

Libertarian National Committee meeting
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Mr. Neale called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. PDT.

Members in attendance:

Officers: Geoff Neale (chair), Lee Wrights (vice chair), Ruth Bennett (secretary), Tim Hagan (treasurer)

At-large representatives: Michael Cloud, Starchild, Arvin Vohra

Regional representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Rich Tomasso (Region 5N), Jim Lark (Region 5S), Dianna Visek (Region 6), and John Jay Myers (Region 7)

Alternates: Scott Lieberman (Region 4), David Blau (Region 5N), Scott Spencer (Region 5S), Paul Frankel (Region 7)

At-large representatives Bill Redpath and Wayne Root and regional representatives Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Jillian Mack (Region 3), and Brett Pojunis (Region 4) joined the meeting following the call to order.

Staff members present were Executive Director Carla Howell and Operations Director Robert Kraus.

(Starchild has requested that he be addressed as “Starchild,” not “Mr. Starchild.” His request will be honored.)

The following were distributed during the Paperwork Check: Treasurer’s report, Region 3 report, Region 4 report, a list of applicants for the Audit Committee, and information from Wes Wagner of Oregon.

Ms. Visek moved to add 10 minutes to the Agenda to discuss Following the Policy Manual to follow the Counsel’s Report. Mr. Wrights suggested that it be moved to follow the LSLA report. There was no objection to Mr. Wrights’ suggestion or to the motion.

Mr. Redpath moved that we add a five minute item for “Resolutions of condolence,” to follow the Counsel’s Report. There was no objection.

Mr. Wiener moved that we put Voting Methodology prior to populating committees and following the Saratoga Project item for 5 minutes. There was no objection.

Starchild moved to add an opportunity for public input before and after each agenda item, the total time for the meeting not to exceed 15 minutes. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The agenda as amended was approved.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Each LNC member was asked to indicate potential conflicts of interest.

Geoff Neale: none

Lee Wrights: Senate District Representative, LP Texas Central Committee; member, Board of Directors, Foundation for a Free Society

Tim Hagan: none

Ruth Bennett: none

Michael Cloud: President, Center for Small Government; Advocates for Self-Government associate; vendor to Libertarian Party for fund raising

Arvin Vohra: Member, LP Maryland executive board

Bill Redpath: Treasurer, Fair Vote; Ballot Access Coordinator, LP Virginia; member, Board of Directors, Citizens in Charge; treasurer, Citizens in Charge Foundation

Starchild: At-Large member, LP California Executive Committee

Starchild added that he would put the good of the “Liberty Movement” ahead of the interests of the Libertarian Party or his duty to the Libertarian Party as a member of the National Committee. Mr. Neale ruled that such a statement was out of order and not appropriate for a conflict of interest disclosure.

Starchild appealed the ruling of the Chair concerning the types of disclosures to be made. The ruling of the Chair was upheld by a vote of 13 to 4. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Visek, and Wiener

Voting “nay”: Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, and Wrights

A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved.

Norm Olsen (Region 1): none

Vicki Kirkland (Region 2): none

Jillian Mack (Region 3): Co-Chair, Young Libertarian National Alliance; member, Board of Directors, GoLibertarian.com; forming a private company for Saratoga; involved with GoLP.org; member, LP Ohio Executive Committee; Finance Director, LP Ohio

Dan Wiener (Region 4): none

Brett Pojunis (Region 4): Co-Chair, Young Libertarian National Alliance; member, Board of Directors, GoLibertarian.com; forming a private company for Saragota; involved with GoLP.org; Secretary, LP Nevada; volunteer for Johnson Campaign and Seeds of Freedom

Rich Tomasso (Region 5N): Chair, LP New Hampshire; activist, Free State Project

James Lark (Region 5S): Chair, Board of Directors, Advocates for Self-Government; Secretary, Board of Directors, International Society for Individual Liberty; member, Board of Advisors, Students For Liberty; Chair, Board of Directors, Student Libertarian Alumni Committee; Vice-Chair, LP Virginia

Dianna Visek (Region 6): Legislative Director of the LPIL

John Jay Myers (Region 7): Owner, Clear Sky 24 (a vendor to the LP)

Alternate representatives:

Scott Lieberman (Region 4): none

David Blau (Region 5N): Chair, LP Massachusetts; Massachusetts coordinator, Johnson Campaign

Scott Spencer (Region 5S): none

Paul Frankel (Region 7): Ballot access petitioner for the LP in Alabama and Maryland; petitions for the Green Party and other non-LP candidates; reporter, *Independent Political Report*

Immediate-past LNC Secretary Alicia Mattson indicated that she has a list of cumulative conflicts from the prior LNC term; she forwarded the list to Ms. Bennett.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights, and then moved to amend the agenda to add 10 minutes for a report from the Johnson for President Campaign at 10:00 a.m. (PST), specifically to accommodate Ron Nielson of the Johnson campaign. The motion passed without objection. Mr. Wrights returned the gavel to Mr. Neale.

Mr. Neale indicated that the contract/agreement with the Johnson Campaign was signed in early June and things are running smoothly. The contract/agreement is not privileged; there is no issue with anyone reading it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hagan discussed the issue of qualitative vs quantitative information concerning our financial status. A motion to extend time for 3 minutes was approved without objection.

After discussion, Mr. Hagan, Mr. Redpath, Ms. Visek, Ms. Howell, Mr. Kraus, and Aaron Starr have agreed to meet to establish the type and form of financial reports needed to make the reports more useful to Committee members.

A motion to extend time for 2 minutes was approved without objection.

Mr. Neale asked to move the Counsel's report to 2:00 p.m. PDT. The request was approved without objection.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Bennett noted that there had been two email ballots since the May 6, 2012 meeting.

The first motion was made by Mr. Neale on May 24, 2012, with the voting period to conclude at midnight on June 3, 2012:

Increase the Ballot Access Expense line item in the 2012 LNC budget from \$245,000 to \$325,000, with encumbrances for \$32,277 for the Pennsylvania petition drive, \$15,000 for the Alabama petition drive, \$25,000 for the New York petition drive and \$10,000 for the Maryland petition drive, with an additional \$23,723 to be encumbered by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Additionally, increase the Ballot Access Revenue line item in the 2012 LNC Budget from \$266,200 to \$346,200.

The motion passed on a vote of 17 to 1. The votes were as follows:

Voting "aye": Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Starchild, Blau, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting "nay": Olsen

The second motion was made by Mr. Neale on May 27, 2012, with the voting period to conclude at midnight on June 6, 2012:

Move that the 2016 Libertarian Party National Convention be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida the week of Monday, May 23rd through Sunday, May 29th provided that a mutually agreeable contract is able to be negotiated.

The motion passed on a vote of 16 to 1. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Myers

Ms. Bennett requested that future email ballots be sent directly to her and not through the LNC-Discuss or LNC-Business lists to be sure that they properly issued and recorded accurately.

Ms. Visek noted that the Secretary has not abided by the Policy Manual's requirements for approval of minutes. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Visek for her assistance and agreed to have these lapses corrected by July 23. Dr. Lark volunteered to serve as Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Lark moved for a recess; the motion was approved without objection. The meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m. Wayne Root joined the meeting after the recess.

JOHNSON CAMPAIGN REPORT

Ron Nielson, manager of the Johnson Campaign, was present to give a report on the Johnson/Gray campaign. Both candidates have been doing extensive traveling; Judge Gray has mostly traveled in the West and Governor Johnson more in the south and east and doing media. The campaign is raising money and making contacts.

OREGON BALLOT ISSUES

The Oregon Secretary of State recognizes Wes Wagner as the chair of the LPOR; as such he has the sole authority to submit signatures to qualify Johnson/Gray electors and get into the Oregon Voter Guide. Mr. Wagner has requested that the LNC indemnify him should he submit such signatures to qualify the Johnson/Gray campaign electors.

There was no objection to extend debate for 10 minutes to discuss the Oregon ballot issue. After discussion there was no objection to asking Mr. Wagner to prepare a clear statement in writing concerning his requests, that he sign it and send it to the LNC by today. Should such a statement be received, the LNC will consider his requests during the meeting tomorrow.

Starchild moved that the LNC call Mr. Wagner at the time he was notified to be available by phone, or as soon as possible if that time had already passed. Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

After discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 8 to 9. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Frankel, Hagan, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso

Voting “nay”: Cloud, Kirkland, Mack, Neale, Pojunis, Root, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstention: Wrights

Mr. Neale will communicate with Mr. Wagner to ask for his specific requests in writing for consideration later during this meeting.

There was no objection to extend for ten minutes for additional questions to Mr. Nielson.

Mr. Frankel moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Wrights moved to extend for 2 minutes to complete Mr. Nielson's answer. The motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Frankel moved to extend time for 5 minutes for additional questions. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Wiener moved to extend time for 10 minutes; the motion to extend was approved without objection.

After discussion, Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Mr. Redpath moved the following:

The LP expresses its deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of John Robertson, a long time member of and petitioner for the Libertarian Party who died on May 12, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Redpath moved the following:

The LP expresses its deepest heartfelt condolences to Dan Reale, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, and his family and friends regarding the sudden and sorrowful death of his mother on July 9, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Redpath moved that we consider part of the ballot access report in executive session. The motion passed.

Gary Sinawski, LNC legal counsel, gave his report by speaker phone.

Mr. Pojunis moved that the LNC enter executive session to receive the missive from Mr. Wagner of Oregon; the motion passed. Mr. Neale informed the Committee that should anyone fail to agree to keeping information confidential, he should leave the room during executive session. The LNC entered executive session at 2:30 p.m. and rose from executive session at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Sinawski said that there was no reason to keep this information confidential, and the claim for indemnification by Mr. Wagner was read aloud. A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved without objection.

Aaron Starr was recognized to address the Oregon issue. He informed the Committee that the Johnson Campaign is having the Reeves faction submit paperwork to the Oregon Secretary of State in addition to paperwork submitted by Mr. Wagner's group to secure ballot access for the campaign. With both sides of the pending lawsuit submitting paperwork, whichever way the court rules, Gov. Johnson will appear on the Oregon ballot in November.

Mr. Tomasso moved to extend time for the legal counsel's report for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

Mr. Vohra moved to extend the time for 10 minutes to consider a motion to reject the request by Mr. Wagner for indemnification. The motion to extend passed. Mr. Vohra moved that the LNC decline to indemnify Mr. Wagner for any possible lawsuits that may arise from putting the Johnson ticket on the Oregon ballot.

Mr. Wrights moved to call the question; the motion failed. Mr. Redpath moved to extend debate for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

Joseph Buchman of the Johnson Campaign was recognized without objection. He indicated that the Johnson Campaign was willing to offer indemnification to Mr. Wagner.

The motion concerning indemnification passed on a vote of 10 to 5, with 3 abstentions. The votes were as follows:

Voting "aye": Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Mack, Pojunis, Root, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Myers, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Visek

Abstentions: Kirkland, Neale, Tomasso.

Without objection the Committee recessed for 15 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m. PDT.

Mr. Neale requested that the Committee proceed directly to consider part of the Ballot Access report in executive session; there was no objection. Lou Jasikoff of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania was asked to participate in the executive session; he agreed to respect the confidentiality of the session.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1: Mr. Olsen added that Tony and BetteRose Ryan are working to revive the South Dakota LP. He said that there is a “Top-Two” ballot initiative in Arizona. There is a lawsuit to stop the initiative because it includes two distinct issues; Arizona is a “single issue per initiative” state.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to make a motion to release the content of the previous executive session. The motion failed on a vote of 6 to 9, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Cloud, Hagan, Myers, Starchild, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Kirkland, Mack, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek

Abstention: Lark

Region 3: Ms. Mack expressed a concern from Kentucky that petitioners had been pulled from Kentucky. Mr. Redpath said he would address this in the Ballot Access report. Ms. Mack showed a new format for regional reports that she and Mr. Pojunis have developed. She said she will make it available to all regional representatives.

Region 4: Mr. Wiener reported that a law has been proposed in California that would prohibit paid petitioners. Should the California legislature pass this, the Libertarian Party of California may need to obtain an additional 10,000 registered voters by the end of the year to maintain their ballot status. The cost could be \$30,000-\$40,000 and perhaps as much as \$70,000-\$80,000. Arkansas has made ballot status and will have 15 candidates this year including one unopposed.

Region 5N: Mr. Blau said the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts should have 11,000 valid signatures (10,000 are needed), and so there should be no issue there. He said New Hampshire will not need national LP financial help with their ballot access, and that the LP New Hampshire should have 15-20 candidates around the state.

Region 5S: Dr. Lark thanked Mr. Redpath for his help petitioning in several Region 5S states.

Region 6: Ms. Visek had nothing to add to her report.

Region 7: Mr. Myers said that Alabama will need some help and that he will encourage them to become more active. He added that there will be 130 candidates in Texas this year.

Mr. Cloud moved for a suspension of the rules to receive reimbursement from Mr. Pojunis. The motion to suspend was approved without objection. Mr. Pojunis returned the funds previously paid by the LNC to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance for Project Saratoga. Mr. Pojunis and Ms. Mack are working on a private company to make the services of Saratoga available to state parties.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to take up another motion; the motion failed on a vote of 4 to 10, with 3 abstentions. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Hagan, Starchild, Vohra, Wiener.

Voting” nay”: Bennett, Cloud, Lark, Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Root, Tomasso, Visek, Wrights

Abstentions: Myers, Neale, Redpath

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADVERTISING & PUBLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Starchild moved to extend time on this item. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wrights is the chair of the committee. He reported that there are two “orphan” states, South Carolina and Oregon, and he represents their interests on the LNC. In this capacity, he requested that the Chair rule whether Region 4 Alternate Scott Lieberman violated Article 14, Section 4 of the Bylaws when Dr. Lieberman wrote “I think you work for the Johnson campaign. Please make it clear to them that it is in their long-term best interests to sacrifice ballot access in Oregon if that is what it takes to politically neuter Wes Wagner and his group of misfits.” Mr. Neale said that he does not have the authority to make such a determination.

Mr. Wrights moved to extend debate 10 minutes to take up a measure to censure Dr. Lieberman. Mr. Wiener objected that the motion was out of order as it is not pertinent to Affiliate Support, and would thus require a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Neale ruled that the motion was out of order.

Mr. Olsen moved to extend time 5 minutes on this matter to discuss appointments; the motion to extend was approved. He noted that Mr. Wrights' appointment of Arvin Vohra to the ASC violated the Policy Manual, which requires that appointees be regional representatives. (Mr. Vohra is an at-large representative.) Mr. Wrights apologized for his mistake and indicated that he would select a regional representative to replace Mr. Vohra.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wrights informed the LNC that the contract with the Rosen Centre in Orlando is proceeding apace. He indicated that our attorney had some concerns, and that the COC is working through the issues.

Mr. Redpath moved that the 2016 National Convention be held Friday to Monday morning. Starchild moved to amend the motion to change the days to Thursday to Monday. The motion to substitute failed.

Mr. Pojunis moved to extend time; the motion to extend failed. The motion to hold the 2016 Convention on Friday to Monday passed on a vote of 12 to 5. The votes were as follows:

Voting "aye": Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, Wrights

Voting "nay": Mack, Pojunis, Root, Visek, Wiener

Mr. Redpath moved that we suspend the rules to consider the date and place of the next LNC meeting. The motion to suspend was approved without objection.

Mr. Neale proposed that we meet on November 17-18, 2012 in the greater Washington, DC area. Mr. Redpath moved the proposal; the motion passed.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to consider setting the first 2013 meeting for March 2-3, 2013. The motion to suspend passed.

Mr. Redpath moved that the first 2013 LNC meeting be held March 2-3, at a location to be decided by an email ballot within the next month. The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m., with the meeting to resume at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 a.m. on Monday.

Members in attendance:

Officers: Neale, Wrights, Bennett, Hagan

At-large representatives: Cloud, Redpath, Vohra

Regional representatives: Olsen, Wiener, Tomasso, Lark, Visek, Myers

Alternates: Lieberman, Blau, Spencer

At-large representative Starchild and regional representatives Kirkland (Region 2), Mack (Region 3), and Pojunis (Region 4) joined the meeting following the call to order.

At-large representative Wayne Root communicated to Mr. Neale that he would be unable to attend today.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Blau discussed the purchase of a headquarters building. He said that we need a clearer vision of the uses the HQ should fulfill. He noted that the Building Fund currently has roughly \$140,000 in cash and pledges.

Mr. Blau moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Blau said that the basic question is: What are the requirements by the staff and the LNC concerning a headquarters building? That is, what functions, how much space, opportunities for growth, storage, etc., are required?

Mr. Wiener moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

LSLA – no one available to report

DISCUSSION OF LNC ADHERENCE TO POLICY MANUAL

Ms. Visek moved that the LNC enter executive session; the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Cloud moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Vohra moved to delete section 4 (Conventions) of Article 2.03 (Financial Matters) from the Policy Manual. The section reads as follows:

The Party shall not directly or indirectly compensate or otherwise underwrite or subsidize the convention travel, lodging, entertainment costs or speaker fees/honorariums of any Convention delegates. This policy shall not prohibit the Party from underwriting organized

convention events offered to all donors of a particular level. This policy shall not prohibit a delegate from receiving a complimentary meal if the delegate is performing volunteer work specifically related to that meal event.

