark. They were elected during the LNC meeting on May 30, 2016.

1) At this time the EPCC is working on a revision of the Employee Manual. The EPCC anticipates that the revision will be completed well before the LNC meeting in August.

The following items were included in the EPCC reports of Feb. 15, May 23, July 11, and Dec. 10 (all dates in 2016). Since the LNC has not taken action on these items, the EPCC has included them again in this report.

2) In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "significant deficiencies" that as of the end of 2013, the LNC's FEC Policies and Procedures Manual had not been updated since 2006.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare an updated version of this manual. In addition, the LNC should develop a process for the regular review and updating of this manual.

3) In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "significant deficiencies" that the LNC has not established a document retention/destruction policy, and recommended that such a policy be established.

Recently LNC secretary Alicia Mattson sent a draft document retention policy to the LNC. This draft, as well as the draft whistleblower protection policy also sent by Ms. Mattson, was distributed to the LNC in February 2014 as part of the Third Interim Report of the Audit Committee. That Audit Committee was chaired by Aaron Starr, who currently serves as the Region 4 alternate representative.

The EPCC believes the document retention draft is a useful starting point for developing an appropriate document retention policy. However, the EPCC also believes that its members do not possess the requisite specialized knowledge to determine whether the draft is acceptable or must be modified, given the many government regulations governing the activities the document retention policy must address. In addition, the policy must take into account issues involving party governance and "institutional memory."

Thus, the EPCC again recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare such a policy. The special committee is welcome to use the aforementioned draft as the foundation for its efforts.

If the LNC prefers to leave this matter in the hands of the EPCC, the EPCC will likely seek an appropriation from the LNC in order to obtain a review of the draft (or a modified version thereof) by someone who has specialized knowledge concerning document retention policies for political parties.

It should be noted that regardless of whether the LNC establishes a special committee to prepare the policy or requests that the EPCC handle this project, the EPCC believes that the LNC will need to allocate funds at some point in order to obtain reviews of the policy by people with the appropriate expertise.

As noted above, Ms. Mattson distributed a draft whistleblower protection policy in addition to the document retention draft. The EPCC believes that this document also provides a useful starting point for developing an appropriate whistleblower protection policy. In addition, the EPCC believes that someone with specialized knowledge regarding employment matters (especially employment law in the Commonwealth of Virginia) should conduct a review of this document (or a modification thereof), along with a review of the Employee Policy manual.

See the following 5 pages for the Historic Preservation Committee Report

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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

REPORT

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 15-16, 2017

Committee Members

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Dr. Joe Buchman

Joe Dehn

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COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The purpose of this Committee as per the LNC-creation mandate is to oversee the preservation and publication of Libertarian Party historical documents (at HQ and in the off-site storage facility) and to manage the LPedia site. The Committee was created on January 23, 2017 and the members appointed on February 20, 2017. IT Committee member Ken Moellman was instrumental in laying the groundwork.

It is the hope of the Committee members that the LNC would establish a permanent Historical Preservation Committee.

Meetings and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings every two weeks (or as close as practicable) via Go To Meeting. Committee discussion is also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to lpnpc-request@lists.dehnbases.net with "subscribe" in the subject line. Regular news updates are also sent to potential volunteers and history enthusiasts.

Status of Document Preservation

The Committee is prioritizing items for digitization by focusing first on items of most general Party membership interest which have been determined to comprise newsletters such as Liberty Pledge and LP News. Before this Committee was created, an exploratory group of interested Party members pooled funds to digitize an older preservation effort of LP News (1972-1990) that was done on microfilm. This resulted in less than ideal results due to the old technology but is available to any Party member upon request and may prove useful if the physical archives have any missing issues that were captured in that prior effort. At this time, the 1983-2003 Liberty Pledge issues have been digitized in high resolution .tiff files and compressed versions are being created and OCRd for online distribution while preserving the high resolution files. The remainder of the Liberty Pledges are anticipated to be done within a month, and future issues will be provided electronically by HQ staff. The next item in the priority list will be high resolution scans of LP News. The Committee is estimating costs to complete that goal which are anticipated to be a significant part of its budget; however these items require professional level scanning and likely cannot be farmed out to volunteers while other, simpler, text items can. Multiple volunteers including Michael Fucci (Montana), Trish Lynch (Arizona), Jacqueline Passey-Mason (Virginia), and Thomas Knapp (Florida) have been involved in the document end with others being brought on-board.

Documents will be preserved in several formats. For primary general use, they will be posted on LPedia (see below), but at request of any Party member an electronic archive of the high resolution scans will be provide on a USB drive (at the cost of the requesting member).

Additionally, members are encouraged to start adding their state party and other Libertarian-related items to LPedia to greatly expand the available resources beyond the documents which are the primary mandate of this Committee.

One difficulty encountered by the Committee was the result of having to manage document inventory and organization from a distance as accounting was necessary in order to adequately prioritize and to determine what gaps may exist in the record to be filled. Several volunteers spent several days at HQ to begin an inventory. This difficulty was solved by the April 3, 2017 passage of the records relocation motion by the LNC that authorized a budget for the records to be transported to the vicinity of Committee Chair Harlos for organization, continued inventory (building upon the work started by volunteers), and recommendations on curation. Once the documents are reviewed, immediate recommendations will be made. The LNC may wish to proactively consider some broad guidelines and empower the Committee to carry out same (such as instructions on duplicate retention).

The Committee has also been granted permission by David Nolan's widow, Elizabeth Nolan, to scan and review the archives in her possession. It is believed that she will give the critical portions of this collection to the LNC (while other portions may not be specific to LP history and need to find homes elsewhere), such as David's personal correspondence

and notes on conventions and meetings. Emily Goldberg (Arizona) has volunteered to visit Elizabeth to begin this scanning project. Elizabeth has provided an inventory to the Committee.

Records Relocation

Committee Chair Harlos has been in discussion with Wes Benedict for a timetable to accomplish this task. A tentative date of April 30, 2017 has been scheduled for the arrival of the records at a storage facility in Colorado (a reservation has been made for a 10x20 climate-controlled unit in Parker). Further logistics are being arranged.

Status of LPedia

LPedia is a collaborative history wiki of the Libertarian Party started in February 2005 by Shane Cory as a replacement for the older archive.lp.org. The site had gotten into maintenance trouble in June 2013 when new account creation was disabled and had fallen into technical disrepair as the MediaWiki engine went through version upgrades which were not installed on LPedia primarily due to the fact that there simply was not enough staff time to keep the site updated and the account creation was leading to potential security risks as it was installed on the same server as the main LP.org website. For those same reasons volunteers were not given access to update.

In July 2016, Region 1 Representative Harlos took an interest in saving LPedia from disappearing when a software update would inevitably break it for good and urged the LNC to either take active interest or transfer the asset to the LSLA. This motion was referred to the IT Committee and was put on hold while the transition to the new LP.org site was a priority. During this transition it was determined that the main LP site would be hosted on a different server which made a decision on the fate of LPedia imminent as its host server would soon be deactivated. In December 2016, Representative Harlos visited the Libertarian Party Headquarters and toured the basement and offsite storage and discovered a wealth of unseen historical records. During this same time period, there was an objection to the loss of website information during the main website transition; thus Representative Harlos and Alternate/IT Committee member Moellman worked together to bring a motion to the LNC to establish a permanent historical committee to curate and digitize these records in addition to managing LPedia. The LNC was not disposed to create a permanent committee at this time, but Representative Goldstein, at the encouragement of information supplied by Executive Director Wes Benedict, proposed the Motion that led to the creation of this Committee.

At that time, LPedia had just been moved to a fully hosted wiki-farm host; however, the database was bloated with over 20 gigabytes of spam and required serious cleaning in addition to the desperately needed updates to the Wikimedia software. Volunteer Bonnie Scott (Vermont) spent dozens of hours over the course of over a month doing this cleanup work which was successfully transferred to the new host. In preparation for a re-opening, the Committee spent time considering policies and procedures that should apply to the site, including issues relating to naming conventions, licensing, and backup. It is the consensus of the Committee that the purpose of LPedia is more than just an "encyclopedia" (the model for the well-known Wikipedia) but rather it is a collaborative "library" of which the encyclopedia-style articles are a vital but not exclusive component. It is the primary tool that we will be using to make available the results of our document preservation efforts, and is available to serve the same purpose for documents being preserved by state affiliates. So the policies and procedures necessarily reflect these multiple roles. Procedures have been established to back the site up on a regular basis (and tested by successfully restoring a working version from a sample backup).

LPedia was re-opened for general account creation and restoration to its purpose as a crowd-sourced collaborative effort on March 31, 2017. A good response of new users and returning former users has resulted with article creation and editing proceeding which is a satisfactory results of several months of hard work.

Budget Expenditures and Fundraising

LNC funding for Committee projects came from two separate motions, the first for the records preservation portion (\$5,000) and the second for the records relocation (\$5,000). \$1,390.00 has been raised with \$1,500 pledged (as a Life membership payable over a year period once the records have been relocated). Additional fund-raising will take place through two emails sent by HQ and additional efforts by the Committee. The Committee believes this will gain more traction as real results can be demonstrated to the Party membership as records come online and documentation of the records organization is presented.

Report of the IT Committee to the LNC at its April 15, 2017 meeting.

Submitted by: Sean O'Toole, chair IT Committee, region 6 alternate

The IT Committee is comprised of seven members: John Athayde, Stephen Berger, Joshua Drake, Steven Haddox, Ken Moellman, Sean O'Toole, and Doug Waddell. The group brings together expertise in hardware, systems, databases, web development, web design, project management, and IT management processes. Currently, we meet every other Wednesday and have had three meetings thus far.

Early on we decided to focus on a few core projects that have potential to benefit the national LP and our state affiliates. These projects are:

- a new email server with the capacity to handle our current LNC email and list needs as well as email and list server needs for state affiliates;
- a voter ID CRM that consolidates our national membership list with our state party lists (for those states that wish to participate); and
- to support, in any way we can, the efforts of Andy Burns and his group of volunteers in their efforts to provide hosting, development and design services to our state affiliates.

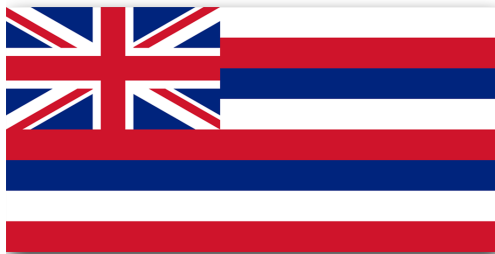
As the email server and CRM projects come into being, we will evaluate other potential projects and take them on as time and resources permit.

See the following 60 pages for the Region 1 Report

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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

REGION 1 REPORT



REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 1
ALASKA, ARIZONA, COLORADO, HAWAII, KANSAS,
MONTANA, UTAH, WASHINGTON, AND WYOMING

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15-16, 2017

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REGION 1 OVERVIEW

The nine affiliates that comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Due to the geographical nature of this region, spanning five time zones and extending from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), in-person contact between the Regional and the Alternate Representative and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. The Regional Representative will attempt to attend as many affiliate conventions in 2017 as possible and so far has attended Arizona, Montana, and Colorado with Washington and Alaska planned. Hawaii and Wyoming have not yet scheduled their conventions and Utah and Kansas were on the same day as Washington; therefore, those states might need to be on the 2018 visiting schedule. Regular contact is maintained with the affiliates and members through email, phone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group, and informational website. Plans are being made for a regional teleconference to hear from members. Further, the Regional Representative has requested notice of affiliate Board meetings and will remotely attend as many as possible as well as having an ongoing request to be added to any electronic mailings.

National Memberships

All of the states in the Region experienced growth in membership numbers between October 2015 and October 2016.

April 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	55	42
ARIZONA	297	15
COLORADO	382	11
HAWAII	59	39
KANSAS	137	29
MONTANA	50	43
UTAH	103	34
WASHINGTON	361	13
WYOMING	35	47

April 2017 National Membership Summary¹

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

YEAR OVER YEAR TRENDS

ALASKA MEMBERSHIP UP 38.8%
ARIZONA MEMBERSHIP UP 25.8%
COLORADO MEMBERSHIP UP 40.1%
HAWAII MEMBERSHIP UP 22.3%
KANSAS MEMBERSHIP UP 17.4%
MONTANA MEMBERSHIP UP 39.8%
UTAH MEMBERSHIP UP 29.5%
WASHINGTON MEMBERSHIP UP 41.6%
WYOMING MEMBERSHIP UP 54.1%

¹ The following Region 1 states earned automatic appointments to the Platform Committee based on their BSM numbers: Alaska, Colorado, and Washington

State Party Memberships

States with Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Registrations	Registered Voters	Percentage Libertarian	Growth Since 12/16 Report
ALASKA ²	7,595	535,621	1.4%	+ .5%
ARIZONA ³	32,191	3,646,122	.88%	+2.6%
COLORADO	43,665	3,693,354	1.12%	-.32%
KANSAS	15,463	1,776,703	.87%	-.23%
UTAH ⁴	13,281	1,532,333	.87%	-2.4%
WYOMING ⁵	2,382	262,575	.91%	+32.9%

States without Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Members	How Determined	Growth Since 12/16 Report
HAWAII	83	Nat'l BSM	-9.2%
MONTANA ⁶	74	Nat's BSM	+10.8%
WASHINGTON ⁷	594	Nat'l BSM	+38.9%

² The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to ether the registration must be Libertarian registration).

³ Percentage of active registered voters. The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

⁴ The LPUT Constitution defines membership differently as including dues-payers and pledgers but not requiring partisan Libertarian registration.

⁵ The WYLP Bylaws provides for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters. This membership was only a handful at the time of this report.

⁶ The MTLP is re-organizing and has a larger voluntary membership than the BSM numbers.

⁷ The LPWA has about 385 dues-paying state party members.

Key Election Percentages

November 2016 Races

	Gary Johnson	US Senate	Other Statewide or Qualifying	Highest Any Race
ALASKA	5.77%	29.39%	10.14%	29.39%
ARIZONA	4.16%	N/A	N/A	31%
COLORADO	5.07%	2.55%	N/A	31.09%
HAWAII ⁸	3.7%	1.6%	3.2%	22.2%
KANSAS	5%	6%	8%	29%
MONTANA	5.7%	N/A	3% ⁹	14.97%
UTAH	3.5%	N/A ¹⁰	6.73%	23.86%
WASHINGTON	~5.2%	Pending	Pending	Pending
WYOMING ¹¹	5.3%	N/A	3.6%	3.6%

Colorado and Kansas candidates both had candidates with top US House vote percentages. Utah had a top gubernatorial candidate, and Washington had a top statewide non-gubernatorial candidate. In two-way state legislature races, Kansas, Hawaii, Colorado, Utah, and Montana candidates had top vote percentages.

Ballot Access Requirements and Retention

Alaska

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

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

Arizona

There is no vote test needed. The AZLP needs to maintain .67% of registered voters (partisan) with the number currently at .87%.

Colorado

There is no vote test needed. The LPCO needs to maintain 1,000 registered Libertarians; the number is presently close to 30K in active voters and well over 30K if inactive voters are included.

⁸ Some percentages differ from the Hawaii Elections site as their percentages include "blank ballots" which are not counted towards their ballot access percentages.

⁹ There were three statewide races that all achieved 3%: Rick Breckenridge (US Representative), Roger Roots (Secretary of State), and Ted Dunlap (Governor).

¹⁰ There was a gubernatorial race which garnered 3.08%.

¹¹ Wyoming had one additional candidate, Lawrence Struempf for US Representative.

Hawaii

The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively , 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years.

Kansas

The vote test requirement is 1% of a statewide race, including the presidential race. The LPKS has had access since 1992, and report that between the US Senate and presidential races. This threshold has been met across several races.

Montana

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

Utah

The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).

Washington

1,000 signatures need. The LPWA will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.

Wyoming

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

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

Note on Major/Minor Party Designation

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

State Conventions

Alaska

The 2017 Convention date is May 6, 2017. I plan on attending.

Arizona

The 2017 Convention took place on January 21, 2017. I was in attendance.

Colorado

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

Hawaii

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but it will likely be in late Spring or early Fall.

Kansas

The 2017 Convention is set for April 21-23, 2017.

Montana

The 2017 Convention took place on March 11, 2017. I was in attendance.

Utah

The 2017 Convention is set for April 22-23, 2017.

Washington

The 2017 Convention is set for April 21-23, 2017. I will be in attendance.

Wyoming

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

Membership Growth

I have been obtaining the lists of Regional lapsed members for Region 1 and making calls to encourage renewal. I also have been promoting National memberships at the state conventions and have personally signed up about 35 new members between in-person and on-line renewals.

Other

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

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ALASKA



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Jon Watts, jon.watts@alaskan.com

Vice Chair: Randy Stevens, randywild@gci.net

Treasurer: Vacant/Cean Stevens, mermaidcean@yahoo.com

Secretary: Vacant/Cean Stevens, mermaidcean@yahoo.com

Membership: Stephanie Shaeffer, kgendeavors@gmail.com

Communications: Joel Hadley, joelhadley@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.alaskalibertarian.com>

Office Space

The LPAK has office space available to them on a donated basis when needed.

Paid Staff/Contractors

They are exploring this option, and I gave Chair Watts encouragement to speak with Andy Burns.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	7,595. This represents 1.4% of the registered voters (535,621) which is up .5% since the 12/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to whether the registration must be Libertarian registration).
Partisan Registration?	Yes.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement/Retention	The LPAK has ballot access. Access is obtained through nomination from state-recognized political party. ¹² 2016 US Senate candidate Joe Miller received 29.39% of the vote.
Method of Determining Candidates	At convention or committee vote as per 2016 Bylaws. The prior Bylaws called for participation in the open primary.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 3 for statewide races.
Estimated Budget	\$7K-\$10K yearly.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up and current. Facebook has improved dramatically with 3,614 likes and now up 7 places in affiliate ranking to number 7. I had shared the best practices with the affiliate which seems to have helped. The Facebook page is entitled "Alaska Libertarian Party" rather than the Libertarian Party of Alaska. The Chair was alerted to this naming inconsistency and let me know that the Board wished to leave it as it is.
Newsletter?	Yes. I subscribed. Last newsletter sent 2/16.
Database?	This is an area I need to discuss with the affiliate after their Convention.
BSM Members	90. This places Alaska at 40 nd in the affiliate rankings. This is the same ranking as my last report and up 38.8% over a one year period. Alaska has qualified for Platform Committee appointment.

Board Meetings

The current Board is scattered over a large geographic area so that meetings are attended in person in Anchorage by those who can and by teleconferencing for those who live further away. Meetings have been quarterly, but the affiliate is looking at moving to bi-monthly meetings. I have requested to be on the distribution list.

¹² A recognized political party in Alaska is an organized group of voters whose candidate for governor received at least 3% of the total votes cast in the preceding general election or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. In non-gubernatorial years, the US Senate (and then the US House of Representatives) race is used.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention is set for May 6, 2017. I am the keynote speaker. The entire Board is up for election. There will be Bylaws and Platform amendments considered.

State Level Membership

The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to whether the registration must be Libertarian registration).

Sub-Affiliates

The state is broken down into burrows. Fairbanks (the Libertarian Party of Interior Alaska) has begun and needs to be re-started with new officers. The Joe Miller campaign was not favourably viewed by that more liberal demographic. Chair Watts is committed to having an active burrow group/affiliate in each of the population centers. This remains a work in progress since my last report.

Elections

Last Election Cycle (2016)

The LPAK ran two statewide candidates in addition to the Libertarian Presidential ticket as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.77%

Joe Miller (US Senate): 29.39%

Jim McDermott (US House): 10.14%

Jon Watts ran in a contested primary against Jim McDermott. Also, Libertarian Mark Fish is the first Libertarian to serve on the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and a second Libertarian will be appointed in 2017.¹³

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Chair Watts is not presently aware of pending races for 2017 but this investigation is on the agenda to look into. He indicated that he believes the affiliate needs to focus more on local races rather than primarily on statewide slots.

There is an elected Libertarian on the Cordova City Council, Ken Jones. I alerted HQ to include this on LP.org. Tasha Hotch is running for the Anchorage School Board which is a non-partisan race.

Ballot Access and Party Status

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

¹³ <http://amandacoynne.com/politics/unintended-consequences-libertarian-will-be-joining-the-apoc-commission/>

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

PRIMARIES:

Alaska is a blanket primary state.¹⁴

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

Activities

Focus is presently on local affiliate building and the upcoming Convention.

Finances & Fundraising

¹⁴ From Richard Winger: A blanket primary puts all candidates on the same primary ballot. Then the top vote-getter from each party goes to the November ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Media Coverage

None came across my newsfeed. I request that Chair Watts send me any that might be escaping my filters.

Other

I introduced a Resolution to the LNC on behalf of LPAK on the de-regulation of marijuana which unfortunately did not pass due to many LNC members feeling that the position was clear and no resolution was needed.

As noted in my past report, tension and rivalries between social conservatives and social liberals has been a source of dissension within the affiliate with platform issues resulting. Chair Watts has indicated a desire to see the affiliate indicate its support for the National Party Platform in its governing documents and further wishes that the affiliate maintain a traditional approach to appealing to issues from multiple spectrums without being weighted to favour liberals or conservatives. This continues to be a focus, and it is hoped that my presence at Convention will help to bridge any gap between the affiliate and the National Party.

Statement from the Chair

Over the last few months the Alaska Libertarian Party has been regrouping. The right-left paradigm has historically had a very firm grip on Alaska. This was very evident here in the northernmost land of liberty during the last election. Many of our Libertarian constituents hold that only certain persuasions on the political spectrum can be Libertarian. I believe that all are welcome, as long as they won't force others to be them. The challenge going forward is to retain LP core principles, while gaining appeal across the political spectrum. With our upcoming convention on May 6th, we look forward to doing just that.

Jon Briggs Watts, Chair

ARIZONA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Michael Kielsky, chairman@azlp.org

1st Vice Chair: John Buttrick

2nd Vice Chair: Jonathan Winder

Treasurer: Robert Allen Pepiton

Assistant Treasurer: Laila Aussie

Secretary: Matthew Rubo

Assistant Secretary: Mike Shipley

The AZLP has three statutory officers and four non-statutory officers and exists primarily to interface with the State of Arizona with the majority of the Party work being done at the County Affiliate level.

Website: <https://www.azlp.org>

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	32,191. This represents .88% of the registered voters (3,646,122) which is up 2.6% since the 12/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters. ¹⁵
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The AZLP has ballot access. .67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%). Currently has .88% of the registered voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	18 / 26 (2 non-partisan)
Estimated Budget	\$1K year typical.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up and current. Facebook page likes are at 5,378. This would place Arizona about 17 th in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No. Arizona has strict laws governing online storage of voter registration data which limit the AZLP's ability to have an online database.
BSM Members	400. This places Arizona at 17 th in the affiliate rankings which is a decrease of one rank since my last report and a 25.8% increase over a one-year period.

Board Meetings

The AZLP acts mostly as a “shell” to fulfill statutory requirements of the State of Arizona with the bulk of the Party work being done at the county level (see below). They meet only to the extent needed to fulfill this role and meet statutory requirements.

¹⁵ The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention was held on January 21, 2017, and I was in attendance as a featured speaker. New officers were elected, and a new Platform was adopted.

State Level Membership

The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, County Precinct Committeemen, and State Committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the Committeemen have voting rights at the State Convention.

Sub-Affiliates

Arizona comprises 15 counties, and there are county level affiliates. Ballot access is not granted on a statewide basis across the board; individual counties also have to make the threshold of .67% of active registered voters within that county in addition to having an active county party.

The most active sub-affiliate is the Maricopa County Libertarian Party which meets monthly (<https://www.lpmaricopa.org>). 60-65% of the population of Arizona resides in this county.

In addition to Maricopa County, there are three other counties of note. Yuma County has an active affiliate and ballot access but needs to increase its number by October 2017 to avoid a petition drive (presently have around 520 voters but need 600 to avoid). Pima County has a somewhat active affiliate and has ballot access. Coconino County has qualified with the percentages but does not have an active affiliate. Efforts are starting up in Gila, Pinal, and Mohave Counties. Chair Kielsky is encouraging Party activists to adopt a county and help it move towards active affiliation.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 4.16%

One other candidate made it past the primaries, Greg Kelly, candidate for Highlands Justice of the Peace, who garnered 31% of the vote in a two-way race.

Arizona's election laws very much intrude into the functioning of the AZLP. Their officers must be selected from amongst County Precinct Committeemen who then choose State Committeemen. Only these persons can vote at the State Convention though all Arizona registered Libertarians are members. These County Precinct Committeemen are elected by registered Libertarians in their precincts and are required to gather nominating petition signatures, but this number is small due to the small area and the fact that only registered libertarians are included in calculating the number of the signatures required, unlike the following issues that other candidates are facing.

The largest voting bloc in Arizona is independents/undeclared which outnumber the Republicans.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate will be starting on petitions for the 2018 cycle early and plan to have a Libertarian on every single ballot access line. While the ballot access laws are oppressive, they have to work with them the best that they can. Chair Kielsky will be running for Attorney General and has started collecting signature.

Ballot Access and Party Status

The first hurdle in Arizona ballot access is having registered Libertarians comprise .67% of active registered voters. Right now, they have .88% of the active registered voters. In addition, in order to be on the Primary ballot (either printed or added as a write-in), candidates have to obtain a certain number of signed Nominating Petitions. This is particularly critical as the County Precinct Committeemen are included that are the pool from which the Party officers will be chosen. An open Primary would effectively be allowing non-Libertarians to chose the eventual Party officers. If the State Party ever fall off, they must petition and obtain about 21,000 valid signatures as any Party that loses qualification cannot get back on via registrations.

The issue of the Nominating Petitions is currently the subject of a lawsuit as Arizona has changed the requirements in a way that is calculated to deny access to minor parties. Previously, the Nominating Petition requirement was .5 % of the registered Libertarians in the candidate's district (or statewide). However, the new requirements cut the percentage in half to .25% but expanded the total pool from which the calculation is determined to include both Libertarians and independents/undeclared which are the most numerous voting bloc in the state. For example, using 2016 statewide figures (rounded for simplicity) of 25,000 Libertarians and 1,180,000 "others," the former rule would have required 125 signatures, while this new requirement totals 3,012 signatures. As a counter-example, using the statewide figures for Republicans of 1,125,000, and the same number of independents/undeclared, the former rule would have required 5,625 signatures, and the new one would require 5,762 signatures, a negligible difference. With this in mind, if a candidate does not obtain the required nominating signatures, they can be put in as a write-in candidate but still have to meet the same burden in write-in votes which puts the AZLP in a conundrum since their Primary is closed, yet the figures that the write-ins have to meet include independents/undeclared. In some areas, it would be mathematically impossible for the write-in to obtain the required number of votes from the pool of registered Libertarians.

The case is proceeding in the US District Court for Arizona and is at the point where summary judgments on both sides have/are being filed (<http://ballot-access.org/2017/04/02/arizona-libertarian-party-files-brief-in-ballot-access-case/>). Chair Kielsky sat in a day-long deposition. Oral arguments are expected, but not an evidentiary hearing.

Another issue effecting ballot access (as far as signature collection) is that petitioners must now be paid by the hour rather than by the signature as per a new Arizona law. This was passed somewhat in response to the minimum wage law that was passed.

PRIMARIES:

The AZLP has the choice of a closed or semi-closed primary and has chosen a closed primary.¹⁶

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

¹⁶ A semi-closed primary is one in which registered Democrats must choose a Democratic primary ballot, ditto for Republican, but independents can choose whichever primary ballot they want. In an open primary, each party has its own primary and its own nominees, but on primary day any voter can choose any party's primary ballot. Generally open primary states' voter registration forms don't ask about political party choice. The question is missing. There are 19 open primary states. Most southern states are open primary states.

OTHER:

From Ballot Access News: SB 1307 eases the June deadline for a party to file presidential elector candidates. The bill sets the deadline in late August. Although an early deadline to file the presidential electors may seem a trivial barrier, it has been a problem in the past.

Activities

The majority of the party activities are conducted at the county level, particularly the population center of Maricopa County. Petition-gathering events are planned.

Finances & Fundraising

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

Media Coverage

Significant press mentions include:

<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/where-will-you-be-for-donald-trumps-inauguration-arizona-events-planned-for-both-critics-and-supporters-9001337>

<http://nevalleynews.org/7960/audio/the-millennial-manifesto-back-by-executive-order-with-barry-hess/>

<http://paradisevalleyindependent.com/news/grassroots-political-organization-calls-for-repeal-of-hb-2404-in-new-referendum/>

Other

The marijuana bill did not pass, and it will take another two years to get something else on the ballot. Many Libertarians opposed the bill due to the regulatory burdens imposed. Chair Kielskey hopes to focus the Party into doing one thing and doing it well. The future focus is uncertain at this point.

Statement from the Chair

Freedom Activism and Activists are under assault, a widespread psy-op to manipulate activists to abandon a unified call for increased Human Liberty, by focusing and leveraging minor differences, or while others make broad but false and malicious claims about Freedom Activist ends and goals.

Search your memory about how you felt about another member of our grand coalition in the past, and think about recent, perhaps unpleasant, disagreements on minor points of policy. You are the victim of psychological manipulation, turning you into a weapon against your allies, turning your generally positive feelings and thoughts about individuals you KNOW are advocating for dramatically more Liberty, into negative feelings focused on the trivial and aspirational which might, at some distant point in the future, be at issue.

If you permit yourself be so manipulated, you become a weapon of the enemies of Liberty. You are likely to alienate your former fellow-Liberty-traveler, and anyone who observes these petty disputes, and ultimately, one or both of you will abandon the fight for freedom.

We are still so far away from our mutual goals of Liberty in our Lifetime that these disagreements are illusory, amounting to fighting about numbers of angels on a head of a pin. These fractious disagreements ONLY serve the enemies of freedom by distracting us, distancing us, and increasing distrust among us.

Along side this, you probably have seen patently ridiculous assertions that equate the goals of Freedom Activists with completely incompatible ideologies including nationalism, fascism, communism, racism, and all other manner of 'isms which disregard the individual and lump everyone into collectives. The primary goal of these efforts is to draw the discussion away from individual rights and liberties towards false claims that the pursuit of Liberty obtains its opposite result. Any rational argument will always be met with non-sequitor responses disregarding logic and merely reasserting that Liberty destroys freedom and cannot solve every problem.

If you permit yourself be so manipulated, you also become a weapon of the enemies of Liberty. You are likely to be alienated to the further pursuit of Liberty, and away from your fellow-Liberty-travelers, while those who merely observe these rational argument vs. non-sequitor response discussions will likely avoid entering the fight for freedom. Do not let yourself be their pawn.

Remain strong, for these psy-ops are evidence of their fear of our growing numbers and influence. Stay the course, don't lose sight of the real goal, and continue to champion Liberty!

-Michael Kielsky, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Wayne Harlos (chair@lpcolorador.org)

Vice Chair: Richard Longstreth (vicechair@lpcolorador.org)

Treasurer: John Hjersman (treasurer@lpcolorador.org)

Records: Mike Spalding (recordsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Membership: Steve Gallant (membershipdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Communications: Caryn Ann Harlos (communicationsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Outreach: Kevin Gulbranson (outreachdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Regions: Daniel Lutz (regionsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Campaigns: Kim Tavendale (campaignsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Legislative: Michael Stapleton (legislative@lpcolorador.org)

Fundraising: Eric Mulder (fundraisingdirector@lpcolorador.org)

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

Office Space

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

Paid Staff/Contractors

No though this is something the affiliate is interested in.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	43,665. This represents 1.12% of the registered voters (3,693,354) but is down .32% from the last Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPCO has ballot access. The access requirement is 1,000 registered Libertarian voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	46 / 26
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 22,940. This would place Colorado about 4 th in the affiliate rankings. The affiliate has a dedicated social media volunteer team.
Newsletter?	No. Mailblasts are sent regularly. A regular newsletter is being planned with the election of a Membership Director and change to the affiliate Bylaws.
Database?	Yes through NationBuilder.
BSM Members	638. This places Colorado at 10 th in the affiliate rankings, and an increase of 40.1 % over a one-year period. Colorado earned an automatic Platform Committee appointment.

Board Meetings

The Board meets monthly at space offered by The Independence Institute. The meetings are open and streamed live for public viewing. Board reports and documents are available online in an effort to move towards greater transparency and interface with the membership.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention was held for March 24-26, 2017. Officer elections and governing document amendments took place. The Convention was a smashing success with outstanding ticket sales and fundraising.