After discussion Mr. Wrights moved to call the question. There was an objection; the motion to call the question passed. The motion failed on a vote of 9 to 6, with 2 abstentions. (The motion required approval by 2/3rds, as it did not have “previous notice.”)

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Myers, Neale, Spencer, Starchild, Vohra, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Mack, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener

Abstentions: Kirkland, Pojunis

Ms. Visek moved to extend for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

Ms. Bennett moved to delete Section 7 (Convention Speakers) of Article 2.09 (Other Matters) from the Policy Manual. This section reads as follows:

No person shall be scheduled as a convention speaker unless that person has signed this statement:

“As a condition of my being scheduled to speak, I agree to neither seek nor accept nomination for any office to be selected by the delegates at the upcoming Libertarian Party Convention.”

This policy shall not apply to participation in a scheduled candidate debate. This policy shall not apply in the case where someone is exercising official duties (e.g. such as when the Treasurer presents his official report.)

Ms. Visek moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Wiener moved to substitute the current language and add “or breakout session or panel discussion or similar non-major event.” to the end of the next to last sentence of Article 2.09, Section 7. The motion to substitute passed.

The motion passed by a vote of 15 to 2. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Starchild, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Wrights

As approved, Article 2.09, Section 7 now reads as follows:

No person shall be scheduled as a convention speaker unless that person has signed this statement:

“As a condition of my being scheduled to speak, I agree to neither seek nor accept nomination for any office to be selected by the delegates at the upcoming Libertarian Party Convention.”

This policy shall not apply to participation in a scheduled candidate debate or breakout session or panel discussion or similar non-major event. This policy shall not apply in the case where someone is exercising official duties (e.g. such as when the Treasurer presents his official report.)

The meeting recessed for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ITEMS POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

BALLOT ACCESS

Mr. Redpath said that there are 9 states with upcoming ballot access deadlines. He noted that it is possible our presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and DC. We were not challenged in Illinois so Johnson/Gray will be on the ballot there. LP volunteer efforts have been very poor, and so most signatures have been obtained by paid petitioners rather than by volunteers. Thus, our expenses have been much higher than in previous years. Mr. Redpath has personally petitioned in many states. Currently we are unquestionably on the ballot in 31 states.

Starchild moved that a page be created on LP.org that recognizes volunteer petitioners and the number of signatures they have gathered (listed by state). In addition the page would list the total number of signatures needed in each state and the deadlines for submitting those signatures.

Mr Redpath moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

It was noted that establishment of this page would constitute an additional burden upon staff, and that gathering the information would involve an enormous amount of work.

Mr. Pojunis moved to amend the motion by adding the words “with the permission of the petitioners” at the end of the sentence.

Mr. Wiener moved to call the question; the motion passed without objection. The motion to amend passed without objection. The main motion failed on a vote of 5 to 11, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Frankel, Mack, Pojunis, Starchild, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstention: Neale

Mr. Redpath committed to forming a Ballot Access Committee, to be populated at the November 2012 meeting.

Mr. Redpath moved to increase the Ballot Access budget line item for ballot access expense from \$325,000 to \$350,000, with the funds to come from the Affiliate Support line item, and with all additional encumbrances to be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Redpath moved to extend time by 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed. The motion passed on a vote of 14 to 0, with 2 abstentions.

Voting "aye": Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstentions: Olsen, Starchild

PROJECT SARATOGA

The funds provided by the LNC to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance for Project Saratoga have been returned to the Party. Mr. Pojunis and Ms. Mack have decided to do this privately and for profit.

Ms. Bennett moved to end discussion on this item; the motion was approved without objection.

VOTING METHODOLOGY

Mr. Wiener moved to add a new subsection 8 to Section 1.02 to the Policy Manual. The subsection will read as follows:

8) Procedure for Filling Vacancies

The election procedure during an LNC meeting for filling committee, LP officer or LNC At-Large Representative vacancies, or any other position which the LNC is authorized to fill, shall be approval voting. The election shall be conducted by LNC members submitting signed written ballots. After tabulation the results, including how individual members voted, shall be announced.

Mr. Olsen moved to extend time for 2 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed. The motion failed by a vote of 9 to 7. (Approval of the motion required a 2/3rds vote.) The votes were as follows:

Voting "aye": Bennett, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Myers, Neale, Vohra, Starchild, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Wrights

POPULATING COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pojunis was nominated as the member from the LNC. The motion to close nominations was approved without objection. Starchild moved to allow 2 minutes for the purpose of asking questions of Mr. Pojunis. The motion passed.

After discussion, Mr. Pojunis was elected to serve; Mr. Myers and Starchild abstained on the vote.

The non-LNC members nominated were as follows:

Michael Howard, Joseph Buchman, Aaron Gilmer, Joshua Katz, Gary E. Johnson (of Texas), and Aaron Starr. A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved without objection.

Nominations were closed.

Mr. Wiener moved that this election be done by approval voting via secret ballot. (Members may vote from 2-6 ballots with the top two with the most votes taking office, assuming a majority votes.)

There were 12 ballots cast; the vote totals were as follows:

Gilmore: 0

Katz: 1

Johnson: 6

Buchman: 7

Howard: 7

Starr: 8

Mr. Starr was elected. A run-off election between Mr. Howard and Dr. Buchman was conducted. Twelve ballots were cast; Dr. Buchman received 7 votes and Mr. Howard received 6, and so Mr. Buchman was elected.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The nominees for this Committee are self-selected with a limit of five. Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, Michael Cloud, Mary Ruwart, Ruth Bennett, Norm Olsen, and Starchild nominated themselves.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to take up a motion; the motion to suspend failed.

Voting is by approval ballot with voting so members may cast up to 7 votes, only 1 per candidate. (Dr. Buchman was recognized to announce that over 100 Libertarians were protesting at CNN HQ regarding to omit two-term Governor Gary Johnson from its polling.)

Sixteen ballots were cast; the votes were as follows:

Ruwart: 13
Cloud: 11
Bennett: 11
Lark: 10
Knedler: 8
Olsen: 6
Starchild: 2

Dr. Ruwart, Mr. Cloud, Ms. Bennett, and Dr. Lark were elected to the Awards Committee. Mr. Olsen withdrew his name. A second ballot was conducted with Mr. Knedler and Starchild as candidates. Mr. Knedler received 10 votes and Starchild received 4; thus, Mr. Knedler was elected.

Mr. Neale has appointed Ms. Mack, Mr. Myers, Mr. Pojunis, and Mr. Vohra to the Information Technology Committee.

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee are appointed by the Chair. Mr. Neale said he will make the appointments at a later time.

The members of the Outreach Committee are appointed by the Chair. Vicki Kirkland, Chris Thrasher, Gary Johnson, Paul Frankel, Joe Buchman, Starchild, and Arvin Vohra are interested in serving. Mr. Neale will announce his decision at a later date.

The meeting recessed for lunch for 20 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights.

Mr. Neale moved to change Section 1 of Article 1.02 of the Policy Manual to replace “transmitting this intention by an e-mail to the entire LNC at least 21 days prior to the session with the full text of the motion to be submitted” with “send the complete language of the motion to the entire LNC by e-mail at least 10 days prior to the session.”

Dr. Lark suggested that Alicia Mattson be recognized to address this issue in her capacity as a parliamentarian. Ms. Mattson suggested that 21 days gives people a chance to make appropriate travel arrangements should there be something on the agenda that they thought had been previously decided.

Dr. Lark moved that 10 days be changed to 14 days. There was no objection to the motion.

Mr. Wiener moved to call the question; the motion to call the question was approved without objection. The motion as amended passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved that Section 7 of Article 1.02 of the Policy Manual be deleted. That section reads as follows:

7) Main motions must be submitted in writing to the Chair before being moved.

The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved that Subsection 1 of Section 2.07 of the Policy Manual be amended by changing the phrase “14 days” to “7 days.” If approved, the new language would read as follows:

1) Proposed Agenda and Reports

The proposed agenda and all reports shall be distributed to the LNC at least 7 days prior to the session.

Starchild moved to extend time. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed. The motion passed by a vote of 10 to 5, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Mack, Myers, Neale, Starchild, Vohra, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Lark, Olsen, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener

Abstention: Pojunis

Mr. Neale moved to delete the “Moment of Reflection” mentioned in subsection 2 of Section 1.02 under “Opening Ceremony.” The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved to add the following to subsection 2 of Section 2.01:

The Secretary shall maintain a register of all declared potential conflicts of interest by LNC members. This register will be presented and distributed to all LNC members at each regular LNC meeting.

Starchild moved to amend; the motion to amend failed for lack of a second. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved to add the following to the Policy Manual:

Filling Vacancies on the LNC

In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or one or more At-Large positions, the following procedure shall be used to permanently fill the vacancy.

1. Notice will be given via e-mail to all sustaining members and the state chairs of the vacancy, informing of the vacancy, the duties and obligations of the office, the procedure to apply for consideration and the qualifications to meet eligibility.

2. Any member that meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Bylaws on the date of their submission will be considered a candidate by the LNC.

3. Notice must be given at least 30 days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled, and no vacancy can be filled without this notice being given.

4. Submissions must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy is filled.

5. Staff will verify that candidates are eligible to serve, and the Secretary will distribute the list of eligible candidates to the LNC at least seven days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled.

6. All LNC members are eligible for consideration, but they must follow the same procedure as non-members in order to be considered.

7. Filling vacancies on the LNC shall be conducted as part of the credentials report agenda item.

8. Candidates that attend the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled shall be given two minutes each to address the LNC prior to the election.

9. If more than one vacancy is being filled, the order of election shall be the same as specified in the Convention Rules.

10. If more than one At-Large vacancy is being filled, there shall be a single election with ranked results, except in cases where a subsequent ballot is required to break a tie. In those cases, the subsequent ballot shall only include the candidates that represent the tie.

11. All votes by the LNC to fill vacancies will be recorded. In the event of vacancies in the Secretary or Vice-Chair, the EC shall appoint a temporary replacement from the current LNC members to fill the role until a permanent replacement is chosen.

Dr. Lark moved to postpone this item for now and to address it prior to or at the next meeting. The motion to postpone was approved without objection.

Mr. Hagan moved to delete the second sentence and all the bullets of subsection 11 of Section 2.03. If approved, subsection 11 would read as follows:

11) Treasurer's Reports

No later than 45 days after each calendar quarter, the Treasurer shall prepare a quarterly Treasurer's Report to be mailed to any sustaining member who either was a delegate at the most recent regular convention or requests such report.

No later than the end of each calendar month, the Treasurer shall prepare a monthly Treasurer's Report to the LNC reflecting the Party's financial position and the results of its operations through the previous calendar month.

Ms. Visek moved to postpone this item until the ad hoc committee has met to determine what reports the Committee needs. The motion to postpone failed.

Mr Pojunis moved to add the following as a new first paragraph:

No later than 20 days after the end of each month, staff shall provide the Treasurer with an updated copy of the Quick Books data file so the Treasurer can fulfill his duty to prepare the reports required in this section.

After discussion Mr. Pojunis withdrew his motion without objection. The main motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Olsen moved the following:

The Committee as a whole hereby requests that the Chair instruct staff to prepare for presentation at the November 2012 LNC meeting no fewer than 4 leasing proposals as best choices to replace the expiring Watergate lease. At least one of the proposals shall represent a legitimate leasing proposal for property in a metropolitan area other than Washington, DC which hosts an airport that serves as a hub for at least one major airline.

Ms. Bennett moved to postpone this item. The motion to postpone failed on a vote of 8 to 8. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 7, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting "aye": Blau, Kirkland, Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Starchild, Visek, Wiener

Voting "nay": Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Myers, Vohra, Wrights

Abstention: Neale

Mr. Myers moved to suspend the rules for 5 minutes to take up a new matter. The motion to suspend was approved without objection.

Mr. Myers moved that regional reports be removed from the format of proposed agendas, and that regional reports will be submitted electronically to the Secretary for distribution in the binder. Mr. Neale noted that this motion was made by a regional representative. After discussion, Mr. Myers asked to withdraw his motion; there was no objection.

After discussion, Dr. Lark indicated that he is willing to defer consideration of his motion concerning goals and strategy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wrights announced that he has appointed Mr. Tomasso to replace Mr. Vohra on the Affiliate Support Committee.

Mr. Wrights noted that a film concerning nullification produced by the Foundation for a Free Society (of which he is chair) and the Tenth Amendment Center received awards for Best Feature Length Documentary and Audience Appreciation at FreedomFest.

Dr. Lark mentioned that there is a requirement in the Policy Manual that mandates participation in a training program to educate LNC members regarding the problems of sexual harassment and offensive behavior. Mr. Neale will address this policy prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Howell announced that some LNC members do not have photos posted on the LNC Leadership webpage. Those whose photos do not appear are requested to stay for photos or to agree to send such photos to the office as soon as possible.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 2:35 p.m. PDT

First draft by Ruth E. Bennett, LNC Secretary May 2012 - January 2013

Interim draft by Jim Lark, LNC Secretary Pro Tem

Final draft by Alicia Mattson

APPENDICES

LNC Chair's Report – Las Vegas 7/15/2012

The Policy Manual requires a Chair's Report, but does not specify what it should contain. I do not find this situation helpful, since it leaves me to decide what I think is valuable or necessary. However, in the absence of concrete direction, I will write what I think may be additive. I also welcome any and all feedback, but will not necessarily take all feedback to heart, unless specifics are included in the Policy Manual.

As Chair, I perform a lot of functions that I do not record, or report, because they are so regular and ordinary. While there are some of you who would like to know everything I do, it is my opinion that the burden of documenting and reporting every activity is so onerous that it would dissuade me from engaging in many of these activities altogether. Therefore, I'd like to give you all some ideas of what I do with my time.

I receive a fair number of emails from members or inquiries. I attempt to answer them promptly with an appropriate diplomacy. Sometimes these emails are quite mundane, and I try to be helpful when it is not too onerous a task. Other times, I refer the email to the person I think is best suited to handle the inquiry or request. Sometimes I have to politely say I cannot help them. I have records of every email I've sent, but I see no value in reporting these too anyone. Given the dispute over "transparency", I am unlikely to report any at all, unless the sender specifically grants me the authority to publish his email. After all, I think our members and the general public should have an expectation of privacy in their emails.

I do occasionally get requests from media, which I try to fulfill. I have been a guest on several radio shows. I have been a guest of Gary Johnson's on an internet "town hall" meeting. I do get requests for "email" interviews, where I answer questions, and I attempt to answer these contemporaneously. However, I also get requests for interviews that are often so amateurish that they will ask me to be on a radio show at a certain time on a certain date, where neither the time zone nor specificity of morning or evening is referenced. Then I might never get a response, so I don't call in.

I had the pleasure of being invited to address the LP Florida EC meeting, and quite enjoyed it. I used the time mostly for Q&A, and hope that I represented the LP appropriately. You might ask Vicki Kirkland, since she was on the call. I welcome any and all invitations from any LP affiliate, subject to my availability.

I have attended several local LP affiliate meetings, and welcome many more opportunities to do so in the future.

I have had contacts with three international libertarian parties: Spain, Russia and England. I was asked to be a guest speaker at the Second Annual Congress of the Partido de la Libertad Individual in Madrid, Spain. I was offered expenses excluding airfare, and decided that I could not afford the cost, but would have loved the opportunity. Instead, I prepared a greeting that was read at the event. I did ask if they would extend me an invitation for subsequent congresses. The Russian LP equivalent will have a member in Washington, DC in late July, and I welcomed them to visit our office. The English LP is

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actually headquartered about six miles from my parent's house, and I have established a connection with them, since it would be very easy for me to meet with them in person should I make a visit to my parents.

I routinely interface with staff, mostly with Carla and Robert. Some of these relate to publications such as press releases, fundraising appeals, etc. Some revolve around policy implementation and perspectives related to policy. Some are minor details or clarifications. My philosophy of management is that I expect staff to have the policies and guidelines to restrain their activities, as well as the freedom to implement their duties with those same constraints. Translation? I am not a micro-manager.

I talk frequently with members of the LNC, related not just to their duties, but also to ideas and concepts for things we can and/or should do. If you are one of the LNC members I converse with regularly, you know what we've talked about. If not, you are welcome to call me, with one caveat. I respect and value the concept that people be able to talk things out before formal presentations of an idea are made. I'm happy that some of share your ideas and concerns with me. I welcome anyone else to do likewise. However, I am not signing up to be the "champion" for everyone's ideas. I do urge, and will continue to urge, that each of you take the lead, or a major supporting role, in what we as a body do.

I also talk to other members of the party on an ongoing basis. Mark Hinkle is a very close friend of mine, and he has been very valuable in presenting his viewpoint of what has gone on. Please note that I said "his viewpoint". Pat Dixon, Texas LP Chair, is another good friend that I talk to frequently, but much of these conversations revolve around LP Texas business, but he is also the Vice-Chair of the LSLA. In that regard, I've begun discussions on future relationships between the LNC and the LSLA, and how to optimize them.

I have had many conversations with Ron Nielson of the Gary Johnson campaign. Most conversations are simple "hand offs" or informational in nature, and would not be additive to be detailed. I feel our working relationship is cordial and productive, but maybe he thinks differently.

I made a site visit to the Rosen Centre in order to familiarize myself with the hotel, its facilities, and staff. Since I will be signing the contract, I want to feel very comfortable with doing so. I will be happy to provide a verbal report during the CoC Report, if requested.

I am sure there are things I have left out, and I apologize for my oversight, but I struggle with exactly what the majority of the LNC expects in this report.

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My nomination and election was unplanned. As such, I never had an opportunity to state my perspectives, positions, goals, objectives, etc. I think it is important for me to do so.

Governance, not Government:

I have already stated that I believe in governance, not government. This is a pretty broad statement, and I will focus this message further.

I believe that the LNC is a governing board, and should confine its role to governance wherever possible. This especially applies to the relationship between the LNC and staff. It also applies to relationships between the LNC and affiliates, campaigns, etc. Governance involves clear statements of policy, establishment of objectives, and oversight.

Our job is not to manage staff. The Chair's job is to be the primary oversight with staff, through the ED. Wherever possible, I expect the ED to be free to manage staff within the constraints of policy, objectives and budget. For the most part, our Bylaws and Policy Manual support this viewpoint.

However, I am concerned that some of our Policy Manual appears to blur this distinction. Specifically, I think the EPCC, the "New Visions" Committee and to some degree the IT Committee stray from a governance model. I might also add that I feel these committees provide opportunities for LNC members to focus on activities that have not been demonstrated to serve the mission statement, but I will argue that later.

I welcome discussion regarding my position, but it is obvious to me that if we do not agree on the entire perspective of governance versus government as it relates to the LNC, we're always going to be prone to acting inconsistently. Also, I do not see the value in having staff feel that it is subject to the whims of the LNC, rather than serving the best interests of the LP as stated by LNC Policy.

I know for a fact that past LNC's (and I'm not addressing any one LNC in particular) have passed requirements for voluminous and detailed reports that virtually no one reads and are not used to drive decisions of the LNC. I also know that many of these were instituted to "punish" ED's for transgressions – real or imagined. Sometimes these requests were ignored, and sometimes they were fulfilled, but the mere fact that data was required that was not utilized was a failure of the relationship between the LNC and staff. Most often, I think this happened because of the unwillingness of the LNC to replace the ED that they felt was not serving the LP well enough, yet the LNC did not have the courage to direct the Chair to replace the ED.

It is very important for the LNC and staff to build and maintain a productive relationship. Establishment of clear policy, objectives and budgets is the best way to do so. However, these three must be supportive of each other. We cannot give staff a \$50,000 budget and demand they elect four people to Congress. We must be reasonable.

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Positions versus Roles:

I read a communication from the “New Visions” Committee that stated how staff should be structured. It outlined a certain number of positions that were required. I found the recommendation to be sound, except that the model it was based upon was what I would call “corporate”.

A very large corporation would normally have departments, perhaps even divisions, in order to accomplish the various efforts necessary to its operation, and staff or outsource accordingly. A startup, or a small company, would define roles to accomplish the various efforts to its operations, and staff or outsource accordingly. The difference? One person can and should fill multiple roles in a small company. So should we.

As an IT professional, it shocked me to see that there was a recommendation to hire an IT resource. This is just about the same as saying we need a “plane” person because we fly. That single person would have to be able to fly, navigate, maintain, fuel, serve passengers, handle baggage, etc. IT is no different. There are a vast number of skill sets that might be needed in our office. To think that we can find one person that fills all of these needs is unreasonable. Certain skills are quite valuable, and we'd have to pay the person for their highest valued skill. However, a skilled IT expert, say in database administration, would be very unlikely to want a job that mostly involved mundane stuff normally done by a tech support staffer. There are organizations that can offer every skill we need in an outsourced relationship. Additionally, many mundane IT tasks can readily be filled by other people who are not IT professionals. Do we need an expert to hook up a new computer to our network?

So what we really need is to have roles filled, not positions filled. Whenever possible, it makes sense to hire individuals who have multiple overlapping skills, so the required roles can be filled by multiple individuals.

Who should determine this? The ED. Not the LNC. We set the policy, objectives and budget, and the ED implements accordingly.

Inwards versus Outwards:

What is our perspective? Where do we spend our time on the LNC? Where should we spend our time on the LNC?

As a Policy and Oversight board, we must look inwards. This is our primary role, but we will never get kudos for doing so. It is the job part of our job. As such, I urge us to spend as little time doing so as possible.

I think the EPCC, “New Visions” Committee and IT Committee are three examples of inward vision that may serve some oversight capabilities, but also give reasons (excuses) for LNC members to avoid doing uncomfortable things.

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We must adopt the most outward perspective we can. We must de-emphasize inward perspectives and emphasize outward perspectives. Simple translation? Outward perspectives support our mission statement; inward perspectives support our board duties.

We need more members, more donors, more candidates, more media exposure, more election victories, more legal victories, more successful affiliates, more allies, more . . .

I challenge each and every one of you to sign up for doing the things you are uncomfortable with. I call this leadership, and you are all leaders.

General Fundraising versus Targeted Fundraising

There was a time on the LNC where much of the work accomplished was funded by targeted fundraising. Committees were identified as “self-funded action committees”. It was felt that if the donors supported an activity, it should be done. If it was not supported by donors, it should not.

The best example we have of this is Ballot Access, which is funded heavily by targeted donations. In GAAP parlance, this is known as a temporarily restricted fund. Money that is raised for a purpose can only be used for that purpose. Many people have argued over the years that it is a waste of money to support Ballot Access in so many states. These people rarely give to Ballot Access. Those that think it is a worthwhile endeavor do give to Ballot Access in sufficient numbers and dollars to make it happen. While the debates as to its value continue, the fact that so much of the funding comes from targeted fundraising diminishes arguments over whether or not we should be pursuing it.

On the other hand, we had two \$50K expenditures on the last term (Saratoga and Ed Coleman) that came from general fundraising. This comment is not an opinion on whether or not these expenditures were worthwhile or not, but on the fact that every donor's general fundraising money went to both of these targeted activities, so the number of people who are “stakeholders” in the opinion of whether the funds were well used is huge. If both of these projects were funded from targeted fundraising, there would have been far less political risk for the LNC.

I strongly favor using targeted fundraising whenever possible. The political ramifications I stated above are one, but they are not my primary reasons. The first reason is that targeted fundraising is easier to accomplish than general. The second is that the feedback to the donor that they gave, and we succeeded at what we did, reinforces the willingness to donate more money more often in the future. The third reason is that the marketplace will tell you where you do NOT have support from the donors. If we don't raise the money, we don't do the activity. The fourth reason is that you cannot interject a sense of immediacy into a general fundraising appeal, unless you're in trouble (give us money now or the doors will close), whereas a targeted fund will have deadlines and imperatives. The fifth is that the metrics of support for specific projects will allow you to better target future fundraising efforts, and reduce the costs of doing so. The sixth reason is that targeted fundraising communicates that we are doing specific things. Please feel free to add more.

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We will always need general fundraising appeals, and a large chunk of donors like the “United Way” option of just giving money and letting the LNC manage their donations, but we’re missing a lot of money by NOT leveraging the targeted fundraising opportunities.

Board Training

Could we use board training? Absolutely. My challenge to you is to pursue it. If you want a structured and sponsored approach, bring it up in the LNC meeting.

Fundraising in General – some thoughts

Could we all use training in how to fundraise better? Absolutely.

Here’s some of my feedback to all of you. My source? Dozens of non-profit fundraising experts and the Leadership Institute.

First, let’s start with destroying one myth in particular – the “limited pie theory” - donors only have a small discretionary budget, and we’re competing with each other (LNC versus state versus candidate versus Cato versus whomever). Fundraising experts will tell you this is not true. The only ones who give until it hurts are those with no discretionary income at all, and these are probably our activists, who never will give beyond their labor (which is of significant value, nonetheless). Most donors give what they want to, and our job is to make them want to give more.

Some lessons (sourced from the Leadership Institute):

General fundraising – here’s what we’ve done – help us keep on doing it. Not the best yield, but usually successful if you’re doing things.

General fundraising – we’re in bad shape – please send us money or we’ll have to close the doors. Often a very good yield, since donors will feel they’re losing something if they don’t give. However, it’s like crying wolf – you cannot do this very often, and always risk donors giving up, and never giving again. Use this only when absolutely necessary.

Targeted fundraising – give us money so we can do this. Good yields, so long as you maintain a reasonable result rate, and don’t pursue things that are unsupported.

Capital Campaigns – give us money so we can buy something real (bricks & mortar). Always the highest yield of any class of fundraising.

Staff Report for LNC Meeting July 15-16 Las Vegas, NV

Activities Since May 6, 2012

Prepared by Carla Howell, Executive Director

Fundraising

- Convention revenues exceeded budget
- Revenue from direct mail and email fund-raisers had dropped earlier in the year due to focus on preparing and filling convention.
- Combination of above plus recent fund-raising has put us back on budget

Communications

- New system near complete needed to track communications, ensure compliance with contract between LNC and Johnson campaign
- Working with candidates to cover them in LP News; many in works for blog, next issue
- Two recent press releases resulted in multiple media hits

Media hits

- Interviews
- Links to press releases

Membership

- Renewals
- Prospecting
- Processing
- Special opportunities e.g. Tampa, Seattle hemp rally

FEC reporting

Help with ballot access

- Specific states
- Bob's efforts

Affiliate support

Office issues

- Max
- Michael

Web site issues

- Need help updating / replacing

Candidates support

- GJ campaign
- Candidate updates
- LP solutions
- Fact sheet for federal candidates

Events

- Freedom Fest
- Tampa festivals
- SFL
- DC Local: YAL, LP DC, LPNOVA, Cato, CEI, etc

Prep for Election High Season

- PR – Steve Gordon
- Extra issue LP News

MEMORANDUM

TO: Libertarian National committee
FROM: Gary Sinawski
DATE: July 13, 2012
SUBJECT: Counsel's Report

Introduction

This report summarizes my work as general counsel to the LNC since April 27, 2012, the date of my previous report. The report is not privileged and confidential, as it simply relates facts and does not constitute legal advice. It may be disclosed to other members of the Libertarian Party, in your discretion.

General

I have reviewed documents and correspondence, responded to questions, and provided legal advice and assistance on a variety of matters, including the following: planning and conducting ballot access litigation in Michigan and Illinois; preparing ballot access litigation in Virginia; reviewing, and preparing a memorandum on, a hotel contract for the 2016 national convention; researching the impact of felony convictions on candidates for public office in New Hampshire; researching the impact of the Hatch Act on an LP candidate for public office in New York; researching the impact of paid petitioners' failure to provide the LP with tax identification numbers; researching inflation-adjusted FEC contribution limits by individuals to candidates, their authorized committees and national party committees; researching various issues regarding petitioning in Connecticut; negotiating and drafting contracts for petitioning in Maine and Massachusetts; intervening with various state and local officials regarding restrictions on petitioning in public and quasi-public areas.

Litigation

Libertarian Party of Michigan, et al. v. Secretary of State - This action was commenced on June 25, 2012 in federal district court in Detroit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief from the secretary of state's refusal to place Gary Johnson on the November general election ballot on the ground that he was listed on Michigan's Republican presidential primary ballot and is therefore barred from the November ballot by the state's "sore loser" law. I am completing work on a motion for summary judgment for filing next week. Many states have sore loser laws, but they have not been enforced against presidential candidates. In my opinion, our chances of success are very good.

Libertarian Party of Virginia and Green Party of Virginia, et al. v. Judd, et al. - This lawsuit against the members of the Virginia State Board of Elections has been researched, prepared and ready to file in U.S. District Court in Richmond for several weeks. However, we have been unable to find a member of the bar of that court who is willing to sign on as local counsel. When/if local counsel is identified and the case is filed, I will be permitted to conduct the litigation. The lawsuit seeks credit for signatures obtained during the statutory petitioning period, but before some of the presidential elector candidates named on the petition forms were disqualified by late redistricting. The lawsuit also, or alternatively, seeks a reduction in the signature requirement commensurate with the effective reduction in the petitioning period caused by late redistricting.

Libertarian Party of Illinois, et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al. This action was commenced on April 5, 2012 in federal district court in Chicago seeking declaratory and injunctive relief from Illinois' June 25th filing deadline for petitions to form a new party; an ambiguity relating to the calculation of signature requirements; and a requirement that a candidate for statewide or countywide office be part of a full slate of candidates for state or county offices. Subsequently I discontinued our challenge regarding the signature requirements because, while the applicable statutes are disorganized and confusing, the signature requirements themselves are not ambiguous. I will continue to litigate our challenges to the filing deadline and the "full slate" requirement. The state has made a motion to dismiss the case, and I have prepared and filed a brief opposing the motion. We are awaiting a decision by the court.

Libertarian Party of Ohio, et al. v. Husted, et al. - This action was commenced in August 2011 in federal district court in Columbus challenging the constitutionality of a new ballot access law which requires an inordinately high number of petition signatures to be filed needlessly early in the election cycle. The plaintiffs are represented by local counsel Mark Brown and me. I handled two prior cases for the LP against the Ohio Secretary of State, one of which was decided in 2006 and the other in 2008, both of which invalidated similar high signature/early deadline petitioning requirements. The issues in this case do not differ appreciably from the issues in the 2006 and 2008 cases. On September 7 and October 18, 2011 the court issued orders granting our motion for a preliminary injunction and directing that the LP of Ohio and its candidates appear on the ballot for the November 2011 and November 2012 elections. The litigation is still in process.

Libertarian Party, et al. v. District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, et al. - This action was commenced in August 2009 seeking to require the District to count the votes cast for each write-in candidate for a particular office rather than

publishing a single vote total for all write-in candidates for that office, which is the current practice. I represent the plaintiffs along with local counsel Oliver Hall. The defendant filed a motion to dismiss. Mr. Hall and I prepared a response to that motion along with a cross motion for summary judgment. At the suggestion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit we submitted the case to (non-binding) mediation, which was unproductive. The district court decided the motions against us, and the the court of appeals affirmed the district court's decision. We have filed a brief requesting reconsideration of the court of appeals' affirmance on the grounds that it overlooks relevant Supreme Court decisions and contains important factual errors. We are awaiting a decision on our request for reconsideration.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about this report or wish to discuss it further, please contact me at 516-971-7783 or at gsinawski@aol.com.

Libertarian National Committee

Region 1 Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen

July 9, 2012

- What is currently designated as Region 1 for the LNC term 2012 thru 2014 is essentially what was referred to as Region 4 during the LNC term 2010 thru 2012 with the following changes:
 - The Nevada and New Mexico affiliates chose to associate with other regions, and
 - the Alaska, Idaho, and Washington affiliates chose to associate with the remaining region 4 affiliates.
 - Thus, the region membership status (i.e. 10% membership requirement) was maintained.
 - This effort consumed much time and effort on the part of both the Regional Representative and the state chairs involved.
 - The reformulated region held a caucus at the national convention on Friday, May 4th, 2012 at noon. At such caucus, Norm Olsen of Colorado was elected Regional Representative and Tony Ryan of Arizona was elected Regional Alternate.
- The ten affiliates which now comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Nine of the affiliates in Region 1 are ballot qualified for 2012 without petitioning. The Washington affiliate is obtaining the necessary presidential candidate petition signatures without assistance from the national committee. See the Washington specific report below.
- The policy of the former region (aka Region 4) of publishing a Region newsletter from time to time has been continued; the name being changed to Region I News. All Sustaining Members who are also members of any of the ten affiliates which form the current Region 1 are invited to subscribe to the newsletter. Two issues of the newsletter have been issued so far this term (2012 – 2014).
- Due to the geographic nature of this region, which spans five time zones and 52 degrees of latitude, personal contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates is not possible.

Alaska

Mark Fish, State Chair

No Report

Number of Libertarians	
Method of Membership Determination	
Voters can register as Libertarian	
Ballot Access Status	
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Arizona

Warren Severin, State Chair

No Report

Number of Libertarians	24,880
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	Registration >= .65% of active registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

“Regulate Marijauna like Alcohol” initiative (<http://www.regulatemarijuana.org>) has been qualified for the November statewide ballot as proposition 64.

The affiliate by-laws specify eleven members of the Board of Directors. Currently, there are five vacancies.

Number of Libertarians	16,015
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1,000 Registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	60±
Estimated Budget	\$600 / month

Hawaii

Jim Henshaw, State Chair

No report.

Number of Libertarians	67
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No, party affiliation not maintained by the state
Ballot Access Status	10% of statewide race, or petition of 0.1% of registered voters (~650)
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Idaho

Rob Oates, State Chair

Idaho held its biennial state convention on June 23 in Caldwell, Idaho. Rob Oates was re-elected Chair. The rest of the executive committee was re-elected as well, except for adding two newcomers: Cathy Smith elected treasurer and Chris Brunt elected Region 3 Representative.