State Level Membership

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

Sub-Affiliates

There are 64 counties in Colorado, and a structure of county affiliates and a “pre-affiliate” phase of development group. The LPCO is attempting to have development groups in every county that does not have an affiliate. Affiliates are currently established in Arapahoe, , Boulder, Delta, Douglas and El Paso counties. There are approximately nine Development Groups. This is a focus of the newly elected Regions Director.

Elections

Last Election Cycle (2016)

Twenty-six Libertarian candidates appeared on the ballot as follows, many of whom broke prior Libertarian records:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.09%

John Hjersman (State House District 16): 28.03% in a two-way race

Susan Quilleash (State House District 17): 9.08%

Norman “Paotie” Dawson (State House District 18): 7.43%

Judith Darcy (State House District 20): 5.79%

Mike Seebeck (State House District 21): 31.09% in a two-way race

Matthew Hess (State House District 28): 8.29%

Kim Tavendale (State House District 33): 6.04%

Roy Daktroub (State House District 50): 5.20%

Gilbert Fuller (State House District 54): 22.79% in a two-way race

Kevin Gulbranson (State House District 16): 4.11%

Glenn Ingalls (State House District 60): 6.38%

Joe Johnson (State House District 68): 8.26%

Manuel Quintel (State Senate District 12): 24.44% in a two-way race

Hans Romer (State Senate District 19): 6.13%

Michelle Poague (State Senate District 29): 6.37%

William Stuart Bartley (State Senate District 35): 3.97%

Darrell Dinges (US House District 1): 3.98%

Richard Longstreth (US House District 2): 5.86%

Gaylon Kent (US House District 3): 4.86%

Bruce Griffith (US House District 4): 4.73%

Mike McRedmond (US House District 5): 6.83%

Norm Olsen (US House District 6): 4.94%

Martin Buchanan (US House District 7): 4.68%

Lily Tang Williams (US Senate): 2.55%

Colorado was one of the state in which Gary Johnson's vote totals exceeded the margin between Trump and Clinton. Libertarians also had over 80% electoral participation.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Feelers are being put out for major candidates for 2018 including Governor. Several Libertarians have indicated that they will be running for non-partisan local races. The affiliate Chair was been selected to Chair a Castle Rock Committee to petition to change the Town Charter to have an elected, rather than an appointed, Mayor.

Ballot Access and Party Status

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

PRIMARIES:

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

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

Activities

The LPCO will continue to be very active at Outreach events. The suit and drive to overturn the illegality of "ballot selfies" was successful. The affiliate is considering an Issues Advisory Committee in order to strategize on winnable coalition-building issues to focus upon.

Finances & Fundraising

A former program of mailers to newly registered Libertarians is on the agenda for future implementation. The LPCO was without an active Fundraising Director for a lengthy period of time and is attempting to fire back up an active donor solicitation program.

Media Coverage

Significant media coverage included:

<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/162704/colorado-democrats-republicans-morgan-carroll>

<http://www.westword.com/news/libertarian-party-its-great-to-be-blamed-for-hillarys-loss-8486747>

<http://www.westword.com/news/strange-but-true-election-stories-of-2016-8635243>

<http://www.boulderweekly.com/news/third-times-a-charm/>

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/eloise-blondiau/donald-trump-is-even-dividing-american-pro-life-movement>

<https://libertarianvindicator.com/2017/02/05/libertarian-party-of-the-year-taking-place-in-colorado/>

<http://tomwoods.com/ep-844-after-2016-where-is-the-libertarian-party-today-and-where-is-it-going/>

<https://www.coloradostatesman.com/national-vice-chair-among-liberty-luminaries-set-speak-state-libertarian-party-convention/>

<http://www.westword.com/news/prostitution-the-argument-for-decriminalization-8893112>

<https://libertarianvindicator.com/2017/03/27/newly-elected-lp-of-colorado-board-is-a-powerhouse-of-colorado-libertarians/>

<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/164630/libertarian-colorado-convention>

<https://libertarianvindicator.com/2017/03/28/colorados-new-libertarian-state-chair-ready-to-propel-the-party-into-the-future/>

<https://303magazine.com/2017/03/colorado-libertarian-convention-2017/>

Other

Internal affiliate procedural building was given a mandate at Convention with the development of a Style Guide and Policy Manual. Members were encourage to “adopt a Board member” in order to increase volunteer support.

Also, in November a measure was passed which makes it more difficult for initiatives that amend the Constitution to make it on the ballot, requiring signatures from every state senate district and a 55% yes vote. The affiliate strongly opposed this measure.

Statement from the Chair

The Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) just completed one of the best, if not the best, State Conventions from my history in the party. Many people at the convention commented at how great the convention was and how they really enjoyed it. The LPCO membership surged last year and with the new board in place, the plan is to continue to grow the party. The new board will be a fantastic group that will not only grow the party but be a pain in the rear to the Colorado State Government.

-Jay North, Outgoing Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Tracy Ryan, tracyar@hawaiiantel.net

Vice Chair and Big Island Chair: Gregory Arianoff, info@arianoff.us

Treasurer: Kyle Varner, kylevarner@gmail.com

Secretary: Joe Kent, joe_kent@hotmail.com

At Large: Alan Yim, Michelle Tippens, Pat Brock (Maui Chair), Eric Weinert (ericdraheweinert@gmail.com), Anthony Higa (Oahu Chair, anthony.higa.hawaii@gmail.com)

International Ambassador of Liberty & Goodwill: Ken Schoolland, ken.schoolland@gmail.com

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

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	76 (BSM members).
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Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM.
Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPHI has ballot access. Hawaii has a unique system. It requires 10% in a statewide race or US House or ~ 750 signatures (1/10 th of 1% of the number of registered voters), or alternatively, if the Libertarian candidates bring in at least 4% of all the votes cast for state Senate, 4% for state House, or 2% of the votes for state Senate and state House combined. After a party has either met the vote test or petitioned for three elections in a row, then they are automatically on for the next five elections.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	17 /12
Estimated Budget	\$5K in odd years, and \$8-10K in even years.
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 5,037. This would place Hawaii about 18th in the affiliate rankings which is up 7 places since my last report (when it was up 13 places).
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, but scattered over several locations and formats.
BSM Members	76. This places Hawaii at 41 st in the affiliate rankings which is a drop in two rankings since my last report, and a 22.3% increase over a one year period.

Board Meetings

The geography of an island state makes travel for in-person attendance difficult. The Executive Committee meets about 6 times a year with some members meeting in person at Chair Ryan's home in Honolulu and the rest appearing by Skype.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but it will likely be in late Spring or early Fall. Because they are an island state, they are considering having two conventions teleconferenced in together.

State Level Membership

The LPHI has state level membership for dues-payers and life members. There are about 50 members combined in those categories, but they have several hundred lapsed that get back involved periodically. In addition there are 76 BSM members.

Sub-Affiliates

The Libertarian Party of Big Island (Hawaii County) is an active sub-affiliate. Maui County had an active affiliate, but it fell apart, and they are working on getting that going again. They are striving to be competitive in Hilo (settlement in Hawaii County) and Kona (district in Hawaii County).

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The affiliate provided a comprehensive update to LP News which is included, in part, here.

Several candidates did better than projected, led by Anthony Higa (State Representative, District 19). His 12.9% result in a three-way race was 5 points better than the pre-election projection of 8%. He has now run twice, both times being undermined by the presence of token Republicans in his race. Overcoming the public's entrenched bias to treat Republicans as legitimate challengers and Libertarians as irrelevant has been difficult. With news reporters continuing to promote Republicans as the legitimate opponents of Democrats, even in races where the Libertarian spends more time and money campaigning is a problem that the party must overcome. A similar situation affected first-time candidate Michelle Tippens (8.4%) in the 24th State House race. The candidate with the highest percentage of votes was Mike Last (22.2%) in the 5th State House district. His budget was under \$100. Only two candidates spent over \$10,000: Higa (12.9%), and Arnold Phillips (16.3%) in the 10th State Senate district (in a two-way race).

The party laments the defeat of Republican Sam Slom in his bid for a sixth term in the State Senate. Slom was an active LP member because deciding to join the GOP to help him get into office. Another libertarian-leaning Republican, John Carroll, was defeated in his attempt to become a U.S. Senator; Mike Kokoski, the Libertarian candidate in that race, got just 1.6%.

Anthony Higa (12.9%) and Michelle Tippens (8.4%) both were winners of some of the top state vote percentages in the entire country in races with both Republican and Democrat opponents.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate wishes to start early recruiting candidates for 2018 and get a jumpstart on fundraising.

There also was word that Representative Beth Fukumoto (Republican) may be leaving the Republican Party and would be a good prospect for the Libertarian Party.

Open Primaries

This came out of Justia in the case of the Democratic Party of Hawaii v. Nago: Civil Rights. The panel affirmed the district court's summary judgment in favor of Scott Nago, in his official capacity as Chief Election Officer of the State of Hawaii, in an action brought by the Democratic Party of Hawaii challenging Hawaii's open primary system on the grounds that allowing registered voters to participate in any party's primary without formally joining or declaring support for that party, severely burdens the Democratic Party's First Amendment associational rights. The panel first noted that the extent to which Hawaii's open primary system burdens the Democratic Party's associational rights is a factual question on which the

Party bore the burden of proof. The panel held that the Party had not developed any evidence to meet this burden. The Party provided no evidence showing a clear and present danger that adherents of opposing parties determine the Democratic Party's nominees. Nor had the Party shown that Hawaii's open primary system causes Democratic candidates to moderate their policy stances. The panel concluded that absent evidence that Hawaii's system affects the Party's ability to select its nominees, the Party's facial challenge failed.

Ballot Access and Party Status

The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively, 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years. The affiliate, however, wishes to qualify each time as it grants even greater credibility to the Party.

Hawaii has mandatory open primaries.

PRIMARIES:

Hawaii has a mandatory open primary that the LPHI must participate in.

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

OTHER:

SB 824 to used ranked choice voting for all partisan elections is pending.

Activities

During 2016 most of the LPHI's activities were centered around candidate support and fund-raising. They do hold two general meetings per year in different locations to facilitate attendance. I am awaiting a 2017 update.

Finances & Fundraising

I am awaiting a 2017 update.

Media Coverage

Chair Ryan has been getting good coverage from her advocacy for the prostitution legalization measure. This is from the LPHI website:

Hawaii House Bill 1533 relating to Prostitution

Libertarian Party of Hawaii Chair, Tracy Ryan, has drafted and had introduced into the ongoing session of Hawaii's legislature a bill to decriminalize prostitution. The bill is supported by a coalition of local advocates. Other supporters are coming on board as the actual bill drafted language is made available to them. In addition to the Libertarian Party and libertarians everywhere, supporters of the decriminalization of prostitution include Amnesty International, The Global

Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, The United Nations, the ACLU, and numerous sex worker lead organizations around the world.

HB 1533 would eliminate penalties in Hawaii laws for adult consensual sex work. This applies to sex worker, client, and manager. It does not apply to the offense of sex trafficking which is defined in Hawaii law to include various abuses of sex workers by "managers" who are little more than criminals and to laws criminalizing those who manage underage persons doing sex work. HB 1533 leaves in place the current legal violation for minors themselves who do sex work. They would remain under the jurisdiction of the Family Court as they are now.

Some negative feedback has been received concerning the part of the bill that overturns a law prohibiting police officers from having sex with someone in pursuance of making a criminal arrest. This was deleted on the basis that the whole question would be moot if sex worker would no longer be subject to arrest to begin with. To be clear supporters of the bill do not believe the police should have the legal right to have sex with a sex worker and then arrest her based on that act. It is only because the entire law was being repealed that repeal of this clause was included in the bill.

Party Chair Ryan requested a meeting with Honolulu City Prosecutor Keith Kaneshiro In September of 2016 and has been waiting for his office to schedule it. The Prosecuting Attorney has objections to this bill that should be discussed, elaborated, and either accepted, rejected, or worked through. However, most of the mounting local opposition is coming from moralists, either of the traditional religious type or of the radical feminist sort. They simply object on moral principles that are not subject to change based on reason, logic, or evidence, it will be up to the larger Hawaii community to stand up in support of this bill and provide the political push for passage into law.

Persons wishing to look up the current laws or to read the text of this or any other bill can visit the Hawaii legislative website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Other media coverage included:

<http://koin.com/2017/02/05/hawaii-to-legalize-prostitution/>

Other

Hawaii leans very Democrat, but not because the people support Democrats, but because they oppose Republicans. The demographic is primarily Asian-American with a solid history of voting Democrat but with views of being socially liberal and fiscally conservative that obviously track libertarian in philosophy. The Green Party is popular but is not doing anything of significance.

The key issues in Hawaii are marijuana legalization and unfunded liabilities that now run in the neighborhood of 19 billion dollars. The marijuana legalization issue deeply affects their agricultural economy and is supported by 70% of the population. Unfortunately the legislature would not even consider legalization in 2016 or cleaning up the dispensary regulations, particularly since sugar and pineapple are no longer viable industries. Other concerns include campaign matching funds (the LPHI wishes to move to a voluntary system), adding NOTA to unopposed candidates, homelessness (a large problem but the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), a proposed rail project (the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), and the Jones Act which puts tremendous economic burdens on the people of Hawaii through rank protectionism which would be ridiculous if applied to passenger air travel.¹⁷

Statement from the Chair

¹⁷ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchant_Marine_Act_of_1920 for more information.

Requested.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KANSAS



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Rob Hodgkinson, chair@lpks.org

Vice Chair: Sharon DuBois, vice-chiar@lpks.org

Treasurer: Ric Koehn, treasurer@lpks.org

Secretary: Charlotte Underwood, secretary@lpks.org

1st District Coordinator: Joey Frazier, dist1@lpks.org

1st District Deputy Coordinator: Mike Wilson, dist1@lpks.org

2nd District Coordinator: Gerret Mentzer, dist2@lpks.org

2nd District Deputy Coordinatory: Vacant

3rd District Coordinator: Jeff Caldwell, dist3@lpks.org

3rd District Deputy Coordinatory: Mike Kerner, dist3@lpks.org

4th District Coordinator: Dillon Albin, dist4@lpks.org

4th District Coordinator: Maria Church, dist4@lpks.org

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

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	Approximately 15,463. This represents .87% of the registered voters (1,776,703) and is down .23% from the last Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPKS has ballot access. The access requirement is 1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation). This threshold was met this year over several races.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	10 / 14
Estimated Budget	\$6K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is current. Facebook pages likes are at 3,048. This would place it about 34 th in the affiliate rankings which is unchanged since my last report. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth including the best practices guide.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, Nationbuilder.
BSM Members	167. This places Kansas at 33 rd in the affiliate rankings. This is down three rankings since my last report and up 17.4% over a one year period.

Board Meetings

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

State Convention

The 2017 Convention is set for April 21-23, 2017. I will not be able to attend as it is the same weekend as Washington State. Chair Hodgkinson is not re-running and Vice Chair DuBois is not interesting in seeking the chairmanship; thus there will be a change in the head leadership.

State Level Membership

There is no dues-paying structure. The Gary Johnson campaign brought in a lot of interested and enthusiastic prospects.

Sub-Affiliates

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

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

They are presently running 14 candidates with Rob Garrard as their US Senate candidate. The US Senate race typically garners between 7-10% of the vote.

The candidate tallies are as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 4.7%

Robert D. Garrard (US Senate): 6%

Kerry Burt (US Representative): 7%

James Houston Bales (US House): 6.4%

Gorden J. Bakken (US House): 3%

Jason Conley (State Senate): 29%

Michael Kerner (State Senate): 7.2%

Patrick McMurray (State Senate): 24%

John Taube (State House): 6%

Frederick Caleb Christopher (State House): 7%

Joey Frazier (State House): 13%

James Pruden (State House): 8%

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Candidates have been recruited for local city council-level races in 2017, and the larger races in 2018 some of which are announced on the affiliate website.

US House Representative Pompeo is joining the Trump team as CIA Director, causing a Special Election to be scheduled for the 4th District. The LPKS had its special convention for this nomination on February 18, 2017 and nominated Chris Rockhold. The election will take place April 11, 2017.

Ballot Access and Party Status

The LPKS has had access since 1992, and between the US Senate and presidential races. This threshold was met this year over several races.

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

PRIMARIES:

There is no Libertarian primary unless they obtain major party status, and at that point, it would be the Party's choice to have an open or closed primary.

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

OTHER:

From Ballot Access News: HB 2017 (signed into law) eases ballot access for Special US House elections. The old law required a petition of 4% of the registered voters for an independent in a special US House election (about 14,000 signatures in the typical district), even though in a regular election an independent needs exactly 5,000.

Activities

The LPKS participates in the multi-day (10 days) Kansas State Fair, and multiple local groups have meetings. The 3rd District hosts regular meetings as well as the Libertarians of South Central Kansas.

Finances & Fundraising

As there is no dues structure, fund-raising efforts involve simply asking for money. Up until 2008, the LPKS had a healthy monthly donor base that fell away, and now Chair Hodgkinson is working on rebuilding that base. They also hold fund-raising events. I am awaiting an update.

Media Coverage

Significant media coverage included:

<https://ivn.us/2017/01/18/kansas-bill-relax-ballot-access-barriers-independents-libertarians/>

http://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/article130008004.html#emInl=Afternoon_Headlines

<http://www.kansascity.com/opinion/readers-opinion/guest-commentary/article131079324.html>

<http://www.kake.com/story/34394066/more-candidates-enter-special-congressional-race>

http://www.ctnewsonline.com/news/article_310bdfc4-e81c-11e6-b545-73d8a1bbb934.html

<http://kmuw.org/post/4th-district-libertarians-plan-convention-choose-congressional-candidate>

http://www.fredericksburg.com/news/news-wire/democrats-elect-civil-rights-lawyer-as-nominee-for-us-house/article_67a25e5c-6079-5246-b767-80fbcaac81c9.html

<https://thesunflower.com/14149/news/state-parties-select-nominees-for-4th-district-special-election/>

<http://us.barujaja.com/topics/congressional-seat-dennis-mckinney-from-the-wires-jim-thompson-kansas-libertarian-party-mike-pompeo-ron-estes-special-election-u-s-house-news-politics-news>

Other

There are no single large issues that the LPKS concentrates on but rather Board members and candidates have their particular interests. Medical marijuana is an ongoing concern. Chair Hodgkinson focuses on eminent domain and civil asset forfeiture.

The LPKS feels it is important that the National Party conduct a strong candidate recruitment push.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

MONTANA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Ron Vandervender, ron.vandervender@mtlp.org

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Assistant Treasurer: Michael Fucci, micheal.fucci@mtlp.org

Treasurer: Eleanor Swanson, eleanor.swanson@mtlp.org

Secretary: Connor Burns, connor.burns@mtlp.org

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

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	83 plus 110. The affiliate has been growing its state members.
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM and sign-up (with voluntary dues).

Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US House Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden. Montana has mandatory open primaries.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	7/9
Estimated Budget	In flux as Party is re-organizing but they are getting regular donations and about \$50-60/month in in-kind donations.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is modern and current due to recent efforts. Facebook is generally current and has instituted best practices and will grow. The affiliate has not been able to get control of its prior Facebook page.
Newsletter?	No, but updates are sent out through MailChimp.
Database?	Yes. Excel.
BSM Members	83. This places Montana at 41 st in the affiliate rankings. This is up 2 ranks since my last report and up 54.1% over a one-year period.

Board Meetings

This information has been requested. Formal meetings are being organized.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention was on March 11, 2017, and I was in attendance. This was their first convention in about twenty years and by any metric was a success. About 50 enthusiastic members attended (including seasoned and new members).

State Level Membership

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

Sub-Affiliates

Chapters are established/starting in these counties: Broadwater, Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Highline (tri-county), Lake, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, and Yellowstone.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Montana has a very low legislative filing fee (\$15). The following candidates ran and obtained these results:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.7%

Rick Breckenridge (US House): 3%¹⁸

Ted Dunlap (Governor): 3.3%

Roger Roots (Secretary of State): 3%

Ian Wheeler (House District 6): 5%

Andrew Forcier (House District 57): 14.97%

Josh Daniels (House District 43): 7.28%

Dick Motta (Senate District 39): 7.02%

Francis Wendt (House District 61): 4.07%

Pual Bonar (House District 84): 3.54%

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They are working on soliciting candidate for the open US House and US Senate seats coming up in 2018. There are also several libertarian-leaning Republicans already in office that are being courted for a Party switch. Joe Paschal is already actively campaigning for HD70

Also, at the March 11, 2017 Convention, Mark Wicks was nominated to run in the special election to replace US House Representative Ryan Zinke who was appointed as the Trump Administration's Secretary of the Interior. He has a campaign team and a website up.

Ballot Access and Party Status

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

PRIMARIES:

Montana has a mandatory open primary that the MTLP must participate in.

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

¹⁸ Replaced Mike Fellows after his passing.

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

Activities

The affiliate is in re-organization mode but is working rapidly to get back up to speed. Previously, the affiliate participated in booths at the Gallatin County Fair, Yellowstone County Fair, Ravalli County Fair and the Western Montana fair. They also hit the parade route as well with the Heritage Day Parade in Stevensville, Kalispell 4th of July Parade, Kalispell Fair Parade, and the Ravalli County Fair Parade.

There is a big outreach event planned for the summer.

Finances & Fundraising

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

Media Coverage

Significant press mentions include:

http://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/guest-opinion-least-government-best-for-montana-u-s/article_e8d1433a-4830-5870-b497-2199eda139ce.html

<http://www.ktvq.com/story/34326703/zinke-confirmation-not-yet-scheduled-another-r-enters-race-to-succeed-him>

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/politics/montana-libertarian-party-to-convene-ahead-of-special-election/article_5df423bb-a41f-5bbo-8d91-9ac1bf6609gd.html

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2017/02/06/election-waits-zinke-shoe-drop/97479096/>

<http://newwest.net/2017/03/02/new-west-daily-roundup-for-mar-2-2017/>

<http://www.ktvh.com/2017/03/gianforte-chosen-as-gop-candidate-for-montanas-special-election>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-03-11/libertarians-pick-inverness-rancher-for-congressional-race>

<http://www.krtv.com/story/34731402/montana-libertarian-party-selects-wicks-as-nominee-for-us-house-seat>

<http://www.kpax.com/story/34949029/libertarian-congressional-candidate-campaigns-in-great-falls>

<http://www.krtv.com/story/34945966/wicks-makes-campaign-stop-in-great-falls>

http://billingsgazette.com/news/government-and-politics/a-mail-election-would-save-yellowstone-county-k-elections-administrator/article_8521b25c-1dac-502a-97f4-efogcdfffege.html

<http://www.northernbroadcasting.com/index.php/voices-of-montana/13161/>

Other

Long-time MTLP Chair

Statement from the Chair

I am proud to report the continued growth in membership and county affiliates within the MTLP as we now have 16 chapters at various stages of organization. Our outreach and social media efforts have been more aggressive which is drawing more people to look into the LP. We are presently working to build a stronger communications division and a policy/political division to work with our state legislature on advancing LP policy within Montana. It is really encouraging that we have so many people stepping up and are more than eager to be a part of the MTLP.

Ron Vandevender, Chair

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF UTAH



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Andrew McCullough, chair@libertarianutah.org

Vice Chair: David Raine

Treasurer: Chelsea Travis

Secretary: Brian Kamerath

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

Office Space

Chair McCullough is a practicing attorney and allows the LPUT the use of conference space in his offices.

Paid Staff/Contractors

There are no paid staff, but the LPUT has a volunteer Scott Linsley who functions as an Executive Director and has been given a Board vote.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	13,281. This represents .87% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	The LPUT Constitution defines membership as including dues-payers and pledgers to its Statement of Principles, but does not require partisan registration.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).

Number of Candidates 2014/2016	11 / 11
Estimated Budget	\$10-12K per year
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 2,546. This would place Utah 37 th in the affiliate rankings, done one ranking since my last report. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth.
Newsletter?	No, but is in progress.
Database?	Yes, but type unknown.
BSM Members	146. This places Montana at 35 th in the affiliate rankings. This remains unchanged since my last report, and is up 29.5% over a one-year period.

Board Meetings

There are monthly open meetings.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention is set for April 22-23, 2017. I will not be able to attend as it is the same weekend as the Washington State Convention. Chair McCullough is not seeking re-election.

State Level Membership

Yes. There are about 250-300 dues-paying members. They have two operational classes of membership: pledged (to their Statement of Principles) dues-payers; and pledgers only. Only pledged dues-payers are eligible to vote in internal Party business at their convention but pledged members can vote on candidate selection.

Sub-Affiliates

The Vice Chair took development of sub-affiliates on as a personal project, and these have been started since the beginning of this year with about six active groups, four of which are actual affiliates, and the other two being in development. I am waiting for a 2017 update.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

Eleven Libertarian candidates appeared on the ballot as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 3.50%

Brian Kamerath/Barry Evan Short (Governor/Lt. Governor): 3.08%

Andrew McCullough (Attorney General): 6.73%

Craig Bowden (US House, District 1): 5.87%

Jim Dexter (State Senate, District 6): 6.61%

Joe Buchman (State Senate, District 14): 9.4%

Lee Anne Walker (State House, District 46): 23.86%

Chelsea Travis (State House, District 35): 9.44%

Brent Zimmerman (State House, District 16): 8.45%

Chair McCullough broke previous records in his Attorney General run.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The Vice Chair of Ogden County is putting together an informal candidate forum.

Ballot Access and Party Status

The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).

PRIMARIES:

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

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

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

Activities

There are monthly social activities and other special events.

Finances & Fundraising

In the Utah state tax laws, taxpayers are offered the opportunity to have a part of their taxes “refunded” in the form of a \$2 donation to a political party of their choice. The LPUT receives up to \$10K a year through this benefit, but the old parties receive a huge windfall. This public funding works very much like the Federal system in that selecting this option does not increase or decrease the amount of taxes owed.

Media Coverage

Significant media included:

<http://rare.us/story/utah-governor-hopes-to-tackle-the-public-health-issue-of-porn-by-proposing-what-hasnt-been-done-in-the-state-in-more-than-a-decade/>

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/4705065-155/utahs-guv-seeks-50k-from-taxpayers>

Other

The LPUT does not have particular focus issues though certain candidates do. Medical marijuana is a big topic as well as the fact that Utah is only of only 12 states that tax Social Security income. School choice is also a large concern.

Additionally, there is straight ticket voting in Utah, the only state in Region 1 to have this. Chair McCullough said there is no move to get rid of the straight ticket voting which certainly made a huge difference (negative) in his Attorney General run as the Democrat pretty much said he was dropping out (without officially dropping out) and still got 25.09% of vote though no campaigning done for a few months. The big parties love it too much. There was a bill in the last legislature to get rid of it but it went nowhere.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON



LIBERTARIAN Party of Washington

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: David Traynor, David.Traynor@lpwa.org.

Vice Chair: Don Myers, Don.Myers@lpwa.org

Treasurer: Sean Treasure, Sean.Treasure@lpwa.org

Secretary: Katherine Carter, Katherine.Carter@lpwa.org

The LPWA also has eight Regional Directors (Jacob Lamont, Benjamin Judah Phelps, John Brandmair, Adrian Wright, Curtis Hart, Gavin Keefe, James Apker, and Ryan Johnson) and the following divisions: Political, Communications, IT, Outreach, Events, and General Volunteering.

Website: www.lpwa.org

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	618 BSM members, and approximately 385 state Party dues-paying members.
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM and Party Bylaws.

Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	13 /31 (their website does not yet have them all)
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 7,909. This would place Washington about 14 th in the affiliate rankings which is a decrease of one rank since my last report. Some implementation of growth practices would potentially skyrocket this page. I recommended that their page administrators watch my Facebook training video.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, CiviCRM
BSM Members	618. This places Washington at 11 th in the affiliate rankings. This is the same ranking since my last report and up 41.6% over a one-year period.

Board Meetings

The LPWA meets quarterly in person and monthly via teleconference.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention dates are April 21-23, 2017. I will be in attendance as a speaker.

State Level Membership

Yes, as defined by the LPWA Bylaws. They have about 385 dues-paying members.

Sub-Affiliates

The LPWA has eight regions (with regional directors mentioned on site) and about 12-15 recognized county parties.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPWA ran 31 candidates with eleven making it out of the Top Two Primary.

Primary Election Analysis and Commentary (from LPWA):

1. Our Attorney General Candidate has officially received the most votes by a Libertarian in the history of Washington Libertarians in a Primary or General Election. Joshua B. Trumbull (L) has received over 275,000 votes and there are still 250,000 ballots remaining to be counted. Joshua will appear on the November Ballot as a statewide candidate, along with the Johnson/Weld ticket. Please support his campaign to help boost our exposure and his success!

2. Justin Murta, the Libertarian Candidate for State Insurance Commissioner received over 79,000 votes in a three way race, garnering 7.4% of the statewide vote. This was Murta's first campaign, and he received the endorsement of high profile Republican elected officials for the spot.

3. Our US Senate Candidate, Mike Luke, finished 6th in a 17 way race! The race for the US Senate was arguably the most crowded field in an overwhelming wall of names, and this was Mr. Luke's first political campaign. His campaign appealed to over 16,000 voters across the state. Mike ran a clean campaign and we look forward to his next step!

4. Congressional candidates across the state pulled in honorable numbers in similarly crowded races. Scott Stafne, CD1, finished 4th in a field of 5, with 3% of the total. Brian Luke, brother of US Senate candidate Mike Luke, finished 4th in a field of 5 in the CD2 race, with a 3.25% finishing. Krystal McGee ran a last minute campaign against Republican powerhouse Cathy McMorris Rodgers in CD5, his first campaign ever, and finished 5th in a field of 5 with about 2% of the vote. Collectively, these three candidates provided an alternate option on the ballot for over 10,000 Washingtonians who proudly cast their ballots for the LP.

5. Our candidate for the highest executive office, Paul Addis for Lt. Governor, received over 20,000 votes in an eleven candidate race, receiving 2% and beating all non-major party candidates. Mr. Addis ran a campaign for state representative in 2014 and has spent the past two years and two campaigns garnering very positive media attention for the Libertarian Party. He remains as a very positive figure for the face of the party and is an inspiration to those who will follow his lead in carrying the Libertarian banner.

6. In a three party, three candidate race, Mr. Tim Turner received over 63,000 votes for the Secretary of State position. Mr. Turner gained attention across the state on his strong libertarian positions as well as his retro campaign Delorean. Mr. Turner achieved nearly 6% of the vote in what will be the most hotly contested race in this state's general election.

7. Former chairman, Steven Nielson, handed off his gavel to seek the office of Public Lands Commissioner. With 300,000 ballots remaining to be counted, Nielson remains tied for 5th place in a race of 7 candidates, with 51,000 votes and 4.8%. Nielson has been tracking daily results and has noted that his campaign continues to narrow the margin with each round of counting, indicating that late voters (independents and undecided) tended toward the Libertarian campaign at a higher rate than the early voters.

8. There were 21 State Legislative candidates, running for Senate and Representative seats in the Primary Election. Of the 21, ten Libertarians will advance to the General Election. These candidates represented over 56,000 voters across their districts in the state, with more potential gains as the remaining 250,000 ballots are counted over the next several days. These 21 candidates ran a variety of campaigns, from fully active campaigns to paper candidates, buying the ballot real-estate for the party. All candidates and campaign types are equally important to our overall objectives of libertarian advocacy, political diversity in elections, and attaining major party status in Washington State through the Gary Johnson campaign. The candidates who will not advance deserve our thanks and congratulations. **Those who will be on the general ballot in November deserve our support.** They are the torch bearers representing the political alternative in our state and nation.