The convention passed resolutions: 1) denouncing attempts by the legislature to force Idaho women to undergo an ultrasound exam prior to terminating their pregnancy; and, 2) urging the City of Boise to rescind its recently passed ban on smoking in businesses.

Number of Libertarians	unknown
Method of Membership Determination	N/A
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes (new this year, explaining the above answers)
Ballot Access Status	Maintained by running 3 statewide candidates every two years.
Number of Candidates in 2012	5
Estimated Budget	\$5,000 per annum

Kansas

Al Terwelp, State Chair

No report.

Number of Libertarians	10,139
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2012	

Estimated Budget	Under \$5,000 annually
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Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

Here are a few things that were or are going on in Montana. <http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/> This newspaper has a poll on the US Senate Race. Our candidate Dan Cox is sitting at 6% so far. The poll is down on the right hand side, so you can cast a vote for Dan. The first US Senate debate took place last week and another one was scheduled for this past Sunday but one of the candidates, was attending a fundraiser, so the event never happened.

We had 3 entries in the Corvallis Memorial Day Parade on May 28. On May 24th Secretary of State Candidate Roger Roots spoke at a forum in Hamilton. On June 23rd Clerk of the MT Supreme Court candidate was in the Stevensville Western Heritage Day Parade. We are working on getting into the Butte 4th parade, which is one of the largest parades in the state. There will other parades and fairs that the MTLP will attend, this summer.

In the fall there will debates between the candidates for Governor and the US Senate race. US House candidate Dave Kaiser (vote4you.us) should be invited to debates as well. In September there is the Missoula Hempfest, that is a big event and the University of Montana Homecoming Parade, that has around 140 entries, with thousands of people lined up to watch the parade. We get more people attending MT football games then people attending the Miami Heat Basketball. I heard a figure of around 20,000 for the Heat. For Montana most games have 24,000 to 26,000 fans. This is just some of the stuff that has or will happen in Montana.

Number of Libertarians	
Method of Membership Determination	
Voters can register as Libertarian	
Ballot Access Status	
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Utah

Jake Shannon, State Chair

No report.

Number of Libertarians	2,500
Method of Membership Determination	Tax check off
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide congressional vote
Number of Candidates in 2012	

Estimated Budget	
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Washington

Larry Nicholas, State Chair

Looks like the LPWA has approximately 1,300 signatures; enough to put Gov Johnson on the ballot. 1,000 valid voters are required at highly regulated "mini-conventions". We still have 7 days at various events around the state to go. If we can turn in 2,000 or more that would be great. At 1,300 I feel confident we are fine at this point.

We are also putting together some events for when Justice Gray flies in: Friday the 29th- July 1st.

Number of Libertarians	
Method of Membership Determination	
Voters can register as Libertarian	
Ballot Access Status	
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Wyoming

Dennis Brossman, State Chair

No report.

Number of Libertarians	1,300
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes (linked to ballot access)
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2012	
Estimated Budget	

Robert Kraus

From: Vicki Kirkland [vickilp12@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2012 2:01 PM
To: Robert Kraus
Subject: Fwd: Region 2 Report

FLORIDA:

Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate, Gary Johnson has just completed a successful campaign tour in Florida. He visited Jacksonville, Orlando, the Palm Beach area and the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. He raised money, and gained new recruits for the campaign. Florida will have 3 State House Candidates and a Congressional Candidate on the ballot in November. They are all running active campaigns.

Florida is more fortunate than other states concerning ballot access for the Presidential Candidate. They don't have to petition to get him on the ballot.

All they have to do is present a slate of electors and a certificate of nomination provided by the National LP. This has been done, and the Johnson/Gray ticket will be on the ballot in Florida.

GEORGIA:

On Sunday, July 15th and Monday, July 16th, the Gary Johnson Campaign is organizing a rally/protest in Atlanta centered around CNN's exclusion of Johnson from coverage and polling. LPGA's number of elected Libertarians is expected to increase by 50% (from 2 to 3) during the July 31st primary/nonpartisan elections. Executive

Director, Brett Bittner

is running unopposed to fill an unexpired term on the Marietta School Board. He's campaigning now while the focus is on the primaries to boost his name recognition for his re-election campaign in November 2013. This is a non-partisan race, but most people know him from his role in the Georgia LP and the Cobb Taxpayers Association.

His website is: BittnerforMarietta.com

This September the annual polo match and BBQ fundraiser will once again take place at Chukkar Farms in Alpharetta.

This October 14th at the third largest PRIDE celebration in the US, LP Georgia will once again be featured in the Atlanta PRIDE parade seen by 250K people on the streets of Atlanta, and untold numbers via webcast and the NBC affiliate's coverage. They're working on getting Governor Johnson a speaking spot onstage during the Festival, a few events in Atlanta and possibly Savannah.

They expect to break John Mond's record this Fall with their statewide candidate for Public Service Commission - District 5, David Staples. Faced with no Democrat in the race, David will be running only against a Republican for this seat.

1,076,067 votes were cast in

2008 for John Mond's in a similar situation. David's website is:

VoteStaples.com

Additionally, they will also have another statewide candidate for Public Service Commission this Fall, former LNC Alternate, Brad Ploeger, running to represent

District 3. While PSC

races are elected statewide, each candidate must live within the boundaries of the District they hope to represent. Brad will likely face a longtime Republican incumbent, but he'll be running against a new face on the Democrat side.

In South Georgia they have two candidates petitioning to appear on ballots for Georgia House, Jonathan Smith will face only a Democrat incumbent who has not had to actively campaign since winning the seat in 2006, while Jeff Bivins will face both a Republican and a Democrat, should they collect the requisite number of signatures to appear on the ballot (5% of registered voters

in the district).

The LP101 initiative (borrowed from LPIN) has been very successful so far, two seminars complete with 20 or so attendees each. Costs have more than been covered by onsite fundraising, and a new life member for the State Party resulted from this initiative. Find the details at lpgergia.com/lp101

TENNESSEE:

The Libertarian Party of Tennessee has continued to gain membership and inquiries. They are in a great position to have the Gary Johnson petitions filled out within the next month. They have also been in talks with Jim Linger about a possible ballot access lawsuit. A decision from a recent appeal by the state of Tennessee will be coming out soon. They are awaiting this decision before they can move forward.

Vicki Kirkland
Region 2 Rep LNC

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



REGION 3 REPORT



INDIANA



KENTUCKY



MICHIGAN



OHIO

REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 3
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 15TH - 16TH, 2012
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REGION 3 OVERVIEW

Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2012 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

All four states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2011 and June 2012.

June 2012 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	2774	328	13
KENTUCKY	1020	99	33
MICHIGAN	4859	428	9
OHIO	4586	542	5

YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

- ▲ INDIANA MEMBERSHIP UP 2.9%
- ▲ KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP UP 3.6%
- ▲ MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP UP 1.1%
- ▲ OHIO MEMBERSHIP UP 1.7%





LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Sam Goldstein (chair@lpin.org)

Vice Chair: Jerry Titus (vicechair@lpin.org)

Treasurer: Dale Wedel (treasurer@lpin.org)

Secretary: John Schick (secretary@lpin.org)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Executive Director: Chris Spangle (cspangle@lpin.org)

Office Space

LPIN has permanent office space in downtown Indianapolis at 156 E. Market Street Suite #405, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Currently, this space is unused as the organization has temporarily moved its offices across the street to the 3000+ sq ft headquarters of the Rupert for Governor campaign – a very impressive campaign headquarters which I've visited a couple of times in person.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana uses the Executive Director model for staff organization and management. Chris Spangle is the current, full-time, paid Executive Director for LPIN.

LPIN also has interns but does not currently have any paid contractors.

State Level Membership

LPIN has 506 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 46 active county parties and 46 inactive county parties.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

In the last election cycle LPIN ran 100 candidates for office.

Current Election Cycle



INDIANA SETS CANDIDATE LIST FOR 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

The deadline has arrived for placing candidates on the ballot. In total, 35 Libertarians will appear on the ballot in Indiana.

On the Federal side, the ticket is led by Gary Johnson and Judge Jim Gray for President and Vice President, respectively. Andrew Horning will represent the party in the race for United States Senate. Six candidates will represent the party for U.S. Congress.

On the state level, the ticket will be led by Survivor TV Star and philanthropist Rupert Boneham (pronounced "bone-em") for Governor and Brad Klopfenstein will serve as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN will be represented by 14 candidates for State Senate and House.

On the local level, 10 candidates will appear on the ballot for the Libertarian party. You can view the complete list of candidates at <http://lpin.org/candidates/>.

INDIANA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RUPERT BONEHAM AGREES TO THREE TELEVISED DEBATES WITH OPPONENTS

Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates have committed to 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 Andy Horning will also participate in one televised debate this fall should the three candidates agree to hold one.

GOV. GARY JOHNSON ENDORSES THREE HOOSIER CANDIDATES

LP Presidential Candidate Gary Johnson has endorsed three of the six candidates running for United States Congress. Endorsed candidates currently include:

- Andrew Horning - United States Senate
- Joe Ruiz - U.S. Congress, District 2
- Rex Bell - U.S. Congress, District 6

To read the endorsements, please visit <http://lpin.org/2012/06/25/gov-gary-johnson-endorses-three-hoosier-candidates/>

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.

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 6% in the last SOS race and continues to grow.

Activities



State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

The date is still to be determined, but likely to be held in conjunction with a Region 3 convention.

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN

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

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

LPIN is planning some golf tournaments for later this season.

MONTHLY EVENTS

LPIN is working to add one new event per month with the goal of bringing in an additional \$1000 per month.

Media Coverage

LPIN has consistent coverage because of its candidates at all levels. If a media outlet covers LPIN's opponents, it has teams that shame the media if the Libertarian candidate is not included. On average, LPIN has 1 to 3 letters to the editor or opinion pieces per month published in newspapers in support of its candidates.

Information Technology

LPIN's website is currently running on WordPress. There is no Constituent Resource Management (CRM) system for data management – all data management is currently handled through the use of spreadsheets.

Other

None



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KENTUCKY



www.LPKY.org

State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: Eric Cranley

Vice Chair: Matthew Keefe

Treasurer: Matthew Holder

Office Space

LPKY does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPKY at P.O. Box 432, Independence, KY 41051.

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

Membership at the state level is represented by the number of people who pay the \$30 annual dues to the state. By this definition, the number of state level members is less than 50.

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 does not officially recognize any party structure below the state level, however LPKY is actively working to grow its own sub-affiliates by congressional district and then by county, similar to how the Republicans and Democrats are formed in KY.

There are currently 6 congressional districts in Kentucky, 2 of which have active LPKY affiliates, 2 which have LPKY groups in the development phase and 2 with no activity yet.

District 1 (southwest) is an example of a congressional district in the development phase. It is currently led by someone interested in being the chair, who is actively recruiting other people to fill the other leadership positions.

District 4 (northern) has been a well-organized affiliate for several years now, and they are very close to having a county party organized, which would be the first county party for LPKY.

Elections



Past Election Cycle

Ken Moellman for State Treasurer in 2011 received a record 37,000 votes in the 2011 election – the most for any LPKY candidate, and 6 times as many votes as presidential candidate Bob Barr received statewide in 2008.

Current Election Cycle

PRESIDENT

Signature collection is still in progress. LPKY recently included these petitions in a mailing to 2100 registered voters.

CRAIG ASTOR, US CONGRESS 2ND DISTRICT

Craig has more than the required 400 valid signatures, which were filed on Monday, 7/9. LPKY was able to manually validate 444 of 550 collected. A large portion of the invalid signatures were due to redistricting, since Craig started collecting before they were finished drawing the new districts.

HARLEN COMPTON, CITY COUNCIL

Signature collection is finished and paperwork will be filed soon. This is a partisan city council race, which is rare in KY. Mr. Compton can win with only 600 votes, and considering his long established ties in the community, he has a very strong chance of winning.

OTHER RACES

The KY filing deadline has not passed yet for US Congress or partisan city council races, so LPKY is still looking to take on candidates in those races.

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

None

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Ballot access for the party label is not an issue in Kentucky.

However, as an alternative party, LPKY candidates are required to gather significantly more signatures to get on the ballot than their R & D counterparts. For example, a statewide LP candidate must gather 5000 valid signatures, a congressional candidate must gather 400, and a county or local candidate must gather 100, while the R's and D's only need to gather 2 (two) valid signatures for any of these races.

If Governor Johnson receives at least 2% of the vote for president statewide in 2012, LPKY's signature requirements will drop to the same levels as the R's and D's, thus reducing signature gathering time and costs, while most likely increasing the number of candidates who are willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky.

Activities

State Level Activities



2013 REGION 3 CONVENTION

LPKY is working with the other states in Region 3 to organize a regional convention next year, with a target date sometime in April.

FANCY FARM

This is an annual picnic at a church in south western KY, the largest political event in the state. The speaking schedule is already set in stone, and as usual there is NO room for LPKY. LPKY leaders are still actively trying to get a speaking engagement there anyway.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Two of the LPKY district chairs are speaking at this event and meeting students around the state who are going into their senior year of high school.

Local Level Activities

PICNICS

LPKY organized picnics in three of its districts in June. District 1 (south-western KY) went very well, several new people attended, and LPKY has the beginnings of a district party affiliate there now. Districts 4 and 5 had picnics as well.

LPKY has another district picnic scheduled in the Lexington area later this month. This district used to be well organized, and they're hoping to see a good turn-out at the event with the hopes of getting the district re-organized.

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

2100 letters went out last week to registered Libertarians which asked for contributions, and which included petitions for letter recipients to sign and return in order to get Governor Johnson on the ballot.

Future Initiatives

None planned at this time.

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 eagerly anticipating the release of the first version of Saratoga to upgrade their IT platforms.

Other



Voter Registration Issues: County Clerks Breaking the Law

LPKY continues to have trouble with the County Clerks offices around the state not properly registering Libertarian voters.

For years now, KY law has required that they record the party affiliation of anyone who checks "Other", and there are over a dozen counties that still have only "Independents," "Other," and the two old parties listed in the voter rolls. LPKY knows of several cases in which someone attempted to register as a Libertarian but is still currently listed as "Other."

Help Requested

LPKY has plans to move forward on this issue, but is curious if the LNC has any guidance or assistance to offer on getting the voter registration forms in KY converted to listing Libertarian as its own option.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

On June 2, 2012 at the state convention, the LPM had a change of hands for 90% of the Executive Committee.

Office Space

LPM has office space located at Columbia Center II, 101 West Big Beaver, Suite 1400,

Troy, MI 48084.

ELECTED POSITIONS

State Chair – Denee Rockman-Moon, chair@michiganlp.org

Vice Chair – Larry Johnson, michlibertarian@gmail.com

Secretary – Mary Buzuma, mary.buzuma@att.net

Treasurer – Kim Moore, sashaphoenix@gmail.com

Libertarian Executive Committee At-large Directors:

- Andrew Hall - halla12@ferris.edu
- Jim Fulner - fulner@gmail.com
- Christopher Sharer - christopher.sharer@gmail.com
- Keith Butkovich - sirkeith17@hotmail.com
- Gregory Creswell - i.am4_gcreswell@yahoo.com

Judicial Committee:

- Keith Edwards - keithmarni@wowway.com
- Bill Gelineau - freedomlover59@hotmail.com
- Shyler Engel – shyler.engel@gmail.com

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Webmaster – Brian Wright - brian_r_wright@yahoo.com
- Political Director – Bill Gelineau – politics@mi.lp.org

Paid Staff/Contractors

None

State Level Membership

LP Michigan currently has 154 paid members with the state and 455 with national.



At the state level, membership is determined by dues paying members (\$25 annually) who affirm the statement of principles.

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
- 2 forming
- 5 inactive

It appears as though the most active areas of the state are those in the southwest, along with the central portion of Michigan. These areas are more Republican based areas. North and east are more Unions and Democratic areas.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

UNKNOWN

Current Election Cycle

UNKNOWN

Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

No work was required this year to obtain/retain ballot access.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

No work is expected in the near term to retain ballot access.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

In 2013, Region 3 plans to hold a Regional Convention and a committee has been formed to determine date, location, etc. For some states, this will replace their individual state convention, but Michigan plans to hold a separate state convention in 2013 (date and location still TBD).

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN



Finances & Fundraising

Past Initiatives

Regarding prior fundraising activities, LPM only did one last year that Ms. Rockman-Moon is aware of; LPM had a membership contest. There was a contributor who committed \$500.00 to the affiliate that could recruit the most members within a 6 month time frame. This was somewhat successful, however it could have been more productive; it was not from lack of promotion, but Ms. Rockman-Moon believes it was from a lack of affiliate leader participation.

Current Initiatives

None active

Future Initiatives

As a brand new State Chairwoman, Denee Rockman-Moon is reaching out and trying to get ideas from the Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC), members, and outside sources for future fundraising ideas. She is not having luck, as no one seems to want to commit or they are still pondering on the ideas. She will be giving everyone until their next LEC meeting July 15 to express interest or an idea of their own.

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon would like to plan a large event for the month of Sept or Oct, but details are still unconfirmed.

At the last LEC meeting, the committee approved a "matching of the funds" initiative for each affiliate. LPM will be matching up to \$100.00 twice for each affiliate until October 1st. LPM leaders are hoping that this will get some motivation going to plan an event at a festival, parade, etc.