Candidate	Votes	Percent	Candidates	Advance?
Apker	4,988	26.59%	2	y
McGlenn	5,199	28.25%	2	y
Delaney	1,573	7.98%	3	n
Foster	4,421	21.69%	2	y
Cooper	3,109	14.14%	3	n
Scott	7,337	26.53%	2	y
Price	3,097	20.99%	2	y
Hels	3,615	22.32%	2	y
Guthrie	1,054	6.13%	4	n
Lyons	767	3.20%	4	n
Frostad	5,163	26.10%	2	y
Hart	581	2.73%	4	n
Schaefer	659	4.14%	3	n
Driscoll	868	4.60%	3	n
Simonson	824	3.64%	3	n
Jordan	426	1.90%	4	n
Lamont	920	3.06%	4	n
Burns	538	1.81%	4	n
Viskovich	3,124	11.72%	2	y
Darnell	4,424	25.55%	2	y
Phelps	3,786	22.06%	2	y
TOTAL	56,473	Advance to General:	10	

The following candidates were left in race:

1. Josh Trumbull for Attorney General (32.84%)
2. James Apker for state senate Wa3 (32.67%)
3. Randy McGlenn for SR-Wa3 (32.69%)
4. Dennis Price for State Senate wa11 (23.65%)
5. Alex Hels for SR-wa21 (27.8%)

6. Michelle Darnell SR-Wa48 (29.87%)

7. Mike Foster Sr-Wa7 (23.13%)

8. Michael Scott for SR-Wa10 (28.04%)

9. John Frostad SrWa-31 (28.4%)

10. Benjamin Phelps SrWa-48 (27.35%)

11. Stephanie Viskovich SRWA-46 (15.12%)

The vote totals are still being certified. Presently Johnson/Weld have over 5% but this may come down during counting and certified of mail-in and absentee ballots. The ultimate difference may come down to as few as 500 votes.

The Attorney General candidate Josh Trumbull got as many as a million votes.

For further details, please see "Statement from the Chair" below.

Addendum: As of 11/30/16, the Washington Secretary of State has taken the position that Presidential vote totals are 4.89% due to write-ins, undervotes, and overvotes. The issue with this is that the write-in votes are not legitimate under Washington law, and are not being tabulated, but the number of them is being used to calculate the percentages. Without these, the Johnson ticket would be at 5.01%, and the LPWA would qualify for major party status. The LPWA is considering exploring legal options.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The LPWA has a goal of 100 candidates to run in 2017 local non-partisan races. They have about 50-75 soft commitments. For 2018 they have likely candidates for all of the Federal races and are working on the State races. There are candidates running in city council races this year.

Ballot Access and Party Status

At the end of June, the LPWA had collected about 800 signatures so far towards their goal of 2,000 signatures (1,000 are required). They have until 7/23/16 to meet this goal. It always remains insecure until accepted since the Secretary of State in reality can invalidate for any reason. One concern is that they do not yet have the signatures of Johnson and Weld for their nominations, and Washington requires that the signatures be before a Washington notary; thus a notary needs to go to them or they need to go to Washington to get this taken care of.

Unless LPWA becomes a major party, they are required to obtain 1,000 signatures in order to petition onto the ballot. Although at the time of this report Johnson and Weld have over 5% of the vote, the mail-in and absentee ballots have yet to be counted/certified, and the Secretary of State has advised these may push that percentage down, so the LPWA is in a waiting game until potentially after December 8, 2016 and are examining their recount legal options.

As Richard Winger noted, Washington should consider lobbying for a lower threshold to become ballot qualified which is presently 5% in the presidential race. The median vote test of the 50 states is only 2%.

PRIMARIES:

Washington is a "top-two" state in which only two candidates make it out of the primaries onto the general ballot.

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

In order to obtain qualified party status and have automatic ballot access (as well as other benefits including higher placement on ballots), the LPWA must obtain 5% in the Presidential race. The Washington Secretary of State does not appear to use the distinction of major and minor party status though that is the common parlance. Ballot status was denied in 2016 by the Secretary of State in a shocking break with precedent by including write-in votes in the total which lowered Johnson's vote result to under 6%; however, the write-ins were invalid votes.

Activities

The new Chair in April will need to be consulted about activities and visions for the next year.

Finances & Fundraising

The LPWA's primary source of funding is membership dues and voluntary donations.

Media Coverage

Significant media coverage included:

<http://ballot-access.org/2016/11/30/washington-secretary-of-state-wont-recognize-libertarian-party-after-all/>

<https://extranewsfeed.com/kim-wyman-is-cheating-the-washington-libertarian-party-9216da731874#.q5ot2xgts>

<http://reason.com/blog/2016/12/02/washington-state-denies-libertarian-part>

<http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/as-expected-libertarian-party-denied-major-party-status-in-washington/>

<https://ivn.us/2016/12/27/political-party-status-stolen-libertarian-party/>

Other

The LPWA does not have any specific issues they are focusing on as a party, but candidates have taken up several key issues such as foreclosure fraud, term limits for state legislators, industrialized hemp, as well as cannabis. Washington is so diverse that there are not issues that are common to a majority.

A minimum wage hike was passed as well Initiative 1491 which is an "emergency measure" for temporarily restricting the gun possession rights of persons determined through, amongst other factors, statement of family members that a person is going through a traumatic period and should not have access to firearms.

Statement from the Chair

The Libertarian Party of Washington is on a trajectory to success. Three straight years of growth in all measurable areas. Just 5 years ago, State Party Membership, had reached critically low levels due to apathy and Eeyore syndrome. Backlash from i-872 being upheld in the supreme court in 2008, which established the "top two" primary in Washington. From a high point, in the year 2000, which saw 53 candidates run on the LPWA ticket and "Major Party" status being achieved thanks to Ruth Bennett's Lieutenant Governor campaign; to 2010, and a candidate total of 0.

New Leadership and renewed spirit began building in 2012 and 2013. The party began running candidates again. Unafraid to fail, because the only way to grow is through trial and error. Testing new strategies, and recruiting new invigorated volunteers and activists the party ran 12 candidates in 2014. August of 2014 saw 8 of these 12 advance through the top two primary, and the race was on. In 2015 the party ran 14 candidates for local elections, and was able to achieve a number of wins at the city level.

2016 saw the LPWA propelled back into the spotlight. All told the LPWA ran 32 candidates with Johnson/Weld, including the first state executive slate since 2004. This group of candidates, some new, some battle tested; achieved the best results in history. 11 candidates(10 Legislative, 1 State Executive) made it through to the general election to join a Johnson/Weld presidential ticket, that had just identified Washington as a battleground state for their campaign. Despite not notching a win, the LPWA candidates averaged 28% of the vote in these races. Joshua Trumbull, LPWA Attorney General Candidate, received the highest vote total of any candidate in the history of the party. Even beating out the presidential ticket, Joshua Trumbull achieved approx 986,000 votes.

Despite a rouge decision by the Secretary of State, denying the Johnson/Weld ticket 5% and Major Party Status(See accompanying document), it is safe to say that the party has now trained almost 1 million Washington voters to cast their ballots for the "L".

'15, '16, and today; State Party Membership has grown from 106, to 148, to over 370. National membership has performed in kind, moving April State convention snapshots of 350, to 361, to 618 and in a battle with Colorado and the "Pink Recruiting Machine" for coveted 10th place on the overall members list.

New programs began catching hold this cycle. An emphasis on thinking and acting local that began 3 years ago has started reaping rewards. Numerous new County Affiliates will be chartered at this years convention, and if the trend continues we will be able to charter almost 2/3rds of the state by the end of 2017. An informal PCO system took hold with the development of new training tools. Almost 200 activists were recruited this way, hitting the pavement with their belt-hung rack card holder and newly developed manual to take control of their neighborhood. The Libertarian Party of Washington is now ready to rise to the challenge not only in 2020, but every election cycle to come.

This year has been another record year of growth for the LPWA; we are, and shall continue to be on a trajectory for electoral success. It has been one of the great pleasures of my life to serve alongside you.

Keep the flame of Liberty alive in Region 1.

David Traynor, Chair

WYOMING LIBERTARIAN PARTY



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Dee Cozzens, RCozzens@aol.com

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Kit Carson, cspoa@aol.com

Secretary: Larry Struempf, wolibertarian@gmail.com

Website: <http://wolibertarianparty.com/>

Office Space

No.

Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	1,382 registered voters, up over 600 from my last report. This is .91% of the voters, up .24% from the 7/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Dues-paying registered voters. ¹⁹

¹⁹ The WYLP Bylaws provide for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters. This number is just a handful.

Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The WYLP has ballot access and earned major party status in 2014 when Kit Carson won over 10% in the secretary of state race.</p> <p>The access requirement is 2% of statewide race. In presidential years this test is limited to just US House. In mid-term years, three offices count towards this test: US House, governor, and secretary of state. This was met by US House Representative candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 1
Estimated Budget	None at this time
Website / Facebook Current?	<p>Website was started and stalled. Extensive urging was given to have Andy Burns create a website for the affiliate. Facebook is currently being operated by one in-state volunteer and several out-of-state contributors, with page likes at 375. This would place Wyoming 49th in the affiliate ranking. There is an older page with more likes under "Wyoming Libertarian Party" which has not been updated since 2013, and it is unknown who has admin access.</p>
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No.
BSM Members	37. This places Wyoming at 51 st in the affiliate rankings. But they have grown 54.1% in number.

Board Meetings

The Board meets regularly via conference call.

State Convention

The 2017 Convention dates have not yet been set but it needs to take place before July 1, 2017.

State Level Membership

The WYLP Bylaws do provide for dues-paying state level membership. They presently only have about 4 dues-paying members.

Sub-Affiliates

There are 23 counties in Wyoming but the affiliate is having difficulty starting active county groups.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)

The Wyoming primary takes place on August 16, 2016. There is mandatory participation by the Libertarian Party since earning major party status. Presently there is only one candidate, Larry Struempf, who is running against Republican Liz Cheney (of Dick Cheney fame) for US House of Representatives.

Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They have some candidates on deck to run, including Vice Chair Kit Carson who will be running for Secretary of State.

Ballot Access and Party Status

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

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

PRIMARIES:

In Wyoming, parties that receive 10% in a qualifying race receive their own primary while other qualified parties nominate by convention. This threshold was met in 2014 for Secretary of State, but was not met this year so the WYLP will be nominating by convention, which is more economical to the taxpayers and didn't really give the Party any advantage at all.

MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

The Wyoming Secretary of State lists the WYLP as a major political party but this will change as the Party did not obtain 10% for US House, Secretary of State, or Governor, which is the required threshold.

Activities

There is nothing currently planned, but the affiliate is in building/re-building mode.

Finances & Fundraising

Finances are virtually non-existent, and the WYLP is planning on ways to attract dues-paying members. The affiliate is struggling to come back from near-extinction but has a dedicated core.

Media Coverage

None.

Other

The issues that are of unique concern to the WYLP surround environmental issues and government intrusion. The oil, gas, and coal industries are crucial to the economy, and they have suffered from over-regulation and intrusion. This is an area in which the WYLP is planning on garnering attention in advocating for Libertarian solutions. Wyoming has medical marijuana, but does not have legal recreational use at this time; however, hemp is likely to be the next hot issue.

Statement from the Chair

Requested.

**Region 2 Report to the LNC
April 6, 2017**

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All Region 2 States are actively recruiting new members. Every state is seeking candidates for local, state, and federal offices and has fully functioning Web Sites which are updated as needed and contain contact information for their Officers by email and/or telephone.

Tennessee:

The State Convention was held in Murfreesboro March 11 and 12th. There were 92 credentialed delegates and a total of 120 attendees (the largest in the history of the Tennessee LP). A complete new slate of officers has been elected. The new chair is Tom Arnold and the new Vice Chair is Cole Ebel.

Ballot access for the Libertarian Party is being pursued in the following manner: Legislative action is underway, a petition drive is being conducted and we are waiting for a response from the letter to the Secretary of State. Legal action is anticipated in the near future.

Georgia:

A successful state convention was held March 25 in Marietta. The new chair is Ted Metz and Vice Chair is Doug Craig. We have several candidates interested in pursuing state and local offices.

Florida:

Coco Beach will be the location for the state convention May 5 through May 7. Officer elections will be held during this convention. St. Johns County is the newest chartered affiliate.



See the following 20 pages for the Region 3 Report

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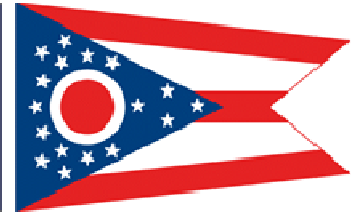
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Region 3 Overview

Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2016 Libertarian National Convention: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. This Region is comprised of States with similar constituencies and similar approaches to Party growth.

National Membership for the Region

Three of the four states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2015 and June 2016.

YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

- INDIANA MEMBERSHIP UP 47.6%
- KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP UP 62.7%
- MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP UP 58.8%
- OHIO MEMBERSHIP UP 60.0%

March 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3266	361	10
KENTUCKY	1206	110	32
MICHIGAN	5243	389	9
OHIO	5285	518	5

March 2017 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3562	533	13
KENTUCKY	1337	179	32
MICHIGAN	5576	618	9
OHIO	5749	782	6



Libertarian Party of Indiana

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS - SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION

State Chair: Joe Hauptmann (chair@lpin.org)

Vice Chair: Rodney Benker (vicechair@lpin.org)

Treasurer: Michael Schultheiss (treasurer@lpin.org)

Secretary: Frank Rossa (secretary@lpin.org)

District 1 Rep: Kevin Van Linden

District 2 Rep: Nick Hamill

District 3 Rep: Kristi Avery

District 4 Rep: Randy Young

District 5 Rep: Greg Noland

District 6 Rep: Jesse Riddle

District 7 Rep: Chris Spangle

District 8 Rep: Lindsay Horn

District 9 Rep: Greg Hertzsch

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Business Manager: Alyssa Salgado (asalgado@lpin.org)

Communications Director: Margaret Fette (outreach@lpin.org)

Office Space

LPIN has office space in Indianapolis at 1111 E. 54th St., Suite 158, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana is an all volunteer organization at this time.

State Level Membership

LPIN has 533 national and state members. Its state level membership is defined by those who contribute \$25 annually to the National LP.

Sub-Affiliates

LPIN organizes its sub-affiliates by county. It currently has 24 active, affiliated county parties, and 18 inactive, affiliated county parties, and 46 unaffiliated counties.

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2016)



2016 GENERAL ELECTION

In total, 45 Libertarians appeared on the ballot in Indiana in partisan races. Hagerstown Judge Susan Bell won re-election to her fifth term. Currently, 8 Libertarians are elected to public office in Indiana.

On the Federal side, the 2016 ticket was led by Governor Gary Johnson and Governor Bill Weld for President and Vice President, respectively. Lucy Brenton represented the party in the race for United States Senate. Nine candidates represented the party for U.S. Congress in all Congressional Districts.

On the state level, the ticket was led by longtime LP activist and contractor Rex Bell for Governor and 2014 Secretary of State Candidate Karl Tatgenhorst served as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN was represented by 21 candidates for State Senate and House, per their candidate listing on LPIN.org.

You can view the complete list of candidates at <http://lpin.org/2016-candidates/>.

2016 INDIANA DEBATE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE LIBERTARIANS IN TELEVISED DEBATES

Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates appeared in three televised debates this fall through the Indiana Debate Commission. The IDC is made up of most of the major Indiana media outlets insuring consistent coverage of the three televised debates. US Senate candidate Lucy Brenton also participated in one televised debate this fall (which LNC Rep Brett Bittner attended) at WFYI-TV.

2016 RAW ELECTION NUMBERS

(Numbers based on reporting the Secretary of State, updated December 2, 2016.)

US President: The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 133,993 votes. This is a 167% increase over Johnson/Gray in 2012 and 358% over Barr/Root in 2008 and a 642% increase over Badnarik/Campagna in 2004. Their percentage was at 4.9%, compared to 1.9% in 2012, Barr/Root at 1.1% in 2008, and Badnarik/Campagna at 0.7% in 2004.

US Senate: Lucy Brenton received 149,481 vote, just besting Andrew Horning by 2.9% who received 145,282 votes in 2012, Rebecca Sink-Burris by 58.5%.

US House Races: The LPIN's nine candidates combined for 165,160 votes Statewide, LP candidates achieved 6.2% of the total US House vote.

IN Governor: Rex Bell, who suffered a stroke about a week before Election Day, earned 3.2% of the vote with 87,025 votes, falling short of Rupert Boneham's 101,868 in 2012. This still bests 2008's efforts by 52%.

Results over the last Decade for Libertarians:

US Senate:

Osborn 2006: 168,820; 12.6% (2-way)

Sink-Burris 2010: 94,562; 5.4%

Horning 2012: 144,806; 5.8%

Brenton 2016: 149,481; 5.5%

Combined US House (percentages include all g races in each year):

2006: 17,324; 1.0% (2 candidates)

2008: 47,306; 1.8% (5 candidates)

2010: 84,518; 4.8% (9 candidates)



2012: 59,088; 2.4% (5 candidates)
2014: 44,951, 3.4% (8 candidates)
2016: 165,610, 6.2% (9 candidates)

Governor:

Horning 2008: 57,376; 2.1%
Boneham 2012: 100,335; 4.0%
Bell 2016: 87,025, 3.2%

President:

Barr 2008: 29,257; 1.1%
Johnson 2012: 49,194; 1.9%
Johnson 2016: 133,993, 4.9%

Auditor:

Knipe 2010: 78,098; 4.6%
Schick 2014: 58,269; 4.4%

SOS:

Kole 2006: 54,381; 3.3%
Wherry 2010: 100,847; 5.9%
Tatgenhorst 2014: 45,341; 3.4%

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

LPIN has automatic ballot access because they have surpassed 2% in the in the last Secretary of State (SOS) race. This was reaffirmed with the 2014 SOS race, run by Karl Tatgenhorst.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Ballot access is determined every 4 years by the SOS race results; as long as LPIN continues to reach or surpass the 2% mark it will retain ballot access for another 4 years. No problems are expected with maintaining ballot access in the near future, as LPIN hit 3.4% in the last SOS race.

Activities

State Level Activities

2017 STATE CONVENTION

Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Evansville, IN
May 5-7, 2017

Circle City PRIDE

June 10, 2017



Local Level Activities

Marion County affiliate will be organizing and co-branding Circle City PRIDE on June 10. This is consistently the largest outreach activity undertaken by the county and state parties each year. The Marion County affiliate has also begun organizing more social activities, including "Libertarian Movie Night," a shooting fundraiser, "Drinks with the Officers," and Cards Against Humanity.

Monroe County affiliate will be doing a virtual training for phone banking

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

LPIN is able to hold Texas Hold'em tournaments through the state's charity gaming license program. It is very successful in raising money with these annual events.

1994 SOCIETY

This is the monthly pledge program and it brings in the majority of the income for the party.

LICENSE THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION

LPIN licenses the Statewide Voter Registration to several data companies for a good profit.

Future Initiatives

UNKNOWN

Information Technology

LPIN's website is currently running on WordPress with a recently updated template thanks to the work of Andy Burns. There is no consistent use of a Constituent Resource Management (CRM) system for data management, and issues surrounding the 1994 Society transition to the new CRM remain an issue. A recent Central Committee meeting did fund a CRM investment in Wild Apricot, a membership management system.

Other

LPIN Vice Chair Rodney Benker notes, "Indiana is going to crush it in 2017 & 18."



Libertarian Party of Kentucky

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: David Capano

Vice Chair: Bryan Short

Treasurer: James Bozman

Secretary: Cyrus Eckenberg

Office Space

LPKY had office space donated for 2 months which was utilized to promote the Libertarian Party Presidential Ticket in a high-traffic area in Northern Kentucky. This was the first office space in LPKY history and was donated and managed by Chris Robinson (LPKY Judicial Committee) and Amy Robinson (LPKY District 4 Chair.) Of interest, this was the same space Alison Grimes used during her US Senate campaign against Mitch McConnell (R) and David Patterson (L). Office space is being considered for future endeavors. Mail can be sent to LPKY at P.O. Box 73213, Bellevue, KY 41073.

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

Membership at the state level is represented by the number of people who reside in KY and pay the \$30 (or more) annual dues to the state, monthly donors who pay \$10/month to the state, 1798 Club members who pay \$17.98/month to the state and Lifetime Members who donated \$1,000 or more within a calendar year to the state . **There are currently nearly 100 dues paying members in KY.**

Membership requirements haven't changed since 2009, but the requirements are determined by the state executive committee which, as a body, can change the requirements at will.

Sub-Affiliates

The State of Kentucky recognizes LPKY's affiliates that have filed with KREF and LPKY is actively working to grow by chartering one remaining congressional district and then by chartering more counties in 2017 (LPKY chartered 2 more counties in 2016.)

There are currently 6 congressional districts in Kentucky, 5 of which (1, 2, 3, 4, & 6) have active LPKY affiliates, 1 which is in the development phase.

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2016)

PARTY STATUS CHANGES FROM "POLITICAL GROUP" TO "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION"



With the Johnson/Weld ticket earning 4.5% of the state's votes for President/Vice President, LPKY is now recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a "Political Organization," with the same petitioning requirements as the Republican and Democratic parties. 53,752 votes were cast for the ticket. This means that ballot access is secured through 2020's election and future status will depend on the 2020 Presidential ticket's outcome.

ONE LIBERTARIAN ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE

Mitch Rushing – Jefferson County Commission

Past Election Cycle (2014)

TWO LIBERTARIANS ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE

Shannon Denniston - Magistrate in Montgomery County

Tracy Roberts - Magistrate in Marshall County

TWO CANDIDATES BROKE 10% IN A THREE-WAY RACE

Cristi Kendrick - Boone County Commissioner #2 earned 11.24%

Joseph Redmon - Hardin County Constable #5 earned 12.86%

DAVID PATTERSON - US SENATE

David Patterson **broke the record** for the most votes received by a Libertarian in Kentucky. 44,231 voters chose David Patterson for US Senate.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The state of Kentucky defines a "political party" as getting 20% or more in KY the presidential race, a "political organization" as getting 2%-20%, and a "political group" as getting less than 2%.

Ballot access for the organization label is such that signature requirements have now dropped to the same levels as the R's and D's, reducing signature gathering time and costs, while most likely increasing the number of candidates who would be willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky. LPKY is no longer considered a "political group", and LPKY candidates are no longer required to gather significantly more signatures to get on the ballot than their R & D counterparts. **This is record breaking history for the LP in KY and is in large part due to the efforts of the KY campaign, managed by LPKY's own Vice-Chair Bryan Short, regionally by LPKY Boone County's own Cristi Kendrick and the outreach efforts of LPKY's District affiliates.**

Activities

State Level Activities

2017 State Convention Planning

Local Level Activities

Affiliated Districts and Counties are planning their 2017 conventions.

Finances & Fundraising

Recent Initiatives

LPKY raised nearly \$45,000 for ballot access and achieved the goal, securing the ballot for all Libertarian candidates in KY for the next 4 years!



Current Initiatives

The Chair is working with the Convention Committee and will be accepting bids from LPKY Districts to host the Annual State Convention with a deciding criteria of hosting a state party fundraising event during convention weekend.

Future Initiatives

The Fundraising Committee plans to work with the Membership Committee throughout 2017 to more than double the roster of dues paying members by January 1, 2018.

Media Coverage

Nothing recent

Information Technology

The current website is running on Drupal for content management and spreadsheets are used to keep track of donors and registered members.

LPKY is currently designing a fully overhauled website with the most current version of WordPress and pulling in theme and content elements to both bring its presence on the web into today's age and in-line with LP national's look and feel.

Other

LPKY has shattered records all year long and surpassed its goals, and in their own words "We've only just begun!"



Libertarian Party of Michigan

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

State Chair – Bill Gelineau, chair@michiganlp.org

Vice Chair – Kimberly McCurry, vicechair@michiganlp.org

Secretary – Diane Bostow

Treasurer – Jason Brandenburg

Libertarian Executive Committee At-large Directors:

- Gregory Creswell
- [Tiffany Hayden](#)
- Jonathan Osment
- Emily Salvette
- Jeff Wood

Judicial Committee:

- Bill Hall
- Mary Buzuma

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Webmaster – Ryan Patrosso
- Political Director – Scotty Bowman
- Membership Coordinator – JJ McCurry
- Media Director – Bradley Hunt

Office Space

LPM does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPM at P.O. Box 27065, Lansing, MI 48909

State Level Membership

Working on updating this information

Sub-Affiliates

Affiliates are currently being formed by groups of neighboring counties. There are currently a total of 13 sub-affiliates:

- 4 very active



- 4 active
- 4 forming (2 of which are due to new volunteers who have offered to start a local group since the last report)
- 3 inactive

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2016)

The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 172,136 votes for 3.59% of the ballot. Johnson/Gray did not appear on the ballot in 2012, yet received 7,774 write-in votes for .16%. 2008's Barr/Root ticket earned 23,716 votes and .47%.

LPMI ran 69 candidates from President to Township Trustee.

SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

LP Michigan ran 2 candidates in the 2016 special election for House District 80 and House District 82.

Arnie Davidson received 6.13% of the vote in House District 80.

Tracy Spilker received 4.86% of the vote in House District 82.

The most notable result is State Rep candidate Michael J. Perry who received 13% of the vote in a 3-way race, achieving 4,843 votes.

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

Major party status achieved by virtue of the 2016 Presidential ticket success.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

See special convention below about changes to bylaws now that major party status has been attained.

Activities

State Level Activities

2016 SPECIAL CONVENTION

The 2016 Libertarian Party of Michigan special convention took place February 4th, where bylaws were reformed. Firstly, to conform with the scheduling requirements of the State Election Law. Secondly, to enact some reforms which LPM thinks will help them be more successful going forward. Some highlights:

- The 2018 Convention will now take place in August / September as mandated by the State. Most of the candidates will be nominated by primary. Some will be done at this later Convention.
- The State LEC will be elected for a 2 year term to coincide with the election cycle, doing that this year on July 29 in Lansing.
- The LEC will now be differently constructed. 5 officers.... Chair, 2 Vice-Chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected At-Large. Each of our 14 Congressional Districts will choose one representative to the Exec Committee.
- LPM will be utilizing a delegate process for choosing the voting members at the Convention. Emily Salvette has taken on the challenge of doing our first one.



Defender of Liberty Awards (“Libbies”) have been presented at their annual LibertyFest Banquet to a maximum of six select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Awards are normally presented to Michigan residents.

LPM granted three Libby Awards at the event to three very deserving Libertarians:

- **Spokesperson for Liberty Award:** Glenn Wilson
- **Promoter of Liberty Award:** Bradley Hunt
- **Producer of Liberty Award:** Raymond Warner

UNAFFILIATED COUNTIES

Unaffiliated counties were distributed into 7 regions, organizing them to help select delegates, LPM expects at least 4 of these to develop into affiliates. In the mean time, they’re making a lot of ongoing contacts and building up areas long ignored, as new members continue to flow in.

Local Level Activities

LIBERTY FEST

Liberty Fest is an annual event in LP Michigan which is held by a different local affiliate each year. The purpose is to recognize dedicated members of LP Michigan. The event includes an award presentation for a Promoter of Liberty, a Defender of Liberty, and a Behind the Scenes Liberty Activist. This is a chance for LP Michigan leaders to congratulate and express their gratitude for the hardest working and most successful members and celebrate recent LP Michigan successes.

Finances & Fundraising

Past Initiatives

None active

Current Initiatives

None active

Future Initiatives

None planned currently

Media Coverage

None listed on the website at this time

Information Technology

LPM currently uses Wordpress as the back-end for its website.



Other



Libertarian Party of Ohio

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Like the Republican and Democrat counterparts in Ohio, the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) is managed by a state Central Committee (CentCom) which is a body of members elected through the formal election primary process.

The CentCom operates like a board of directors which elects the state Executive Committee (ExCom) which runs the day to day operations of the LPO.

After the most recent primary election, the state CentCom elected the following leaders to the ExCom:

- **Chair: [Scott Pettigrew – scott.pettigrew@lpo.org](mailto:scott.pettigrew@lpo.org)
- **Vice Chair: Elizabeth Gentner – elizabeth.gentner@lpo.org
- Secretary: Robert Coogan – robert.coogan@lpo.org
- Deputy Secretary: Kevin Knedler – kevin.knedler@lpo.org
- Treasurer: Linda Comstock – linda.comstock@lpo.org
- Deputy Treasurer: Christopher Gill - chris.gill@lpo.org
- At-Large: Ann Leech – ann.leech@lpo.org
- At-Large: Christopher Gill - chris.gill@lpo.org
- At-Large: Harold Thomas – harold.thomas@lpo.org

**Elected at the December 3, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

The LPO bylaws specify a divisional structure for the LPO and allow for the ExCom chair to appoint division directors to lead each division. The LPO believes the divisional structure provides a strong set of leaders, each of whom is focused on an area of expertise and responsibility. With this approach, no one person needs to know or be responsible for too many different activities.

The divisions and appointed leaders are as follows:

- Communication Division – Media Contact: Aaron Harris, Copy Editor: John Fockler
- Field Development Division – Director: Vacant
 - 9 regional liaison positions available (3 currently filled)
- Finance Division – Director: Gregory Pizarro
- IT Division – Director: Vacant



- Political Division – Director: Tricia Sprankle, Deputy Director: Joe Bowersox

Office Space

The LPO maintains its two-room, fully-functional office of approximately 240 sq. ft. at 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The LPO currently has one paid contractor who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. The Finance Director is responsible for tracking and soliciting contributions, managing the benefits to the contributors, keeping personal contact with higher level donors, sending thank you cards, planning income-generating events and activities, etc.

State Level Membership

Nothing submitted

Sub-Affiliates

Nothing submitted

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2016)

Due to the ballot access issues in place in Ohio, Gary Johnson was listed as an Independent candidate for President, rather than having the Libertarian Party label. He earned 174,498 votes or 3.17% of the 5,607,641 votes cast. No other LPO candidates appeared on the ballot.

Past Election Cycle (2014)

Auditor of State: Bob Bridges – 4.77%, 143363 votes

Secretary of State: Kevin Knedler – 4.67%, 141292 votes

US House District 5: Eric Eberly – 4.62%, 9344 votes

US House District 10: David Harlow – 3.29%, 6605 votes

US House District 14: David Macko – 3.72%, 7988 votes

State House District 19: Chad Monnin – 8.31%, 3253 votes

State House District 24: Mark Noble – 5.08%, 2032 votes

State House District 31: Queen Noble – 3.27%, 887 votes

State House District 57: Robert Sherwin – 5.31%, 1701 votes

State House District 62: Scott Pettigrew – 5.96%, 1918 votes



State House District 97: Nelson Roe – 25.28%, 7018 votes

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

In 2014, Governor candidate Charlie Earl and Attorney General candidate Stephen Linnabary were removed from the ballot by the Secretary of State after petitioning to appear on the November general election ballot. As a result of SB 193 in Ohio, the Governor's race is the ballot test race for maintaining ballot access. Without a candidate, ballot access was not retained. SB 193 set high barriers for alternative parties to get their candidates on the ballot and to retain access once they obtain it. It also bars parties new to the ballot from holding primaries, which under Ohio law is the only way a voter may become recognized as a member of any political party. SB 193 set a threshold of 2% of the vote for governor in the 2014 election for an alternative party to retain access. In future years, that figure would rise to 3% of the vote for president in presidential years or for governor in the years in which that office is elected.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The LPO is currently petitioning for 2018 party status on the ballot. See ballot access report for greater detail on these activities.

Members of the committee that petitioned to place the Johnson/Weld ticket on the ballot filed paperwork with the office of Secretary of State Jon Husted claiming party status and ballot access for the next four years. If successful, this effort will place LPO candidates in 2017 on primary ballots for consideration by the public.

Activities

State Level Activities

2017 CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The LPO has scheduled a conference for May 4-5, 2017

ANNUAL LPO CONVENTION (2016)

In August, the LPO held their 2016 convention.

ANNUAL LPO PICNIC

The LPO held its annual picnic on September 17th at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is a family friendly event with plenty of food and drink, and typically features the always popular fundraiser, "pie in the face of your favorite LPO leader." The LPO has also used a "dunk tank for your LPO leaders" as a new fundraiser which also proved financially successful.

Local Level Activities

COUNTY FAIRS

The local affiliates had a presence at 5 county fairs (at least), all with very good attendance and successful outreach for new volunteers.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND TEAM BUILDING

The LPO plans to ramp up its local and regional team meetings with training and team building to continue the upward trend in county affiliate formation and local activism.



Finances & Fundraising

Nothing to note

Media Coverage

Nothing to note

Information Technology

The LPO upgraded their website and database to the Libertas platform in 2013.

Other

Nothing to note

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 10, 2017

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the Alexandria meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Pittsburgh 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). Also, I was interviewed by RT TV on Dec. 27 and by reporters for a Lithuanian news publication on Mar. 18.