Media Coverage

LPM has been in many articles recently due to the lawsuit with the SOS in regards to Gary Johnson, and Ms. Rockman-Moon has been on two talk radio stations in the month of June.

Information Technology

LPM currently uses a SharePoint platform for its website. LPM feels the appearance of their website is at about a 5/10 while the content is about a 7/10 because it is kept fairly current. The website is estimated to get about 50-100 hits per day.

LPM is eagerly anticipating the first release of the Saratoga project later this summer so they can upgrade their website and contact management platforms.

Other

Legal Actions

The LPM LEC has recently filed a complaint (lawsuit) against Secretary of State Ruth Johnson for her decision of not allowing former Governor Gary Johnson on the November ballot. Ruth Johnson has based her decision on the Michigan "sore loser" law. More specifically, the campaign was literally minutes late in submitting paperwork to remove Governor



Gary Johnson from the Republican primary ballot, and therefore the state is considering his a “sore loser” and does not want to allow him on the ballot as a Libertarian candidate.

Before filing the complaint, LPM made several attempts to contact Ruth Johnson, as well as Carol Pierce and Christopher Thomas with the Bureau of Elections.

Challenges

LPM’s biggest problem at the moment is a lack of motivation and follow-through from the LEC members and affiliate leaders. Dedication to the position that they are in, and not just taking the title to say that they have one is Ms. Rockman-moon’s biggest struggle at the moment. LPM currently has LEC members that think that a 2 hr meeting once a month is too much and checking email once a week is acceptable. All this does is slow their productivity and prolong the time it takes to move forward on other items. This is very frustrating to Ms. Rockman-Moon as chair.

Help Requested

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon is seeking help with solving the problem of lack of motivation with her fellow state and local leaders, and general ideas and concepts to help strengthen and grow the LPM.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OHIO



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Like its Republican and Democrat counterparts, the Libertarian Party of Ohio 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: Kevin Knedler (kevin.knedler@lpo.org)
- Vice Chair: Bob Bridges (bob.bridges@lpo.org)
- Secretary: Daryl Olthaus (daryl.olthaus@lpo.org)
- Treasurer: Bryant Callaghan (bryant.callaghan@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Aaron Harris (aaron.harris@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Michael Johnston (michael.johnston@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Jillian A. Mack (jillian.mack@lpo.org)

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 – Director Aaron Harris
- Field Development Division – Interim Director Kevin Knedler, Deputy Director Jason Tyson
 - 9 regional liaison positions available (6 currently filled)
- Finance Division – Director Jillian A. Mack
- IT Division – Director Scott Pettigrew
- Political Division – Director Bob Bridges

Office Space

The LPO recently expanded its office space by moving to another office within the same office complex. The former office space was one room and was approximately 120 sq ft. while the new office space is two connected rooms and is approximately 240 sq ft.



The front room is used as a fully functional office with seating for multiple guests, a desk with working computer, printer, copier, fax, wireless Internet access, and coffee, tea, and water service.

The back room is used as storage and meeting space with a podium and fold out tables and chairs.

By moving just across the hall, the LPO was able to keep its address as 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The LPO currently has one paid contractor (myself), who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. I am 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

In Ohio, as an officially recognized political party by the SOS, membership is determined by the number of voters who request a Libertarian ballot in the primary election.

The LPO experienced surprising growth in membership between 2010 and 2012.

The LPO had legitimate concerns that it would lose a significant amount of registered Libertarians in 2012 due to the "Ron Paul Effect" (i.e., voters formerly registered as Libertarians who would request a Republican primary ballot so that they could vote for Ron Paul in the primary election). While the LPO did lose a number of voters because of the "Ron Paul Effect," it actually gained far more new registered Libertarians than it lost.

Over all, the LPO pulled equal votes from former Republicans and former Democrats, even more from former Independents, and a handful from the minor parties on the ballot (Socialist, Green, and Constitution).

2010-2012 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

▲ STATE MEMBERSHIP UP 30%





Sub-Affiliates

Ohio law recognizes sub-affiliates by county. Ohio has 88 counties in total.

The LPO Field Development Division is responsible for growing county affiliate parties. It does this with a stepping stone model, first starting with County Development Groups (CDG's) which are technically part of the state party and not recognized by the state of Ohio.

Once the CDG has enough dedicated members, it begins the legal process of becoming a county affiliate which is officially recognized by the SOS and BOE as its own party organization, autonomous from the LPO, but still guided and assisted by the LPO as needed.

The LPO currently has 12 official county affiliates and 4 CDG's. This is a significant increase from 2008 when the LPO only had 2 official county affiliates and 5 CDG's.

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2008)

In 2008, the LPO ran 10 candidates at varying levels across the state.

In 2010, the LPO had a full statewide slate of candidates (among many other candidates), and this was the first time a full statewide slate was run by an alternative party since 1932 with the Communist Party.

Current Election Cycle (2012)

23 LP candidates are on the ballot in Ohio in 2012, vs about 10 in 2008. Each will have the "Libertarian Party" brand under their name. The LPO's goal is to exceed the previous cycle (4 year) each time.

The LPO is now looking for 2014 candidates for statewide office.

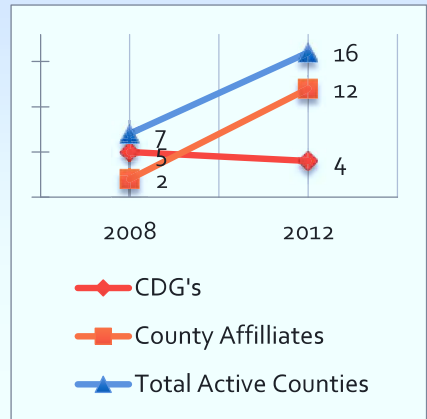
Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The LPO is guaranteed ballot access in 2012 based on the last Federal court ruling in its favor.

2008-2012 SUB-AFFILIATE CHANGES

- ▲ COUNTY AFFILIATES UP 600%
- ▲ TOTAL ACTIVE COUNTIES UP 230%



2008-2012 CANDIDATE STATS

- ▲ NUMBER OF CANDIDATES UP 230%





Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The Ballot Access appeal in Federal Court will be July 24 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Ohio Assembly (GOP), not the Ohio (GOP) SOS is appealing the 6th circuit court ruling of last October—court ruled in LPO favor once again. The odds are in the favor of the LPO once again, as the GOP basically wants a law that was struck down in 2006.

Activities

State Level Activities

THE OHIO LP STATE CONVENTION

The state convention was held on March 30, March 31, and April 1 at the Holiday Inn Worthington in Columbus, and it was the most successful in individual attendance as well as vendors in recent memory. Nick Gillespie and Matt Welch of Reason were two of the featured speakers in the main seminar track, and the candidate seminar track was extremely well attended and well received.

State Chair Kevin Knedler gave “kudos to Jillian Mack and Bob Bridges for stepping in at the last moment to ensure the success of the LPO 2012 convention.”

Final numbers (profit-loss) are still being tabulated.

TEAM BUILDING EVENT: LPO FIELD DEVELOPMENT & GJ2012 OHIO

The LPO Field Development team and the GJ2012 Ohio team met at the woods of the Mohican Resort and Lodge on June 2nd and 3rd. The LPO sponsored the event, acquired a meeting room, bought lunch, and sponsored the GEOCache treasure hunt teambuilding event. About 25 people attended. This was a great opportunity to meet each other, network, and develop plans for the GJ campaign in Ohio in 2012.

LARGE COMMUNITY EVENTS

The LPO participated in a number of events around Ohio in June, including the Columbus Ohio Pride Festival, Columbus Ohio ComFest (community festival), and the “We the People” Convention at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. The LPO had a booth at each event.

GOVERNOR GARY JOHNSON VISTED OHIO

Governor Gary Johnson visited Ohio on June 29th and 30th.

The campaign conducted two fundraisers on June 29th and State Chair Kevin Knedler gave “kudos to Ohio GJ2012 coordinator Debbie Dean and LPO Finance Director Jillian Mack for putting on top-notch fundraising events.” The Governor personally told Mr. Knedler that he was very pleased with the events.

The governor attended and spoke at the “We the People” Convention at the Ohio State Fairgrounds on June 30th.

ANNUAL LPO PICNIC

The LPO will be holding its annual picnic on July 28th at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is family friendly with plenty of food and drink, and it will feature the always popular fundraiser, “pie in the face of your favorite LPO leader.” The LPO is also looking to use a “dunk tank for your LPO leaders” as a new fundraiser.



Local Level Activities

SOCIAL MIXERS

Newly appointed Southwest Ohio Region Liaison (Field Development Division) Brad Lowry has taken the region by storm. He is using his excellent managerial, team building, and culture creation skills to grow the SW OH region for the LPO. He has hosted a number of social mixers at local pubs, open to the public and heavily advertised on Facebook and Meetup, which were attended by many new people in addition to the strong SW OH LP base. Mr. Lowry has several more of these events planned throughout the summer.

Finances & Fundraising

The LPO is in a strong financial position again this year, and is about to undertake a new initiative to specifically target potential high-dollar contributors. Finance Director Jillian A. Mack is heading up this project and will report on the successes and failures of the endeavor once the campaign is complete.

Media Coverage

In the first week of July alone, the LPO was mentioned in two front page articles in the largest newspaper in the state, the Columbus Dispatch.

LPO leaders and Governor Gary Johnson have also been featured guests on a number of radio shows throughout the state in the past several months.

Information Technology

The LPO currently uses an outdated version of Joomla for its website content management, and an outdated version of CiviCRM for its contact, contribution, and event management.

The LPO is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Saratoga project later this summer so that it can replace its outdated IT platforms as well as provide modern platforms for county affiliates and candidates.

Other

None

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



REGION 4 REPORT



REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 3
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 15TH - 16TH, 2012
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REGION 4 OVERVIEW

Region 4 is a new Region formed at the 2012 Libertarian National Convention. This Region is comprised of States with similar interest, notably, States who wish to work together with the Gary Johnson campaign.

Region 4 has high expectations for this term. Each state within the region has set realistic goals which they will all attempt to meet or exceed. This Region has and will continue to remain very active together.

The first Regional call was on May 24, 2012. The purpose of the call was to introduce the Regional Representatives to the state leadership within the Region. We discussed the following goals:

1. Form a Region which will be active and work together.
2. The intent would be to hold monthly (or at the very least Quarterly) Region meetings via WebEx or conference calls to strengthen our relationship. Depending on the type of meeting will determine who the participants will be i.e. just State Chairs or the entire Ex Comm.
3. This Region is coined the "Gary Johnson Region." All states in this Region will be working hard with the Gary Johnson Campaign. The Region will work as a team and bring as much attention to the Johnson campaign as possible.
 - a. Working closely with the Campaign
 - b. New Mexico and Nevada are always swing states and we will put a lot of resources toward these states to make a lot of noise!
 - c. Gary Johnson is from New Mexico and the VP candidate, Judge Jim Grey, is from California. We will also focus on their states
4. There will also be Region training for specific departments where each state can share with each other their knowledge.
 - a. Using state conventions as an example, we would have a meeting with the state convention chairs from each state to brainstorm different ideas states can implement to put on better events by sharing vendors (compare best prices for stuff like t-shirts) and sharing sponsors. There could be a communications director meeting where everyone shares their ideas and strategies, etc.
 - b. Ballot access
 - c. Website/Online Presence
 - d. Chapter Development
5. We would like to have a physical annual meeting for our Region alternating between states. In addition we could schedule a meeting around the annual LSLA meeting.
6. This Region will actively share resources and could team up on different activities such as creating a Regional Public Relations Department or organize themed events we could all do in our own Region.
7. The ultimate goal will be to demonstrate how Regions can be effective if they work together. We will publish white papers, case studies etc. to show our growth.

As part of the overall game plan, Region 4 will conduct specialized monthly training in areas essential to growing the Libertarian Party. Region 4 has the following training/meetings scheduled:



- Communications Directors
 - This WebEx will invite all Communications Directors within the Region from both State and Counties.
 - The WebEx will discuss best practices and methodologies such as developing a list of media contacts, communicating with media, social media tactics and more.
- Treasurers
 - The purpose of this call is to discuss best practices for state and county Treasures. We will discuss methodologies to establish consistency among Treasures so there can be an easy transition from one Treasurer to the next.

National Membership for the Region

All five states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2011 and June 2012.

June 2012 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ARKANSAS	799	87	38
CALIFORNIA	18610	1855	1
NEVADA	1647	196	21
NEW MEXICO	1044	137	29
NEW YORK	4539	558	4

YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

- ▲ ARKANSAS MEMBERSHIP UP 28%
- ▲ CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP UP 1.5%
- ▲ NEVADA MEMBERSHIP UP 2.2%
- ▲ NEW MEXICO MEMBERSHIP UP 1.7%
- ▲ NEW YORK MEMBERSHIP UP 1%





LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS



State Organization

Elected Positions

Chair: Rodger Paxton

Vice Chair: David Pangrac

Treasurer: Casey D. Copeland

Secretary: Brian Leach

Appointed Positions

Jessica Paxton, Media and Communications Director

Recent Changes

n/a

Office Space

Currently LPAR does not have office space; however, they are working on it.

Paid Staff/Contractors

n/a

Legal Actions

n/a

State Level Membership

LPAR has 87 members in its state chapter. To be considered a member of LPAR, a member must pay \$10/year to the state party and be 18 years of age or older.

Sub-Affiliates

LPAR has a total of 6 affiliates, 3 County and 3 Congressional. To become an affiliate they have to submit bylaws to the State party for consideration. Congressional Affiliates can submit bylaws as well.

Trends

Membership is constantly increasing, new members all the time. There are a lot of older citizens joining the party than before.



Elections

Past Election Cycle

No candidates were ran in the last election cycle.

Current Election Cycle

15 total candidates are running as follows;

- All 4 congressional districts
- 4 state races – Rep, Senate
- The rest are smaller races
- 1 uncontested for a Constable – Partisan race

Gary Johnson for President and Judge Jim Gray for Vice President.

Ballot Access

Maintaining Ballot Access

To maintain LPAR needs 3% of the presidential race. Ballot access is every 2 years, one cycle is the Presidential the other is Governor's race.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

10,000 valid signatures of registered voters were needed to get on the ballot which they did last year.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The biggest issue is having the necessary funds to maintain ballot access. \$50,000 was raised for Ballot access. There was a cost of approx. 40% commission to raise the capital, which left approx. \$30,000 after expenses, all of which all was allocated to ballot access.

LPAR is reaching out to other parties and contemplating a lawsuit against ballot access.

To improve ballot access, LPAR suggests raising additional funds to get the Libertarian Message out there.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

LPAR has to have an annual state convention as per its bylaws. The State Convention will be held in Little Rock, AR likely in April 2013

State Level Activities

The last state convention was the first nominating Convention and the largest they have ever had.

The Statewide picnic usually brings in a lot of money.



Coalition Building

They are working closely with YAL, Arkansans for compassionate care (Marijuana Initiative) Arkansas Patriot Group, Arkansas Carry (the President is a member and an LPAR candidate) soon to start working with the Young Libertarian National Alliance.

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

Raise money for the LP message and let people know that LPAR is on top of ballot access. They are sending letters; there is a fund raiser coordinator, phone calls, emails. Emails seem to be more productive than letters. The ROI doesn't warrant sending letters anymore.

Future Initiatives

Retain ballot access - \$100,000

Grow the membership - \$10,000 is a starting point

Media Coverage

A lot of media coverage with their ability to achieve ballot access. The main newspapers have been friendly to LPAR. LPAR has also received National coverage as well. There are a few members that write letters to the Editor quite often, almost every time they have been published.

Information Technology

Online Technologies

LPAR.org is a Drupal website and they are using CiviCRM for membership management.

LPAR will move to Saratoga once completed.

RECENT WEBSITE TRAFFIC

LPAR.org typically receives approximately 9,000 hits a month with approx. 800 unique visitors.

QUALITY RATING

- Visually their website is clean and easy to navigate
- There is a lot of fresh content and the quality is acceptable, however they are trying to improve it further.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Meetup.com
- Facebook.com
 - <http://www.facebook.com/lp.arkansas>
 - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkansas-Libertarian-Party-First-District/238896099882?ref=ts>
 - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkansas-Libertarian-Party-Second-District/395862067929?ref=ts>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ARLiberty>



Other

LPNevada Branded Materials

- Banners
- Poster boards
- Business cards for state leaders
- Flyers
- Postcards/palm cards
- Nolan quizzes
- T-shirts

Biggest problem growing the affiliate

- Ballot access
- Lack of training from National

Trends

The state of Arkansas is very anti-Obama.

Achieving ballot access was a very big deal to Arkansas

Help Requested from LNC and/or the LP Staff

- More Money
 - \$10,000 – For Marketing
 - If we lose ballot access we will need \$30,000
- Providing a solution like Saratoga
- Automate membership data instead of sending out monthly data dumps
- National Marketing campaigns which will help with the overall branding for the LP.

LPAR has had very good interactions and experiences with LP Staff!