Delaware

Sean Goward (sean.goward@yahoo.com) was elected chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware during the LPD convention in Dover on Mar. 25. He succeeds Scott Gesty, who chose not to seek reelection. Mr. Goward was the LPD candidate for governor last year.

District of Columbia

John LaBeaume (jvlab@electiondissection.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. He noted that the LPDC has achieved “major party” status, and that LPDC members are looking forward to conducting a Libertarian primary in 2018. He indicated that since DC votes are now able to register “Libertarian,” there are now more than 900 registrants. He anticipates that this number will soon exceed 1000.

Maryland

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

The Maryland LP has 20,230 registered voters, as of February, 2017, according to the state Board of Elections. This is the first time in over 80 years that a non-establishment political party in Maryland has had over 20,000 members.

The annual state party convention will take place on Saturday, 29 April at the All American Steak House in Laurel, MD. Neil Franklin, the Executive Director of LEAP (Law Enforcement

Against Prohibition), and who spoke at the recent national party convention in Orlando last May, will be the banquet speaker.

MDLP vice chair Eric Blitz worked with various groups on ballot access and civil liberties legislation this General Assembly session at the state capital in Annapolis, for the fourth year in a row. Another bill to allow parties with at least 10,000 registered voters to have ballot access did not get out of committee. To retain ballot access, the MDLP 2018 gubernatorial candidate will have to get at least 1% of the vote in the general election.

2014 MDLP gubernatorial candidate Shawn Quinn is planning to run again for Governor. He will be seeking the party's nomination at the spring convention on April 29. The annual MDLP picnic will take place at the home of the Sten family near North East, Maryland on July 29.

North Carolina

Brian Irving (brian@libertypoint.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, provided the following report:

The major activity in NC is our North Carolina for Free Beer initiative. There's an article in the current *LP News* about it.

The LPNC is supporting a group called Craft Freedom, who are lobbying the state legislature to raise the barrel limit craft brewers can produce before having to turn over one-third of their business to big distributors under a government monopoly. We're selling T-shirts and support legislative reform to lift the restriction from 25,000 to 200,000 barrels. This is a free market issue. NC craft brewers add \$1.2 billion dollars and create more than 10,000 jobs annually.

Pennsylvania

Drew Bingaman (chair@susquehannavalleylp.org) was elected chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania at the LPPA convention in Harrisburg on Apr. 2. He succeeds Shawn House as chair. Allow me to offer my thanks to the LPPA for the hospitality I received while attending the convention.

Virginia

Bo Brown (bocbrown@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. The LPVA will hold a special convention in the Richmond area on May 6 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor.

In order to place the candidate on the ballot, the party must submit at least 10,000 signatures of registered Virginia voters to the State Board of Elections by June 13. In addition, for each of the

eleven congressional districts in Virginia, the party must submit at least 400 signatures of Virginia voters registered to vote in that district.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org), the chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

We have already had no less than 6 candidates come forward with intent to seek office under our banner in 2018 (local and state offices). This is huge as we are always scrambling at the last minute for candidates.

We are beginning the search for a candidate for Governor (2020) as this is the most important race on which we can focus. We currently have no prospects and with ballot access on the line we have to secure someone much sooner than later. If this is something you can hold your ear to the rail for, we would appreciate any potential individuals to run.

We are planning our 2017 convention right now and have secured the date and location (see below). It will be hard to top our 2016, but we plan to hold another great event that will be in the top attendance bracket again this year.

LPWV 2017 Convention and Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 24, 2017
9:00am through 5:00pm
Holiday Inn Express of Bridgeport
20 Sweetbrier Ln, Bridgeport, West Virginia 26330

At the upcoming meeting, we anticipate a full changing of the Executive Committee lineup (with the exception of Karl Swisher, who will remain Treasurer). This will be a very important internal election as it will determine the continuance of the state affiliate (as we have seen it fall apart post these elections in the past). I plan to stay on in an informal capacity to aid in the transition, but I will likely not seek nomination/election for any committee position.

We are also in the process of revamping our online presence and putting a few technologies in place that should help advance membership and candidate recruitment.

The LPWV also plans to hire a commission based fundraiser to help aid in our weakest area - donations. We will be hashing the details out for this position at the annual meeting.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 12, 2017

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

This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh should additional information become available.

- 1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. Unfortunately, my average response time has increased recently. While I am usually able to respond within 24 hours, in some cases I was unable to respond for several days.
- 2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. Please note that after 13 years as a member of the Advocates Board of Directors (and 7 years as chairman of the Board), I resigned from the Board with effect in December 2016.
- 3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. As mentioned in a previous report, I am reworking some documents to provide to Andy Burns for inclusion on the lpaction.org website. The documents are designed to provide training in the area of campus organizing.

I am pleased to note that Region 5 alternate Trent Somes and I conducted a teleconference on the topic of “Outreach to Students and Millennials” on March 27. From the feedback I have received, the teleconference was very successful. Allow me to express my appreciation to Jess Mears for her work to organize the event, and to Mr. Somes for his fine presentation.

- 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 am pleased to report that I had the honor of delivering the opening address at the International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, DC in February. Please join me in offering thanks to Wes Benedict for organizing an outreach effort at the event, and to the several LP members who assisted with that effort.

I delivered an address at the European Students For Liberty Conference (“LibertyCon 2017”) in Prague, Czech Republic on Mar. 18. (The title of the address was “Markets Uber Alles – How the Decreasing Cost of Information Allow Markets to Reduce the Size and Scope of Government.”) During the conference I was interviewed by two reporters from *IQ Magazine* (which is evidently the Lithuanian edition of *The Economist*) about the Libertarian movement in the U.S.

The European Students For Liberty regional organizers for Belgium and Portugal approached me during the conference to invite me to conduct campus organizing events in their countries within the next six months. I am trying to arrange my schedule so that I can accept the invitations.

5) I regret to report that I have not received the information I requested from the 2016 Johnson campaign concerning campus organizations and volunteers. I am continuing to make inquiries in the effort to obtain this information.

6) During the past several months, LPHQ has received several inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and state parties. Robert Kraus has responded rapidly to these inquiries. Allow me to express my appreciation to Mr. Kraus for his fine work in this matter.

7) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects. In particular, I have accepted an invitation to address the upcoming YAL national convention.

8) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I anticipate that I shall have the opportunity to deliver lectures at upcoming FEE seminars.

9) On a personal note, allow me to mention that Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia will soon complete its 30th consecutive year of activity. I have the honor of serving as advisor to SIL, which I founded during my Ph.D studies at the University.

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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Apr. 10, 2017

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

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

- 1) Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) (and former LNC chair), has indicated that difficulty in finding an appropriate country in which to open a bank account remains a major problem for the organization. He has also indicated that the IALP may conduct a meeting in Europe this year.
 - 2) I had the honor of delivering an address at the European Students For Liberty Conference (“LibertyCon 2017”) in Prague, Czech Republic on March 18. During the conference I was interviewed by two reporters from *IQ Magazine* (which is evidently the Lithuanian edition of *The Economist*) about the Libertarian movement in the U.S. Also, I spoke with Jean Francois Nimsgern of IALP; we discussed various matters regarding the status of Libertarian parties in Europe.
 - 3) I was interviewed by RT TV on Dec. 27, 2016 on the topic of the transition from the Obama Administration to the Trump administration.
 - 4) The coordinator for European Students For Liberty in Portugal has indicated a desire to bring me to Portugal this spring to help with building libertarian college groups. Similarly, the coordinator for European Students For Liberty in Belgium expressed a desire for me to conduct a tour of the country, in which I would meet with leaders of local libertarian organizations. I am currently working with these coordinators to determine whether we can make suitable arrangements.
 - 5) I was invited to address an Australian Libertarian Society conference in Sydney. Unfortunately, I was unable to accept due to my faculty schedule.
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Region 6 Report - April 15-16, 2017

Pittsburgh LNC Meeting

Submitted April 13, 2016 by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative

FREEDOM, Nothing More, Nothing Less

1 Summary

The big news in Region 6 is ballot access progress in Iowa and Nebraska.

The Iowa state convention in Johnston on March 25th featured an award to Chair Keith Laube and the Libertarian Party of Iowa to celebrate their major party status officially achieved on March 1, 2017. Iowa Libertarians, led by newly elected Chair James Schneider, Executive Director Jake Porter and a dynamic slate of officers, district coordinators and committee members, will participate in primaries for the first time in 2018.

Nebraska Senator Laura Ebke, the highest ranking Libertarian public official in the nation, introduced her priority bill to add a 10,000-registered-voter threshold as an additional means of maintaining major party status. Unanimous committee and first reading votes have paved the way for Laura's bill to become law pending expected success on the second reading vote. This will allow Nebraskans to focus on Laura's reelection bid and an expanded slate of grassroots candidates in 2018.

Congratulations to Illinois on a successful 2017 state convention highlighted by Larry Sharpe's keynote speech and election of several new officers.

Minnesota will reelect all executive committee members at their state convention on April 29th.

Wisconsin will hold an exciting convention and retreat on April 21st featuring Nick Sarwark as keynote speaker.

North Dakota has elected Marty Riske as chair and a new slate of officers.

Laura Ebke will be the keynote speaker at the LPSOUTHDAKOTA state convention on July 22nd in Sioux Falls.

Missouri is focused on their state convention on July 22nd in Jefferson City and have organized an outreach booth at the state fair on August 10th-20th in Sedalia.

2 Illinois

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Although new memberships haven't kept pace with 2016, we are still seeing high numbers of people joining the party. County chapters have been developing in counties where there has been no activity before, so we are taking steps to support the growth there. We are also focusing on more robust support of existing chapters. Volunteerism remains at its highest level ever, with 22 of our 32 positions on our Board of Directors filled.

The annual convention took place on April 7th and 8th, with Larry Sharpe present as our keynote speaker. Larry's presence went well beyond the role of speaker as he held impromptu sessions with dozens of interested attendees. Attendance was better than it had been in recent memory, with 90 attendees, and even more guests. During the business meeting a bylaws revision was passed that sets the stage for a larger grassroots activism base. A new Board of Directors manual was also put in place that solidifies the direction and purpose of our volunteer activities. We also elected a representative for the national Platform Committee and an alternate.

We invited candidates for the 2018 November election to speak at the convention as well. We had three declared candidates for Governor, one for Secretary of State and one for Controller give speeches. The early campaigning by quality candidates gives us hope for more effective campaigns and greater acceptance of our message of hope for the citizens of Illinois.

The April 4th elections were a big boost for the Libertarian Party. We elected 6 new Libertarians to local office and 4 more got re-elected. There are four others previously elected that remain in office.

3 Iowa

James Schneider
LPIA Chair

Iowa Achieves Official Major Party Status on March 1, 2017

The Libertarian Party of Iowa's first quarter primarily consisted of filing paperwork with the Secretary of State's office to become a recognized major party and working with corresponding state offices to make sure we will comply with election law. We were warmly welcomed by all offices we met with and made invaluable contacts.

Our state convention was held on March 25th. It was one of our highest attended conventions with 70 people in attendance. The business portion of the meeting went smoothly considering we had a significant overhaul of our Constitution and Bylaws to comply with our new party status. We will now be participating in our state's primary elections, which changed the way we select candidates and our timelines. We saw significant turnover on our state leadership team. 9 of the 12 positions saw a change with either an existing leader moving up, or from new people from the last cycle looking to take on more responsibility. The new leadership team will have an increased focus on candidate support and training, as well as boosting registered voters to take advantage of the primary election.

To maintain our party status, we will need to receive 2% at top of ticket in every general election. Finding quality candidates to run for Governor in 2018 is our highest priority for candidate recruitment. At this time, we have one candidate that has stated he will be running and is putting together a team. He received 4% in his race for US Senate last year, and is confident he could get us over the 2% to maintain party status. He plans on making a formal announcement within the next two months. We also have a former GOP state legislator that has stated "I am inclined to run as a Libertarian". She has been one of the GOP's biggest critics in the state and is a regular on many popular conservative talk radio stations. She has a following of her own, and would significantly boost our registration numbers in a contested primary situation. We are also close to locking in another longtime party member who is a Professor at one of the major universities. Aside from top ticket candidates, we have verbal commitments from 43 people to run for state legislative offices in 2018. We will be doing district analysis on these potential candidates and will attempt to divert resources and volunteers into areas where we have the best chances of winning or making a significant impact.

4 Minnesota

Chris Dock
Chair LPMN

The biggest thing we have going right now in the Libertarian Party of Minnesota is preparations for our State Convention on April 29. Here is a link to our convention information:

<https://www.lpmn.org/2017-lpmn-state-convention/>

All our Executive Committee positions are up for re-election this year. We have moved from one-year to two-year terms. It should be an exciting business session for us this year!

LPMN is interested in attending and participating as speakers in the upcoming super-regional New Year's weekend Roads to Liberty Un-Convention in Omaha and look forward to hearing more details in the coming months.

5 Missouri

Bill Slantz
Chair LPMO

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

The first quarter of 2017 has been spent organizing our summer activities which include the Missouri State Fair where we have operated an outreach booth for several years. In addition, we have chosen to hold our state convention later than normal in an effort to accommodate more interested attendees' schedules. The Missouri State Fair takes place in Sedalia, Missouri from August 10th through the 20th. The Missouri LP State Convention will be held in Jefferson City, Missouri on Saturday, July 22.

6 Nebraska

Scott Zimmerman
Chair LPNE

State Senator Laura Ebke, the highest ranking Libertarian public official in the nation, introduced LB34 as her priority bill to add a 10,000-registered-voter threshold as an additional means of maintaining major party status. LB34 has advanced from committee on a 6 to 0 vote. The 30 to 0 vote on first reading paved the way for LB34 to become law pending a favorable vote on second reading. This will allow the LPNE to refocus on three ambitious goals. First, get Laura reelected in 2018. Second, maintain and add to our registered voter count of 12,000 that that just passed 1% of total registered voters. Third, build a challenging slate of grassroots Libertarian candidates in 2018.

District 1, led by Michael Knebel, District 1 Coordinator, is celebrating the formation of seven new county affiliates. Lancaster County voted in a new chair and vice-chair. Sarpy and Douglas counties have taken the lead on the outreach with a fun and successful Habitat for Humanity event. We have held multiple family events and game nights, as well as candidate recruitment activities. Nathan Porrata, Sarpy County Chair, has been appointed as Volunteer Coordinator for the LPNE and is busy organizing more communication for all county leadership.

District 2, with Joe Hedlund as District 2 Coordinator, has created a new but very active

Douglas County affiliate (DCLP). After just two preliminary meetings, we elected a dynamic board. Joe Hawk was elected Chair is doing a tremendous job. Also elected were Vice-Chair Alaric Daily, Secretary Maggie Austgen, Treasurer Nick Heesch and Outreach Director Caleb Reuting.

In January, the DCLP revised and approved their by-laws. Roberts Rules were implemented as the standard for all future meetings and Joe Hawk runs the meetings like clockwork. In February, we welcomed Heather Frederick as our Membership Director. The DCLP is setting up future events to promote to promote and expand their outreach. In March, we welcomed Jeremy Frederick as our Communications Director. Jeremy introduced protocol to minimize trolls on our Facebook page and other Social Media outlets. In April the DCLP joined other Nebraska Libertarians in a Habitat for Humanity event to showcase our community volunteerism.

District 3 Coordinator Ben Backus, recently elected to the Gering City Council, held training sessions with on Nation Builder and that has resulted in higher utilization levels. Ben Backus and Michael have collaborated on producing a series of podcasts that has gained popularity with a large audience. Contributors include Dustin Hobbs, Cassie Loseke, Maggie Austgen, Adam Weinberg, Scott Zimmerman, Laura Ebke, Jared Hall, Zak Hookstra, and Drew Hepler.

7 North Dakota

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

On April 8th, North Dakota held a statewide meeting in Bismarck to elect new officers. Eric Olsen temporarily filled the gap after Tony Mangnall retired as chair. Marty Risky, a former chair, was elected as our new state chair. A full set of state officers was elected and immediately discussed plans for the 2018 election as well as updates to our state bylaws. The new leadership is highly computer-literate. A new set of bylaws was introduced that that we would be willing to share with other states that want to update their bylaws.

North Dakota is pushing national membership, and contributing another \$10 for state membership. Confederation did not work to well for our founders, as independent states running amok does not a country make.