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA



State Organization

Elected Positions

Chair: Kevin Takenaga

Northern Vice Chair: C. Michael Pickens

Southern Vice Chair: Matthew "Boomer" Shannon

Treasurer: Brian Darby

Secretary: Lauren Hilton

Appointed Positions

n/a

Recent Changes

At the last State convention 5 At-Large members and 2 Alternates were chosen for the State Executive Committee. Our Regional Representative and Alternate were also chosen in addition to 5 Judicial Members.

Office Space

The LPC recently moved to Sacramento, two blocks from the state Capitol building.

Our new address is:

Libertarian Party of California
770 L St Ste 950
Sacramento CA 95814-3361

The new telephone number is:
(916) 446-1776



Paid Staff/Contractors

One contractor who handles operations and special projects.

Legal Actions

Prop. 14 lawsuit filed in Alameda County, pending.

State Level Membership

LPC has 1,855 members in its chapter. To be considered a member of LPC, a member must pay \$25/year and be a registered Libertarian or decline to state, if eligible.



Sub-Affiliates

LPC currently has numerous county affiliates divided between the two halves of the state. The Southern Region consists of Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Imperial counties. The Northern Region consists of the remaining 48 counties. Each of these regions is overseen by the corresponding regional Vice Chairs.



Trends

We have seen increasing interest from Johnson/Gray 2012 supporters to get involved with local county central committees.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

The Top Two primary ended up reducing the number of candidates interested in participating due to the increased number of signatures required to waive the ballot fee.

Current Election Cycle

Deadlines for non-partisan candidates will open July 16 and end on August 10, for the elections in November.

Gary Johnson for President and Judge Jim Gray for Vice President.

Ballot Access

Maintaining Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

None.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Due to Prop 14 passage, we will need 103,000 registered Libertarians by November 2014. (1% of previous Gubernatorial election year's vote total for Governor as registered voter, per current State election code.)

The state Party has 93,000 registered Libertarians.

In addition, the state Legislature threatens to ban the practice of paying petitioners per affidavit.

<http://ca.lp.org/blog/archives/2954>

Activities



State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

LPC has to have an annual state convention as per its bylaws. The State Convention will be held in Sacramento likely in April 2013 pending site selection and contract signing.

State & Local Activities

The Chairman, Kevin Takenaga, testified in the state Senate Committee on Public Safety against AB 2058.

http://calchannel.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=7&clip_id=592

- A.B. 2058 testimony begins at about the 1:22 mark.

Many of the local central committees have had numerous campaign events for Judge Jim Gray (ret.) Please view the following blog post:

<http://ca.lp.org/blog/archives/2844>

Coalition Building

LPC is working with the following organizations; Young Libertarian National Alliance, Students for Liberty, Atlas Liberty, Johnson Campaign

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

As part of our office move, the LPC is working on a fundraising campaign to promote awareness of our new presence in Sacramento and how it enables the Party to improve its political standing in the state.

Future Initiatives

Holding additional fundraisers for the state Party and its campaign support committee for state and local candidates.

Media Coverage

Below are links to recent media:

- [Libertarian Party nominates Vice-Presidential candidate Jim Gray](#), *Orange County Breeze*, 5/23/2012
- [Libertarian candidate to speak at Oaksterdam](#), *Oakland Tribune*, 5/23/2012
- [Libertarians Hit the Ground Running](#), *Ventura County Reporter*
- [Libertarian Party's VP nominee calls for change](#), *Ventura County Star*, 6/21/2012

Information Technology

Online Technologies

LPC uses the following for their website: Wordpress 3.3.1 + Buddypress 1.3.1 + CiviCRM 4.1.2



RECENT WEBSITE TRAFFIC

n/a

QUALITY RATING

- Visually their website is very clean and easy to navigate
- There is a lot of fresh content and the quality is very good.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Meetup.com
 - Counties use Meetup to post events.
- Facebook.com
 - Most active CA counties or groups have a Facebook page where official and non-official news is posted and where users may go to engage with each other. Our Mailchimp/Wordpress newsletter auto posts to LPC's official state site so that emails are available to followers on Facebook.
- Twitter
 - LPC has a twitter account but are not aggressively making use of it at this time.
- Calendar of events on your website or elsewhere
 - LPC has a functioning calendar but are migrating to a fully CiviCRM integrated calendar for tracking events, rsvps, participation, and follow up.
- Statewide email announcement frequency
 - LPC sends out an automated monthly newsletter powered by their Wordpress installation which feeds to Mailchimp. This will also be integrated with CiviCRM. Additional emails are sent on an ad hoc basis or as news items present themselves.

Other

LP California Branded Materials

- Banners
- Poster boards
- Business cards for most state leaders
- Flyers
- Brochures

Biggest problem growing the affiliate

- Financial Constraints
- Top-two
- No "How To Guides"

Trends

There is a lot of excitement behind the Gary Johnson campaign, which they are funneling into LPC

Help Requested from LNC and/or the LP Staff

- Better and more accurate information on members and donors
- Automate membership data instead of sending out monthly data dumps
- Participate financially with LPC for voter registration to meet 2014 deadline for remaining on the ballot.
- National Marketing campaigns, which will help with the overall branding for the LP.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEVADA



State Organization

Elected Positions

Chair: Joseph Silvestri

Vice Chair: Wayne Allyn Root

Treasurer: Joe Hassen

Secretary: Brett H. Pojunis

Appointed Positions

Bill Pojunis: Communications Director

Kurt Brackob: Vice Treasurer

Recent Changes

At the last State convention the State Executive Committee changed from 8 members to 5. A new membership level was created, \$50/year (\$25 to National \$25 to LPNevada).

Office Space

Currently Nevada does not have office space

Paid Staff/Contractors

n/a

Legal Actions

n/a

State Level Membership

LPNevada has 196 members in its state chapter. To be considered a member of LPNevada, a member must pay \$50/year and join the National party \$25, and LPNevada \$25.

Sub-Affiliates

LPNevada currently does not have any county affiliates, although they are considering setting up affiliates as Congressional Districts in lieu of Counties.

Trends

LPNevada identifies that a very professional demographic has recently joined and/or expressed interest in LPNevada.



Elections

Past Election Cycle

No information

Current Election Cycle

The deadlines for candidates have passed, the elections are in November.

LPNevada is running 2 candidates for Congress, Joseph Silvestri (State chair) and Bill Pojunis (Communications Director) Gary Johnson for President and Judge Jim Gray for Vice President.

Ballot Access

Maintaining Ballot Access

LPNevada is very lucky as they must achieve 1% in a statewide election (including Presidential) in order to maintain Ballot access.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

None

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

LPNevada is very hopeful Gary Johnson will obtain at least 1% of statewide votes to maintain ballot access.

LPNevada does not foresee any changes to their ballot access.

LPNevada should be signing up more Libertarians to achieve higher vote totals to ensure ballot access.

Activities

State Level Activities

STATE CONVENTION

LPNevada has to have an annual state convention as per its bylaws. The State Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada likely in February 2013 although LPNevada is open to other dates which are non-conflicting with other state conventions.

GARY JOHNSON FOR PRESIDENT: FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

There has been a focus for Gary Johnson Fundraising events. We have hosted 7 Gary Johnson Fundraising events at multiple venues ranging from the National Convention, to individual private homes.

LPNevada is developing commercials specific to Nevadans for Gary Johnson for President, paid by LPNevada. This is being paid for by a special purpose



Local Level Activities

n/a

Coalition Building

LPNevada is working with the following organizations; Young Libertarian National Alliance, Students for Liberty, Atlas Liberty, Johnson Campaign, LNCC

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

There has been a focus for Gary Johnson Fundraising events. LPNevada has hosted 7 Gary Johnson Fundraising events at multiple venues ranging from the National Convention, to individual private homes. Gary Johnson events have worked out very well. LPNevada participates in the donations as LPNevada incurs the majority of the expenses to host each event.

Future Initiatives

LPNevada would like to raise funds to spend on commercials for Gary Johnson, media buys, and other activities LPNevada would like to raise \$5,000 per week. LPNevada is seeking outside fundraising groups to assist with these efforts. The tentative goals are to raise money to effectively market Libertarianism as we as the LPNevada brand. All advertising will have a specific "call to action" leading to increased memberships. which will lead to additional membership.

Media Coverage

LPNevada has achieved some National press lately as a party. Individual members, such as Wayne Allyn Root, receive a significant number of National and International media appearances which directly benefits LPNevada.

Information Technology

Online Technologies

LPNevada.org is a Joomla site and is using SugarCRM to manage its members. LPNevada currently uses vTiger to import the National Data dump, scrub the content and put it into a new format to import correctly with SugarCRM.

Multiple LPNevada members have access to the information pertaining to IT so it cannot be lost in the event someone leaves.

LPNevada will move to Saratoga once completed.

RECENT WEBSITE TRAFFIC

April 2012

- 1,405 Unique Visitors
- 65,151 Total Hits

May 2012

- 1,158 Unique Visitors



- 53,947 Total Hits

June 2012

- 1,017 Unique Visitors
- 38,956 Total Hits

QUALITY RATING

- Visually is very good
- There is a lot of fresh content and the quality is good

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Strategy: LPNevada puts out most of its content through its blog (www.lpnevada.org/blog) and then is disseminated through social media assets. LPNevada is very active with social media through active Facebook pages, groups and individual members' social media accounts.
- Meetup.com - <http://www.meetup.com/lpnevada/>
- Facebook.com
 - <http://www.facebook.com/lpnevada>
 - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/159946000750341/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/lpnevada>

LPNevada will work on building a better process to disseminate information throughout social media.

Other

LP Nevada Branded Materials

- Banners
- Poster boards
- Business cards for most state leaders
- Flyers
- Postcards/palm cards
- T-shirts – Polo Shirts
- Lapel Pins

Biggest problem growing the affiliate

- Financial Constraints
- Misconceptions from potential members of what the party stands for
- Lack of training from National
- No "How To Guides"

Trends

There is a lot of excitement behind the Gary Johnson which we are funneling into LPNevada

Help Requested from LNC and/or the LP Staff

- Better and more accurate information on members and donors
- Automate membership data instead of sending out monthly data dumps
- Participate financially (matching funds) with LPNevada for Johnson Commercials paid for by the Libertarian Party and LPNevada. At the very least allocate a portion of the National budget allowed to spend on the Johnson Campaign. National can spend \$21 Million dollars on the campaign.
- National Marketing campaigns which will help with the overall branding for the LP.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Chair: Mike Blessing

Vice Chair: Elisheva Levin

Treasurer: Michael P. Simpson

Secretary: Ron Bjornstad

***Mike Blessing was not available; this report was submitted by The Vice Chair, Elisheva Levin**

Recent Changes

Due to an adverse legal situation, the LPNM was very small and almost non-functioning for part of 2011, with the exception of the work of Mike Blessing and a small cadre of officers, and a monthly social event for the Bernalillo County Party in Albuquerque. Due to the Johnson candidacy, we got enough new interest to fill our quota of delegates and some alternates for the National Convention. At our State Convention in April, we were also able to fill our regional reps and make some changes in our by-laws. Our finances are low, and we are working on organizing ourselves better to meet the challenge of the campaign and to grow the party. In my opinion, we work well together. Perhaps it is the camaraderie of the foxhole!

Office Space

No office, LPNM work out of their homes and meet quarterly at the Quarters Westside, in Albuquerque.

Paid Staff/Contractors

n/a

Legal Actions

Not currently, although the LPNM was sued during the last quarter of 2009 and the case dragged out into the middle of 2011. For this reason, the LPNM is currently running in the red. Mike has a better knowledge of all the dates and times, as I came in as Vice-Chair in the middle of the lawsuit and was not directly involved.

State Level Membership

LPNM has 137 members in its chapter. Voters registered as Libertarian (from the New Mexico Secretary of State) as of June: 2383, but since New Mexico does not purge its lists of people who have not voted in a certain period of time, this list is not reliable.

LPNM has two levels of membership: 1) Registered Libertarians in New Mexico can vote at the State convention to determine who will run in political offices, but only 2) Caucus members can vote for party offices and on all party business.



Caucus members are those who join the state party by paying dues (\$25, to either the New Mexico affiliate or the LP) and who fill out a form and sign the Zero Aggression Principle. This has not changed recently.

Sub-Affiliates

The LPNM Central Committee assigns a volunteer to organize a county party, and that person/persons gathers libertarians and they elect a county chair and officers. Mike Blessings has these numbers. They have a few active counties, including Bernalillo, Santa Fe (which was reformed at the state convention), Sandoval, and Valencia. Catron County is forming, because my Bruce is the organizer. There may be others. Inactive counties to my knowledge are Socorro, Dona Ana, and San Juan. There may be others.

Trends

Increasing numbers of registered voters due to the efforts of the Johnson 2012 Campaign, and some increase in caucus membership for the same reason. Speaking for myself, I see the Johnson Campaign as a great opportunity to renew and grow the LPNM.

Elections

Past Election Cycle

n/a

Current Election Cycle

n/a

Ballot Access

Maintaining Ballot Access

LPNM must get 2% or 3% (not sure) percent in a race for statewide or national office to remain on the ballot, and we must get 5% to be designated as a major party. The petition requirements for a major party are less onerous than those of a minor party. The voting percentages remain the same.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

LPNM did a petition drive with the help of national in 2010. We are on the ballot.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The biggest problem with ballot access is numbers and the reluctance of the entrenched Democrat party to allow minor parties at all.

There was a lawsuit about ballot access against the secretary of state, and I believe we won on some points, however, the lawyer who brought the suit for us and the Green Party New Mexico is the lawyer who sued LPNM.

LPNM is working hard to get a respectable percentage of the vote for Gary Johnson. They are also running candidates, although only a few for statewide office because we are in a retrenchment period.



To improve ballot access, LPNM might run more candidates, but the filing deadlines are past now. They need more people who are willing to do more than just talk, and we need to inspire in ourselves a can-do attitude. This will take some work, as the lawsuit hurt morale and meant the loss of some key individuals who had carried the party for a long time.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

LPNM has one every year to take care of party business, and we must have one every two years to approve candidates for public office.

LPNM has their convention during the weekend before or after Jefferson's Birthday (April 17). In 2013 it is scheduled for April.

Local Level Activities

LPNM is discussing a rifle raffle.

Coalition Building

n/a

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

No fundraising other than caucus membership since our last report.

Future Initiatives

These are being discussed.

Media Coverage

Mike Blessing has been invited on KKOB radio's afternoon drive to discuss the LPNM in light of the Johnson Campaign. Mike Blessing has a show on the local cable access channel that must be renewed each quarter. We have been discussing a pod-cast/internet radio show on an already established channel.

Bill Kohler writes one or two letters a week on topics in the news, and generally gets one or two a month published.

Information Technology

Online Technologies

n/a

NM will likely use Saratoga when it is available



RECENT WEBSITE TRAFFIC

n/a

QUALITY RATING

- Visually it needs a lot of work
- There is a need for content

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Meetup.com
- Facebook.com
 - LPNM has an official party group limited to members (Libertarian Party of New Mexico), and a discussion site that is open, but on one must join the group to comment (New Mexico Libertarians)
- Calendar of events on your website or elsewhere On website, but not always updated, also on Yahoo Groups
- Statewide email announcement frequency no established frequency except the online newsletter, but it can only be accessed through Yahoo Groups
- Press release frequency No regular frequency

Other

LPNM & LP Branded Materials

n/a

Biggest problem growing the affiliate

- Numbers
- Volunteers
- Positioning candidates.

Trends

The political climate and the anger of people at the tyranny being unleashed against all of us, the momentum of the Johnson Campaign.

Help Requested from LNC and/or the LP Staff

- Training for motivation and organization
- Legal/organizational consults on by-laws that might help avoid our lawsuit problem
- Boots on the ground for the Johnson Campaign, success stories of state affiliates in retrenchment that we can learn from. We could use more hours in the day, too!
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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

State Organization



Elected Positions

Chair: Mark Axinn

Vice Chair: Christian Padgett

Vice Chair: Audrey Capozzi

Treasurer: Gary Triestman

Secretary: Blay Tarnoff

Appointed Positions

John Clifton, Political Director

Chris Edes, Web Master

Recent Changes

LPNY has moved to the 4th largest Libertarian Party Affiliate

Office Space

Currently LPNY does not have office space.

Paid Staff/Contractors

n/a

Legal Actions

Yes, suing Board of Elections with respect to permit independent candidates to run on more than one line. New York is a Fusion State which enables candidates to run on multiple lines (parties). Independent bodies can only run on one line.

State Level Membership

LPNY has 4,539 members in its state chapter. To be considered a member of LPNY, members have to pay dues (\$25) once a year (Dues expire on December 31) or be a lifetime member. There are currently 40 life members.

Sub-Affiliates

LPNY has a total of 9 active affiliates. They are in the process of forming 3 additional Counties and there is 1 which is inactive.

Trends



Lots of interest from the youth, Ron Paul people wanting to do thing on the local level

Elections

Past Election Cycle

6 statewide candidates; Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Controller and 2 US Senate.

The most important votes were 48,334 for Gov. LPNY needed 50,000 there were 7 candidates, LPNY came in 4th. This was 1% LPNY needed 1.2% they got 1.1%.

Current Election Cycle

8 total candidates are running as follows;

- 6 US House Seats
- 1 US Senate
- 1 maybe 2 assembly

Gary Johnson for President and Judge Jim Gray for Vice President.

Ballot Access

Maintaining Ballot Access

To maintain LPNY needs 15,000 valid signatures which means we need approx. 20,000.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

n/a

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Their biggest problem is signatures being challenged by the GOP and raising the necessary funds to petition. They started petition July 10th and it ends on August 21st. They have a 4 year cycle. They are suing the state of New York to enable independent parties to run on multiple lines.

To improve ballot access, LPNY is running additional candidates and suing the state of New York.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

LPNY has to have an annual state convention as per its bylaws. The State Convention is typically held on a Saturday in April (2013), they switch locations throughout the state each year.

State & Local Level Activities



LPNY is consistently hosting events all the time. There is a million person march where everyone will be drinking a big gulp soda in protest of the recent laws around sugary soda. LPNY participated in a successful TSA rally. NY does in your face type of events. They also get booths at a large number of festivals, conferences, events, etc.

Coalition Building

College campuses Students For Liberty, YAL and soon the Young Libertarian National Alliance.

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

\$15,000 for Ballot Access which has been the priority and they are 1/2 way there.

Snail mail and email have been successful.

Future Initiatives

n/a

Media Coverage

The papers in Albany pick up coverage on LPNY activities. Occasionally members write letters to the Editor to local newspapers.

Information Technology

Online Technologies

Ny.lp.org is a WordPress website and they are not using a centralized CRM.

LPNYAR will likely move to Saratoga once completed.

RECENT WEBSITE TRAFFIC

n/a

QUALITY RATING

- Visually their website needs a lot of work
- There is updated content and the quality is of the content needs work
- <http://manhattanlp.org/> is their most active website

SOCIAL MEDIA

- <http://www.meetup.com/NY-Libertarians/>
- Facebook.com
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/nylibertarian>



Other

LP New York Branded Materials

- Banners
- Poster boards
- Business cards for state leaders
- Nolan quizzes
- T-shirts

Biggest problem growing the affiliate

- Apathy, people get burnt out
- Having ballot access would make all of the difference so they could focus on other activities to grow the Party.

Trends

Youth are getting involved.

Help Requested from LNC and/or the LP Staff

- More Money
 - \$25,000 – For ballot access in 2013
- Supporting us
- Promoting the LP Nationally

Robert Kraus

From: Rich Tomasso [rtomasso@lpnh.org]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 12:03 AM
To: robert.kraus@lp.org
Subject: Region 5N Report for LNC meeting

Region 5N Report for July LNC Meeting

CONNECTICUT

Candidates (so far):

- Senate - Paul Passarelli
- Congress CD-2: Dan Reale
- Congress CD-5 Robert Lombardo
- State Senate District: 20 Marc Guttman
- State Rep District 9: Rich Lion

Fundraising:

We cleared the \$30,000 mark in annual fundraising for the first time ever June 30th! That money needs to be spent on ballot access AND making sure we do a lot better than 1%. We no longer run paper candidates who merely wish to educate and rest on 1% forever.

Petitioning:

We have a petition for President (includes senate - needs 7500 valid for August 8th and we have 1600 in hand)
CD-2's petition is up to 1200 in hand, needs 2440 valid.
CD-5's petition just started.

Events:

We have a booth at Sailfest this year in New London (an event with 100k+ people from around the east coast). We have the booth July 7th and 8th.

MAINE

Maine is in the process of getting ballot access for Gary Johnson. So far we have roughly 4300 signatures with 1939 valid and 312 invalid and the rest pending. We have one candidate for US Senate already on the ballot, Andrew Ian Dodge. Hoping to wrap up with the ballot drive by mid-July and focus on fundraising and name recognition for the Johnson Campaign, as well as boost membership for the LPME.

There is a probable trip by the Johnson campaign on Sept 24 to NH and Maine is coordinating for an event that same timeframe.

MASSACHUSETTS

Currently working on ballot access drive, which will end up costing more than expected.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

We are in the last month of our petition drive. We now have more than 11,000 of the 13,700 validated signatures we need. Volunteer collecting has picked up, we brought in more than 350 on July 4th. We have money set aside for professional collectors if we think they're needed.

The legislature again changed the law on us, this time at the last minute, cutting our nomination deadline from mid-September to mid-June. We submitted a list of 20 candidates, more than we've had in the last 3 elections. Some districts will see as many as 5 L's on the ballot. Planning coordinated campaign activities.

Our candidates are already getting press coverage and John Babiarez (gov) has already participated in a health care forum. More invitations are coming in.

Our membership is growing thanks to real effort being put in place by our new membership director. We are adding members every month, currently up 50% for the year.

We had outreach tables at the NH Liberty Forum, Porcfest and annual Taxpayer cookout. New outreach material is in production.

We are coordinating with the Gary Johnson campaign for an event in September. NH may get a lot of attention if the poll numbers hold at 7-9% or higher.

RHODE ISLAND

LPRI has three endorsed candidates for office:

- * Michael J. Rollins, of North Providence, is running for the Rhode Island State Senate. Putting some some aggressive press releases.
- * Incumbent Rhode Island State Representative Daniel P. Gordon, Jr., (R) of Portsmouth, is seeking reelection as a Libertarian.
- * Tony C. Jones, of East Greenwich, is running for East Greenwich Town Moderator.

Right now we are in the middle of our ten day ballot access window for our local candidates, so we are rather busy getting the three of us on the ballot. We also have officially started our LPUS/LPRI ballot access effort for our presidential slate, but since those signatures are not due for two months we are first making sure that all of our local candidates are on the ballot. Our plans are to start focusing exclusively upon the presidential ballot access effort once our local candidates are on the ballot.

VERMONT

Vermont does have full ballot access, however, we didn't have anyone interested in running for state-wide office. We will have Gary Johnson on the ballot.

REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 1, 2012

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on May 6, 2012. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Las Vegas 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, on June 22 I conducted an interview on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville) on the topic of property rights and the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Kelo vs. City of New London*.

On a personal note, allow me to thank LP Ohio chair (and former LNC colleague) Kevin Knedler for his article in the latest issue of *LP News* concerning the national LP awards presented at the Las Vegas convention. I was flattered by his kind comments about my receiving the Thomas Paine Award (especially his recognition of my being the first person to receive the Paine, Adams, and Jefferson awards). Mr. Knedler and his awards committee colleagues Rebecca Sink-Burris and Sam Goldstein deserve commendation for their work during the previous LNC term.

Also, allow me to thank Executive Director Carla Howell for her work with Mr. Knedler and the awards committee to recognize the accomplishments of LP members. I believe it is very important for LPHQ to support the efforts of the awards committee. Ms. Howell has been very supportive of these efforts.

Delaware

Brad Thomas (bradct@verizon.net) serves as chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. The LPD held a convention in Dover on May 19; the following candidates were nominated at the convention (info available on the LPD website):

Governor - Jess McVay
Lt. Governor - Margie Waite-McKeown
Insurance Commissioner - David Eisenhour

U.S. House of Representatives - Scott Gesty

Delaware State Senate:

1st Senate - Brian Lintz
5th Senate - Scott Gesty
6th Senate - Gwendolyn Jones
7th Senate - James Christina

12th Senate - Brad Thomas
16th Senate - Jess McVay
21st Senate - John Potter

Delaware House of Representatives:

7th Rep - Bob Wilson
11th Rep - Margie Waite-McKeown
14th Rep - Margaret Melson
15th Rep - Amy Merlino
16th Rep - John Machurek
20th Rep - Valerie Valeska
32nd Rep - Will McVay
35th Rep - Ron Fitzgerald

District of Columbia

Tim Vickey (tim@level671.com) serves as chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. Bruce Majors is running for the position of Delegate to U.S. House of Representatives; he is challenging incumbent Eleanor Holmes Norton for the position.

Maryland

Libertarian Party of Maryland chair Bob Johnston (bob.johnston@live.com) provided the following report:

The Maryland LP has 95 members as of 6/28/12, and 10,065 registered voters as of 5/31/12.

The MDLP lost its ballot access lawsuit on appeal in the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals.

The state party has 7,266 valid signatures, and needs to reach 10,000 by August 6.

The LNC has generously allocated \$10,000 to fund petitioning to collect the remaining necessary signatures.

Long-time LP petitioners Andy Jacobs and Paul Frankel have arrived, and just started to petition.

If the MDLP is able to regain party status, it will have a full slate of federal candidates running in the November elections:

Dean Ahmad	US Senate
Muir Boda	US House 1
Leo Dymowski	US House 2
Paul Drgos	US House 3

Scott Soffen	US House 4
Arvin Vohra	US House 5
Nick Mueller	US House 6
Ron Owens-Bey	US House 7
Mark Grannis	US House 8

The MDLP will be holding its annual summer picnic on Saturday, 28 July at the home of Arvin Vohra in Chevy Chase, MD.

Bob Johnston

Chairman, MDLP

North Carolina

Libertarian Party of North Carolina chair J.J. Summerell (jjsummerell@worksiteinsight.net) provided the following report:

We appointed a new Communications Director, Greta Langhenry, who came to us from the same position in GA. At the age of 12 she landed her first job - designing and coloring 500 Statue of Liberty bookmarks for The Advocates. Greta is also the Southeastern campus coordinator for the Johnson campaign.

We also appointed a new County Affiliates organizer, Phillip Batten. Phillip just established the Catawba County affiliate and we have developed a template/kit for new county affiliates to use. We have prospective organizers for several counties.

Effective 8/1/12, Brett Bittner will be the part-time Executive Director for LPNC. He is a much needed asset for NC and we look forward to working with him.

Our website will receive a makeover during July. Christian Hine, a LP member from Charlotte will do the work. He also designed [Jason Bateman's site](#).

[John Davis](#) has agreed to be main speaker at our 2013 convention. John is a well known political analyst in NC and has fascinating insight on political and voting trends in NC.

Finally, Gary Johnson is coming to NC July 20 – 22. This is a fundraising visit and we plan to concentrate on the Charlotte area. There will be a dinner on the 21st and all are invited. He also plans to run a 5K with Barbara Howe, gubernatorial candidate. We have not had an LPNC fundraiser in quite a long time and I suspect this will be very successful.

Pennsylvania

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania chair Dr. Tom Stevens (drtomstevens@aol.com) provided the following report:

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania has been facing many challenges with respect to getting the Johnson/Gray slate on the ballot this November. You would think that \$56,000.00 spent on 34,000 signatures plus our volunteer effort would be enough given that we need just over 20,000 valid signatures but that appears not to be the case.

The validity rate on those 34,000 signatures appears to be between estimates of 44% to 58% and 10,000 of that 34,000 came from one petitioner who used a crew and in some cases got 3,500 alone within a three day period. It is possible that a Pennsylvania Judge could throw out that circulators signatures or threaten us with legal costs and attorney fees if our candidates do not withdraw (an issue which is currently the subject of a federal law suit.

That would leave us with 12,000 valid signatures in the worst case scenario. The result has been that many have been scrambling to obtain more valid signatures. The LPPA itself has hired paid petitioners. Lou Jasikoff and NEPA is collecting money and hiring local paid petitioners and the Johnson campaign is throwing in \$7,500 to send Darryl Bonner back into Pennsylvania to get 7,000 more signatures.

We are using the VIDAS system of John Karr to check signature validity as the petitions are mailed in and scanned. John Karr has been appointed the new Election Committee Chair by Tom Stevens, the newly elected LPPA State Chair. Many including Bill Redpath are working many hours a day to get this situation sorted out and many LPPA members are donating to our Ballot Access Fund.

On other fronts, new committee members and chairs have been appointed. A Life Membership was established. Our Domain Name registration was extended. We are trying to get proper membership forms up on our website. All committees are functioning well with goals set. Overall, there is more unity in the LPPA than we have seen in years and a new method of communication has been set up so all Board and committee members can keep in touch with one another.

Submitted by Dr. Tom Stevens
LPPA State Chair

Virginia

Libertarian Party of Virginia chair Chuck Moulton (chair@lpva.com) provided the following report:

The LPVa petition drive encountered an unexpected problem last week due to a decision by Gov. Bob McDonnell to refrain from signing legislation pertaining to ballot access. Fortunately, it appears that we shall be able to deal with this problem. We hope we shall not face additional unexpected problems. The LPVa must submit at least 10,000 petition signatures of Virginians who are registered to vote. In addition, at least 400 signatures must be obtained in each of the eleven congressional districts. The deadline for submission is August 24.

The LPVa is working with the ACLU to prepare a lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Virginia to eliminate the Virginia residency requirement for those who gather petition signatures. Due to some recent events, we are cautiously optimistic about the prospects for success of the lawsuit.

The Libertarian Party of Virginia has two candidates running in 2012. Robert Kraus (of LP headquarters) is running for Alexandria City Council. Xave Draper is running for U.S. Congress in the Third District. Both are very enthusiastic about their races.

Our petition drive to place Gary Johnson on the ballot for President by collecting 10,000 valid signatures is not going well. We have had difficulties with the redistricting process during a presidential year which caused us to lose several months of petitioning and waste thousands of dollars on paid signatures using forms with the wrong districts. Volunteer petitioning has been lackluster. The LPVA's bank account is running on fumes.

However, the LPVA recently hired Mike Kane as a contract fundraiser. Mike is using letters, emails, and phone calls to contact every LP member in Virginia for a ballot access donation. He is also encouraging volunteer petitioning. We believe there is sufficient money in Virginia to get Gary Johnson on the ballot without LNC help. If we end up needing assistance, it will be due to a liquidity problem rather than a solvency problem.

The LPVA has two lawsuits currently pending. The first (litigated by the ACLU of VA) aims to allow out of state petitioners to collect signatures in Virginia. The second (litigated by Gary Sinawski, the LNC counsel) aims to seek relief from burdens imposed by the redistricting process (rehabilitating invalid petitions, extending the petitioning period, or reducing our signature requirement).

Several local affiliates in Virginia are always on the lookout for speakers. If any LNC members (or other notable Libertarians) will be traveling through Virginia (or nearby areas like DC) and are interested in addressing a local group, please email chair Chuck Moulton at chair@lpva.com.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org) serves as chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia. The major activity for the LPWV this year is the gubernatorial campaign of David Moran.

LP ballot access coordinator Bill Redpath of Virginia is gathering petition signatures in West Virginia to help place Dr. Moran on the ballot. Mr. Wilson has expressed the hope that at least one additional paid petitioner can be added to the petition drive team.

Region 6 Report to the LNC

By Dianna Visek, July 2012

Illinois: by Dianna Visek and Lex Green

The LP-Illinois convention will be held Sept. 21-23 at the Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare in Des Plaines, IL. Our chapters will have booths at the DuPage, Kane and McHenry county fairs this summer and have been taking advantage of local parades and events for outreach and petitioning. We are planning on having a booth at the Illinois Renewable Energy Fair in August. Our ballot access lawsuit has not yet been decided due to a request for a 30-day extension by the State Board of Elections.

On June 25th, the LP-Illinois submitted signatures to the State Board of Elections on behalf of two candidates for state assembly and the Presidential running mates, Gary Johnson and Jim Gray. The first election after redistricting requires fewer signatures for non-statewide offices than the usual 5 percent of votes cast during the last general election.

Illinois law calls for a minimum of 25,000 valid signatures to qualify for the November election for president and vice president. Our Political Division team delivered 47,656 signatures on over 3400 pages, which are not being challenged. The presidential candidates listed on the petitions were stand-in candidates because the petition period started before the nominating convention in Las Vegas. There only remains the formality of submitting resignations for the stand-in candidates and substituting the names of Governor Johnson and Judge Gray.

Doug Marks had collected 3836 signatures to qualify for the 33rd State Senate district, but removed 331 which he felt were not valid, leaving a balance of 3505. The minimum required to qualify for Senate office in Illinois this year is 3000. After challenges by Republicans defending his only opponent, he was left with 1951. He has a hearing set on July 9th to start his effort to recover 1049 to stay on the ballot. We anticipate he will prevail.

Chad Grimm is also running against a single opponent in the 92nd State Representative district. He turned in over 1800 signatures to meet this year's requirement of 1500. He also has been challenged and has a hearing set for July 11th. The details of the challenge have not been released, but include a technical objection to some of his petitioners, who have admitted that they collected for a Democratic

candidate running in the primary last March. Chad's opponent is a Democrat and the judge sitting at his hearing is also a Democrat. We are concerned that he may not prevail.

Julie Fox ran for Kane County auditor. She filed 618 signatures with the Kane County Clerk in Geneva and has been challenged for not filing enough to qualify for the office. She is the plaintiff in our ballot access lawsuit.

Iowa: no response

Minnesota: by Chair Bob Odden

Membership is up as well as revenue. We have 61 members and 63 expired members, with membership being determined by a \$30 fee. We have one active and one inactive chapter. There is more interest in the MN Party and I hope that translates into more chapters. I have let several students know about the Young Libertarians group in the hopes that they start college chapters.

We have made significant changes to our bylaws. We are working well together and the officers are still the same. We have a great web designer. He might be moving later this year and we don't have a replacement. We depend more on our Facebook page than our website. We have someone who does social media for us.