Roland Riemers was appointed by Marty as the state representative to the LNC and was also appointed as a non-voting member of the executive committee to facilitate information flow between state and national. To the best of Roland's knowledge,

this is the first time a state party has delegated that responsibility to ensure state and national communication.

North Dakota has also started a search for statewide candidates for 2018, as well focusing on legislative districts with high Libertarian vote tallies. Districts are going to beat the bushes for strong Libertarian legislative candidates. An offer was made to help finance the cost of one of our young members to attend the next national convention so that ND can encourage young people to get involved in the state Libertarian Party.

8 South Dakota

Sean Metz
LPSOUTHDAKOTA West River At Large

LPSD State Convention will be Saturday, July 22 at 7:00 PM CT at Monk's House of Ale Repute in Sioux Falls, SD:

- Laura Ebke will be the featured speaker. Senator Ebke represents the 32nd District of Nebraska as a registered Libertarian.
- The convention will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. Questions will also be answered via social media.

Minnehaha County LP will participate in the 2017 Big Sioux River Greenway Cleanup event on Saturday, April 22 to spruce up the community park.

Kudos to South Dakota on their continuing their rebuilding effort and statewide county affiliate creation campaign. We look forward to reporting more details on South Dakota's rebuilding progress as they become available.

9 Wisconsin

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The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin achieved record vote totals in 2016 including new standards for U.S. Senate and Congress plus a State Assembly candidate who surpassed 30%!

County affiliates are up from 4 to 10, with more than 15 currently being formed. The Dane County affiliate that includes Madison has over 40 members and continues to grow and thrive. The 2016 election cycle helped LPWI build membership and inspired many to join local affiliates and run for office.

Our state convention is April 21-23 in the city of Tomahawk. Nick Sarwark will be the keynote speaker. Marquette University Professor of Economics Joseph Daniels will also speak as well as popular radio show host Glenn Klein. Speakers and party members will lead workshops on how to form and grow local affiliates, run for office, and make the best use of social media and other modern technology outreach tools.

LPWI continues to grow, thrive, spread liberty across the state, and help Wisconsin's citizens recognize and fight the growing scourge of coercive government!

Taxation is Theft!

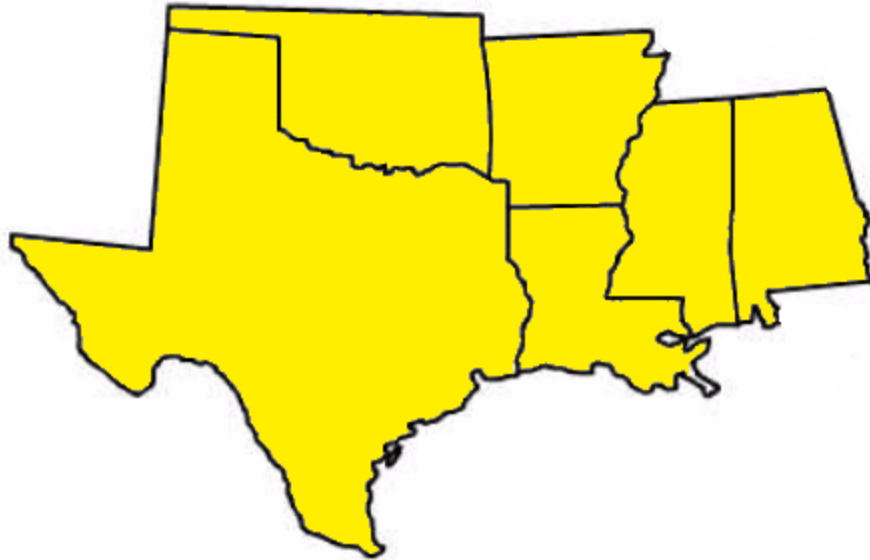
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Libertarian National Committee Region 7

Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu
Region Alternate - Danny Bedwell



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❖ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - The LP Arkansas state convention is scheduled for Saturday April 8, 2017. New officers and executive committee members will be elected.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - State party membership is up slightly in advance of the convention.
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - The ballot-access petition campaign is underway! Beginning March 27th, the LPAR has 90 days to collect 10,000 valid signatures in order to become a “New Political Party” (again). We appreciate the support of the LNC. We are mobilizing our volunteer resources and drawing on our accumulated financial resources to get the job done quickly and efficiently.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - Our new website is up and running, thanks to generous help from Andy Burns. As part of our IT improvement project, we have also upgraded our database and will have the new version up and running by the end of the month.
- OTHER

❖ **MISSISSIPPI - Denise Cranford (Acting Chair)**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - Denise Cranford - Vice-Chair (Acting Chair)
 - Sheri Bedwell - Treasurer
 - Joshua Hardy - Secretary
 - Vance Justice - Dist. 1 Rep
 - Jack Gannon - Dist. 2 Rep
 - Jon Withers - Dist. 3 Rep
 - Jeff Mortenson - Dist. 4 Rep
 - Regina Brim - At Large Rep
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- COUNTY NEWS
 - More counties are being affiliated currently.
- ELECTIONS
 - Four (4) candidates in local elections
 - Mariner Durant - Mayor - Meridian
 - Charles Kimbrough - Meridian
 - Joey Counce - Booneville
 - Corinthian Sanders - Mayor - Jackson
- BALLOT ACCESS
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - State Convention April 8th in Columbus

- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
 - Candidates from other Parties are showing interest in switching to the LP.

❖ **OKLAHOMA - Tina Kelly**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - Leadership
 - Tina Kelly, Chair
 - Bailey Betz, Vice Chair
 - Christina Wright, Secretary
 - Ron Phillips, Treasurer
 - Larry Kelly, Technology Coordinator
 - Zachary Knight, Legislative Advisor
 - Robert Lorrh, Volunteer Coordinator
 - This being the first time our state has passed the November vote test, a lot of focus in the last few months has been on Party infrastructure. Interpreting bylaws, forming new committees, getting finances in order, honing budgets, setting goals, etc...
 - Our Bylaws Committee has been busy proposing and discussing ideas for modernizing our out-of-date bylaws.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
 - We have a new Candidate Outreach committee. This committee is working on recruitment and support of Libertarian candidates at all levels of government. Candidates continue to step forward to run for office. We have at least one person running for governor.
- BALLOT ACCESS
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
 - Our finances are in good shape. Near future plans include an outreach campaign for the purposes of increasing visibility, growing Party membership (state and the national levels), and expanding our ability to support candidates.
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - Our I.T. committee has been working on getting the back end of our website working properly and transferring control of all aspects from personal accounts to Party accounts. At this point, we need to add someone with more experience to the team. We're working on a non-disclosure agreement for people with access to sensitive information. Future goals include analytics to help candidates and membership growth.
- OTHER

❖ **TEXAS - John Wilford**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- COUNTY NEWS
 - Kudos to Denton County for their high-quality, informative, and consistently published newsletter.
- ELECTIONS
 - A bill to end one-punch straight-ticket voting (HB 25) has been successfully referred out of committee to the Texas House. Political forces in the state seem to be aligning to end this option on Texas ballots. LP Texas testified in favor of this bill, and will be galvanizing our membership to contact their legislators as it moves along.
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
 - The Texas Legislature only meets from January through May (140 days) every two years. LP Texas' Political Action Department has been very busy this year opposing and supporting bills that further the cause of liberty. Over 8000 bills were filed in this session.
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - Ballot access **legislation** has been a top priority for LP Texas and its various coalition partners. Texas has some of the stiffest ballot access requirements in the country.
 - The Texas Voter Choice Act (HB 3068) is our highest priority this session. It is expected to be heard in committee by mid-April, and would make petitioning requirements for independent candidates, and alternative parties, more reasonable and on par with other states.
 - Perhaps most importantly for LP Texas, the bill would reduce the ballot retention requirement from 5% of a statewide vote to only 2%. Getting this bill passed would all but ensure that LP Texas could more easily retain ballot access in the future.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
 - We would like to see the LP (national) push quick topic briefs on issues of the day. This will help us communicate information to our members about national/global matters that are of interest to Libertarians.



Region 8 Report

Submitted on 4/12/17 by Regional Representative Patrick McKnight

Massachusetts:

March state committee meeting was attended by Andy Burns from national who gave us good advice and left us feeling optimistic and enthusiastic about the future. We have started organizing local affiliates and have three scheduled local affiliate meetings and more leads. Membership has not skyrocketed just yet. We are having trouble figuring out whether there are any libertarians elected to municipal office.

Dan Fishman was invited to speak at a tax day rally, not really major. Convention is planned for October 14th and we have started planning.

We lose ballot status in 2018 without running a statewide candidate who gets 3% of the vote. We would probably need financial support for the ballot drive. Cost of the drive would be slightly higher than half of presidential ballot drive. The requirements for auditor, treasurer, etc. are 5000 valid signatures as opposed to 10,000 for president, governor, senator. We would like to run a candidate for auditor. If we can do this (we have in the past), then the presidential candidate does not have to petition in 2020 at all. The 2016 ballot drive cost about \$44,000 of which we raised \$14,000 in Massachusetts. Cost of signatures would likely be higher because D and R signatures don't count. State committee is dedicated to maintaining recognized status, which is a change from our past position.

Two state committee members have moved out of state and a third quit for personal reasons. We have one new member who actually doesn't mind calling people on the phone. We are looking for a new treasurer. David Blau is tired of doing that job. Not having much luck though.

New Hampshire:

LPNH Convention earned \$894.94

Election Results:

- i. Chair-Darryl W Perry
- ii. Vice-Chair – Rodger Paxton
- iii. Secretary – Jilletta Jarvis
- iv. Treasurer – Tom Kershaw
- v. Chair of Membership Committee – Brian McQuade
- vi. Membership Committee Members – Brian Shields, Robert Lombardo, Linda Keane, Sean Michalski
- vii. Chair of Judicial Committee – John Babiarz
- viii. Judicial Committee Members – Caleb Dyer, Rosalie Babiarz, Chip Spangler & Brian Chabot

63% Membership growth since September 2016

We are watching the election laws:

- i. HB218 – Relative to Activities at Polling Places
 - ii. HB384 – Establishing a committee to study ballot access in New Hampshire – Voted INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE!
 - iii. HB390 – Relative to parties on certain election forms and ballots and relative to the voter registration form used on the day of the general election – Passed/Adopted, Currently in Committee
 - iv. HB465 – Relative to domicile for the purposes of voting or holding elective office – Retained in Committee
 - v. HB533 – Relative to political advocacy organizations – Retained in Committee
 - vi. HB537 – Relative to campaign contributions – Passed/Adopted, Currently in Committee
 - vii. HR7 – Calling on the United States Senate and House of Representatives to consider a constitutional amendment prohibiting campaign contributions unless the donor is eligible to vote in that federal election – Passed/Adopted
 - viii. SB33 – Relative to the definition of political advocacy organization – In Committee, Passed/Adopted
 - ix. SB47 – Relative to enforcement of election laws -, Consent Calendar Report Filed
 - x. SB107 – Establishing an independent redistricting commission -, report filed
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xi. SB114 – Prohibiting a candidate from receiving the nomination of more than one party – in committee, passed/adopted

Earned in 2016, have until 2018 election. Require 4% of Governor Vote against an incumbent who has already stated he will indeed be running for re-election. This will be tough.

New Committee! Candidate Support Committee headed by Moe Egan – still gathering committee members (2 interested so far)

Jillette Jarvis's speech from the convention was sent out to several media contacts on Saturday – we don't know if any will do anything with it yet.

Need for Assistance from National:

Candidate Recruitment and Winning strategies that we can share with our candidates – any winning strategies used by any winners from other states? Any fundraising help would be beneficial as well – strategies that work, etc..

Maine:

We have 26 members, with 5616 registered Libertarians. The registered Libertarians can neither go up or down until legislation is passed for LPME's official Maine party status and thus, ballot access. We are now gearing up for our 2018 convention and hopefully, if the bill passes, we will nominate our candidates by convention. Pretty much everything is in a holding pattern until late April or May because of these bills

Connecticut:

Town committee meetings April 12, (Norwich) 20th(Plainfield) / Rally April 15th @ Capitol/ May 7 town committee formations (Vernon, Manchester, East Windsor)

South Windsor and East Windsor Manchester and Vernon Town Committees May 7th, South Windsor Library Friends Room 1-430PM.

- April 22nd Meriden Town Committee - Meriden public library 2 pm to 4 pm

Several state rep district, Congressional District 2/ Senate/ President locked in.

Leadership Changes:

Dan Reale Chair, Paul Passarelli Vice Chair, Carol McMahon Treasurer, Heather Gwynn Secretary

New Jersey:

The NJLP sold out it's 2017 Convention at Rutgers University with 103 paid attendees. Speakers included Larry Sharpe and Julie Borowski. The party nominated Peter Rohrman and Karesse Leguerre for Lt. Governor and the ticket has already achieved significant media coverage. They currently have about 500 of the 800 signatures needed for ballot access. The goal is 1600.

Membership continues to reach all-time highs and now stands at 460.

2017 Candidates:

Governor and Lt. Governor – Pete Rohrman and Karesse Laguerre

12th District Assembly - Dan Krause and Anthony Storrow

13th District: Assembly – Eveline Brownstein

22nd District: Assembly – Ryan Manville & Michael Brown

27th District: Assembly – Damien Caillault & Jeff Hetrick

37th District: Assembly – Claudio Belusic

39th District: Senate – Jim Tosone

39th District: Assembly – Jason McKenna

West Milford: Town Council– Michael Chazukow

Hunterdon County: Freeholder – Dan Heitkamp

Monmouth County: Freeholder – Brendon Maroney

Berkeley Heights: Town Council – Tom Maciejewski

Manalapan: Town Council – Hisham Hamed

Northfield City Council – John Ordille

Westfield: Town Council – Valerio Brusciannelli

New Board members elected include Jeff Hetrick, Rich Bowen, Dorit Goikhman and Kevin Lowery.

Patrick McKnight Chair

Jim Tosone Vice Chair

Hunter Romach Secretary

Richard Bowen Treasurer

Jeff Hetrick VP Marketing

Jay Edgar VP Membership

Kevin Lowery VP Programs

Joe Baratelli Central NJ Representative

Dorit Goikhman North NJ Representative

Tim O'Brien South Jersey Representative

Vermont:

No candidates this year.

New York:

While our LPNY new membership is still going up, a large number of people have yet to renew this year. This is a concern because it represents nearly 50% of the membership. My earlier assessment was that this growth was real and not a presidential year blip and attributed most of the growth to the growth in the number of chapters and TCC. Now I am wondering if there is some other problem or concern that I am overlooking.

LPNY membership

April 27, 2016

April 7, 2017

271 current paid members

299 current paid members

74 members lapsed 12/31/15

213 members lapsed 12/31/16

Chapters

April 27, 2016

April 7, 2017



13 Chapters

18 Chapters

7 Temporary Chapter Chairs

15 Temporary Chapter Chairs

Our registered voters affiliated with the Libertarian party still remains a mystery. We know for sure we have 6,619 individuals in NYS that are officially affiliated with the Libertarian Party on NYS Board of Elections files as of 2/27/17. This is about 1,000 over our all time high, but it is impossible to determine a trend because of the BoE database reformatting activity. We had over 5,000 active voters in December of 2015, but by January 6, 2016, we had dropped to 3,031 active voters. By April the active voters affiliated with the Libertarian Party rose to 4,519. The increase is due to the BoE in some counties capturing earlier corrupted records and to an actual increase in LPNY registrations. It is difficult to get a good count, but an estimate is that it is about 50/50.

It has also been established that there are many, many more people whose records have been corrupted by the County BoE's. This issue has to be addressed this year. I have been collecting specific examples of the problems. I plan to make an attempt to have the BoE in Albany address this issue voluntarily. I have met with several of the county commissioners of the BoE, but the wrongs are egregious and border on being deliberately fraudulent in nature. One of our attorneys don't like the term fraudulent, but it is the only term that is appropriate. When I attempt to identify those individuals who filled out their voter registration forms with the intent to affiliate with the Libertarian Party and the report I get back does not show those individuals, and knowing that these people are being deliberately not shown, then the file I am getting is deliberately erroneous. To me, that is the definition of fraud. If I receive resistance on the part of the BoE to voluntarily fix this problem and change their policies I may request support from the NLP to take a more forceful course of action.