Our state convention had about 35 MN people turn out (typical) even though it was in Eau Claire, WI (1.5 hours from the Twin Cities) and several Republican Congressional Districts held their conventions at the same time keeping the Ron Paulers away. We had a joint state convention with WI, which made it affordable.

We are attending many more events than the last few years. This year we got GL insurance and a sales tax ID to get into more events and sell items. We were just at the Midwest Alternate Energy Fair in Custer, WI. We could use a fundraiser. Most of our funds come from memberships and selling at events.

We are getting out more publicity and have formed a coalition with MN United for All Families that is fighting the marriage amendment in MN. It will be a question on the MN ballot in November. We will be at Twin Cities Pride June 23 and 24 with up to about 1/4 million people. The media covered our opposition to the marriage

amendment, which I am sure will not pass. I have been discussing this with influential Republicans and almost all agree with me to vote no. I have a weekly public access TV show that I get out to 110 MN and a few WI cities called "Libertarian Viewpoint." It is up on YouTube. We do place an occasional article on our Facebook page. I would like to start short 1 minute videos on current news to post on Facebook.

The November election will have non-partisan races, MN and US House, MN Senate, and a US Senate seat. To make all partisan positions available for just a fee would take over 150,000 certified signatures from people in the county that they live in. We don't have anyone running for partisan positions. People are too uncomfortable to run. Some of the Ron Paulers think that all that they have done is get the establishment to take notice of them so they can be crushed. We will be running Mike Grady for the Hastings city council and Bob Odden for mayor of Columbia Heights.

Our biggest problem at the moment is collecting 2,000 good signatures by Aug. 21 to put Gary Johnson on the ballot. I have had Ron Paulers, Grassroots Party, and a few Republicans say that they are planning on voting for Gary. If he gets 5% or more of the vote, we will be a major party. The LP and LNC could help by notifying us of any potential publicity and keeping on us to get Gary on the ballot. We would appreciate financial support for petitioning and would invite you to come visit and work with us.

Missouri: no response

Nebraska: no response

North Dakota: no response

South Dakota: no response

Wisconsin: no response

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



REGION 7 REPORT



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John Jay Myers and Paullie Frankel present:

The LNC Region 7 Report

John Jay has been busy sorting through the LNC Discuss list as well as running for United States Senate in Texas, we elected our region alternate the amazing Paulie Frankel who has been very involved and aware of the goings on of the Libertarian Party for quite a number of years.

John Jay attempted to bring a broad group of people together in Vegas to come up with some agenda items for the upcoming meeting. He was not inspired by the fact that there is still... even now, a private, invite only meeting going on between other members of the committee with Aaron Starr playing the role of chair the night before our meeting.

Paulie has been doing ballot access for Alabama and Maryland and continues to work for Independent Political Report. He has been contacting the states in the region getting reports on their activities and set up a regional email list.

Here are those reports:

Texas:

What changes has your state chapter experienced recently? Eg. officers, organizational or membership structure, finances, ability to work together.

Pat Dixon chair (5th term), Tom Glass vice-chair

Are you involved in any legal actions?

No

How is your website?

Pretty good, LPTexas.org

Membership:

How many members are in your state chapter?

Paid members are between 400 to 500. It resets every year and we are growing again

How is membership determined?

Paid membership levels

How many chapters do you have?

_____ Active _____ Forming _____ Inactive

Our county chair list is at <http://lptexas.org/counties>

What trends do you see?

Hard to know

Elections: (Please describe the most current election.)

Where are you in your election cycle? What's your next deadline?

Full go from here to election day

What did/do you need to do to be on the ballot?

We're on the ballot

What's your biggest problem with ballot access?

Legislative efforts to make it more difficult for us

Do you foresee any changes to your ballot access situation?

No

What are/could you be doing now to improve your ballot access?

Efforts in state elections committee

How many candidates did you run or are you planning to run? Please list them.

Listed at <http://lptexas.org/node/59>

Activities:

When and where will your next convention be held?

Done for this year, next one in 2 years

What interesting events have you or your chapters had?

Great state convention, see <http://www.austinpost.org/opinion/occupy-liberty-hopping-success-report-state-libertarian-convention>

How are you doing with fundraising?

OK, but we need to start a new campaign for additional staffing by year end

What local or state media coverage have you had?

We expect more with the Gary Johnson visit

Have you had any letters to the editor or opinion pieces published?

Are you collaborating with other organizations such as C4L?

General:

What successes would you like to share?

What is your biggest problem at the moment?

What trends are you noticing that your state could take advantage of?

How could the LP staff or LNC best help you at this time?

Do you anticipate needing financial support from the LP in the next 12 months?

No

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Yours in Liberty,

Pat Dixon

Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas

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LNC Report for Louisiana:

What changes has your state chapter experienced recently?

We recently elected new executive officers at our State Convention. (in April)

Adrien Monteleone - Chair

Scott Lewis - Vice-Chairman (incumbent)

Reed Ebarb - Secretary

David Chance - Treasurer (incumbent)

We also elected chairs of three of our Supporting Committees. These officers are at-large positions on the State Central Committee. (along with executive officers, and representatives from each parish)

Wes Benedict - Finance Chair

Andrew Riley - Elections Chair

T. Lee Horne, III - Economic Development Chair

Our Membership Chair and Public Relations Chair remain vacant at this time.

We have two parishes which have organized and formed Parish Executive Committees as required by State Law. Caddo and Lafayette Parishes are now organized with functioning committees. These committees are responsible for all LP activity within their respective parishes.

Are you involved in any legal actions?

None at this time. Thankfully.

How is your website?

Functional, though much work still needs to be done. Big things are planned, but as always, it is a work in progress. Critiques and suggestions welcome. We do know there are some obvious omissions and lack of certain functionality at the present time. As mentioned, those are in the works. You can find us at louisianalibertarian.net

Membership:

How many members are in your state chapter?

5,513

We have added 700 since January 1st.

How is membership determined?

Anyone who is registered to vote in Louisiana as affiliated with the Libertarian Party is a member. We also allow associate members for those who for whatever reason cannot register with the LP, but do not have any at this time.

We have provided for membership dues but have no paying members at this time.

How many chapters do you have?

___2___ Active ___1___ Forming ___61___ Inactive

By "chapters" we are referring to parishes which can form official sub-affiliates. Caddo and Lafayette Parishes are organized. East Baton Rouge Parish is being actively attempted.

There is one known campus organization(Loyola New Orleans) and more are planned.

What trends do you see?

Certainly being a Presidential election year, membership is growing at a faster clip than other years. However, we are not able yet to capitalize on this growth and translate it into increased fund raising, volunteer support, or activism. We have a plan for it though and we are working it.

Elections: (Please describe the most current election.)

Where are you in your election cycle? What's your next deadline?

Opening of qualifying our Presidential Electors is early August. The window is a month wide, but we intend to file the first day. The first three days of this window is also the qualifying period for all Congressional candidates. (and local offices if any)

What did/do you need to do to be on the ballot?

We need to file individual Notices of Candidacy for each Elector, and a Certificate of Nomination evidencing the choosing of those Elector candidates by our Convention. No fee or petition signatures required.

Other candidates need only file their Notice of Candidacy and pay the appropriate filing fee. (or submit signatures in lieu of the fee) Organized parishes may impose a filing fee on their candidates. So far, no LP Parish Committees do so. (all Democrats and Republicans must pay these parish fees in addition to state fees)

What's your biggest problem with ballot access?

None that we are aware of at this time. We have one of, if not the most, friendly ballot access laws in the nation.

Do you foresee any changes to your ballot access situation?

Not at this time. Previous attempts to relegate the LPL to "minor" party status were defeated. As well, the motivation for doing so - closed primary elections for Federal office, have been repealed and once again, all candidates compete in a "jungle primary." We do not anticipate any new attempts to segregate our party by status, or hamper our access to the ballot at this time.

What are/could you be doing now to improve your ballot access?

Building membership over 40,000 voters will gain us the next "level" of party recognition, primarily that we would be entitled to a Presidential Preference Primary in the next cycle. (I don't think we'll have a choice in the matter, it is required by law) The next threshold is 5% of registered voters (appx. 150k at present) which triggers state run elections for our State Central Committee and Parish Executive Committees. We also do not know if we can refuse this or not. (we'd prefer to refuse it) While we have plans for growth, we do not anticipate reaching either level within the next four years.

How many candidates did you run or are you planning to run? Please list them.

In addition to our Presidential Electors, we have early commitment for all six Congressional Districts. Since these are not yet officially announced, we will not release names at this time. There are no other known races in the upcoming elections.

Activities:

When and where will your next convention be held?

Our next convention will be held in 2016, exact date and place to be determined.

What interesting events have you or your chapters had?

We've recently held our quadrennial state convention in Lafayette during late April.

How are you doing with fundraising?

Non-existent. But we are working on our membership database to begin solicitations.

What local or state media coverage have you had?

None as of late. We did receive some attention in 2010 for our first partisan primary for Federal Office when we had two candidates qualify for a U.S. Senate seat. (held by David Vitter) While our election was open to independents and non-affiliated voters, only 20% of all registered Libertarians even voted. Since then, partisan primaries have been repealed, anyone who is a registered voter may qualify under their affiliated label. (parties have no control over who appears on the ballot with their party label)

Have you had any letters to the editor or opinion pieces published?

None that I am aware of. Our press releases are also ignored entirely. I've yet to have any published.

Are you collaborating with other organizations such as C4L?

Not at this time, but we are not opposed to such.

General:

What successes would you like to share?

What is your biggest problem at the moment?

Connecting with members. Securing Volunteers. Lack of activism outside of a handful of officers. No funding source to speak of.

What trends are you noticing that your state could take advantage of?

General distrust with both major parties. A power vacuum on the Democrat side in Louisiana politics which is presently only being filled by Republicans. (who make up only 25% of registered voters) A better equipped and well positioned LP with real and serious candidates may have an opportunity to take some offices.

The NAACP in Louisiana seems to be friendly to the Libertarian message and

has expressed dissatisfaction with the Democrat party. (and are not interested in the GOP at all) Our former Chairman, and current Vice-Chairman are both members and are courting their support. Putting this in context of Louisiana demographics, if this effort is successful, it could be a major game changer.

How could the LP staff or LNC best help you at this time?

There doesn't seem to be much in the way of institutional knowledge with the LP. Nor is there any sort of guidebook or "manual" for running a state party. Any material found seems to be hodge podge, personal anecdotes. There seems to be very little in the way of professional support, or "turnkey" materials to assist people in running their affiliates. It's as if local affiliates are expected to either already know how to do everything, or else make it up as we go along and risk re-inventing flawed versions of the wheel. Specifically, we are interested in support with regards to maintaining contact with membership, (keeping membership data accurate) securing volunteers, and building funding sources for party operations and special projects, and last but not least - QUALITY candidate recruitment and support. We understand the most activism and funding will come by running candidates. But we also understand there is little tolerance in our state for "paper" candidates. We desire and need REAL options on the ballot that can energize the base and build the party. (and get elected of course) However, serious candidates seem to only want to run in the GOP since they are considerably larger in number. If we can figure out how to create the chicken or the egg so the other will follow, we'll be in business.

Do you anticipate needing financial support from the LP in the next 12 months?

No. We still have a small bank balance that is adequate to meet our basic expenses.

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Not that I can think of.

In Liberty,

Adrien Monteleone - Chairman
Libertarian Party of Louisiana

Oklahoma:

What changes has your state chapter experienced recently?

At our last convention, we elected a new Treasurer and President. We are currently operating with a vacancy in the Secretary seat. Our finances are unusually strong at the moment due to residual funding from last year's ballot drive initiative.

Are you involved in any legal actions?

The OKLP is still involved in a ballot access lawsuit, but with only a slim chance at success.

How is your website?

Not nearly as active as it should be. The website content is the responsibility of the Secretary, and with that position vacant, the website has become minimally updated.

How many members are in your state chapter?

16 attended the last convention

What trends do you see?

Since the Oklahoma Legislature pushed third parties off of the ballot, the OKLP has been shriveling. Last year, a valiant effort was put into rectifying this situation. It failed, and the attempt sapped much of the energy from the party. During that time, little effort was put toward chapter growth and retention, since the ballot drive was so demanding. We ultimately lost our effort, and in doing so, confirmed our negligible standing in the eyes of our many of our members. This was further confirmed when America Elect succeeded to get on the ballot. Morale diminished accordingly.

What did/do you need to do to be on the ballot?

We raised \$110,000, and brought in 57,000 signatures, but our verified signature count was below the 52,000 required.

What's your biggest problem with ballot access?

The State of Oklahoma has very heavy requirements.

Do you foresee any changes to your ballot access situation?

Not in the near future

What are/could you be doing now to improve your ballot access?

What killed us last year was the month we had to pause the drive. We new there was going to be a month of little income, and when it came, we did not have sufficient reserves to see us through. We had to freeze the petitioning during this time, which reduced our signature count, and it was difficult to regain momentum once the income stream flowed again. The most obvious solution is to build up a war chest, however, without actually having a ballot petition drive active, it would be difficult to raise funds.

How many candidates did you run or are you planning to run? 2

Richard Prawdzienski for State Senate District 41 and Robert T. Murphy for U.S. House District 5. Both are running as Independent.

When and where will your next convention be held?

Not yet decided, but it will be a couple of years

What interesting events have you or your chapters had?

There is a monthly discussion dinner held in Oklahoma County.

How are you doing with fund raising?

No money coming in, but we have a couple thousand in the bank.

What local or state media coverage have you had?

Our attempt to get on the ballot was covered.

Have you had any letters to the editor or opinion pieces published?

One of our members did a radio show.

Are you collaborating with other organizations such as C4L?

We have a collaboration with several other political parties in a group called Oklahomans for Ballot Access Reform (OBAR) to get the barrier of entry reduced.

What is your biggest problem at the moment?

Apathy has set in.

What trends are you noticing that your state could take advantage of?

Oklahoma has a legacy Democratic voter pool who are abandoning it in droves at the moment, however, with their strong religious influence, they tend to become meddling Republicans.

How could the LP staff or LNC best help you at this time?

Training and support. I think, the OKLP has lost self confidence, and would benefit from professional guidance on member attraction and retention.

Do you anticipate needing financial support from the LP in the next 12 months? No

Mississippi

Mississippi has two Candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives, and will be on the November 6th Ballot. Danny Bedwell is running for the seat in Mississippi's Congressional District 1, and Ron Williams is running for Mississippi's Congressional District 4. Both of these candidates are doing well and we expect them to surprise alot

of people with their success.

The MSLP is having alot of success building coalitions with other liberty minded organizations. We are very active in attending meetings with Young Americans for Liberty, C4L, Tea Party groups, Ron Paul groups, and even County Republican groups. The MSLP is taking the lead with these groups, and leading them towards this idea we call liberty. We have positioned ourselves within the State, as the voice of reason, and the voice of limited Government.

The only thing we are in in need of, is a good production team, or perhaps just guidance... to help us make high quality television commercials for our candidates.

Alabama

We have tried to revive Alabama but seem to slide further into debt each month. Besides myself, we have three active officers but donations are down to less than \$300 a month and a near zero balance in checking. At the current rates, I expect us to be bankrupt by the end of the summer. We're trying a last mailout soliciting our membership, but we have little response (one) so far.

I came to Alexandria a year ago asking for help, 14 months later I am asking again, we are in need of affiliate support. We are asking for ideas, manpower, anything to keep us afloat. If not, I'm concerned this will be our last report as an affiliate of the LP.

No word yet on the lawsuit against the state.

Mark Bodenhausen

Chairman

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 1, 2012

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This report will provide some information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Las Vegas should additional information become available.

1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am usually able to respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.

2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., "Operation Politically Homeless" kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates.)

3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts.

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, members of the SFL board and I have found ways for the LP to use the many services available from SFL. We must be careful in so doing because we do not wish to jeopardize the 501c(3) status of SFL.

In addition, I serve as chair of the Student Libertarian Alumni Committee (SLAC). This organization assists SFL by promoting the organization among libertarians and helping to raise funds for SFL.

5) I anticipate that I shall give several lectures on college campuses during the 2012 fall semester. The topics of the lectures will involve the Libertarian Party, the libertarian perspective, and/or various public policy issues.

I am pleased to report that I have been invited to address several Students For Liberty regional conferences this fall. Also, I shall conduct at least one webinar for SFL during the fall semester. In addition, I shall give an address to the European Students For Liberty conference in Stockholm, Sweden this fall.

6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest. I am pleased to note that I shall have the honor of giving the opening lecture at the upcoming YAL convention.

7) As noted previously, several liberty-oriented organizations (e.g., Cato, Reason Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Foundation for Economics Education) are working to coordinate

their student outreach programs. I participate in meetings of representatives of these organizations when my schedule permits.

8) I am working with the Johnson/Gray campaign on goals and strategies for youth outreach (in particular, for outreach to college students). In addition, I am in regular contact with the campaign's campus contacts and regional coordinators for youth outreach.

9) As I have mentioned previously, I hope LPHQ will routinely authorize the assignment of an intern on a half-time basis to work on campus organizing.