

Regular Meeting of the
Libertarian National Committee
March 16 & 17, 2013
Rosemont, IL

Call to Order

The regular session of the Libertarian National Committee was called to order at 9:03 AM on March 16, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Rosemont, IL. Present at the table were: Geoffrey Neale (Chair), R. Lee Wrights (Vice-Chair), Timothy Hagan (Treasurer), David Blau (Secretary), Michael Cloud (At-Large), William Redpath (At-Large), Mark Hinkle (At-Large), Arvin Vohra (At-Large), Norm Olsen (Region 1), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Sam Goldstein (Region 3 alt.), Daniel Wiener (Region 4a), Scott Lieberman (Region 4a alt. representing Region 4b), Rich Tomasso (Region 5N), James W. Lark, III (Region 5S), Dianna Visek (Region 6), and Gary E. Johnson (Region 7).

Jillian Mack (Region 3) was in the hotel but unable to be present at the meeting due to illness.

Public Comment

John Wayne Smith (FL) spoke about issues with the Florida party and the National party, and responded to questions from Mr. Redpath pertaining thereto.

Aaron Starr (CA) noted, regarding the agenda item relating to the Executive Director's contract, that the Policy Manual requires review of the contract by the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee, and that the EPCC had not yet been populated.

Paulie Frankel (PA) requested donations for ballot access for Arkansas and Alabama.

Matthew Irvin (IL) welcomed everyone to Chicago in his capacity as Illinois state chair.

Ken Prazak (IL) announced the upcoming Illinois state convention from September 20th to 22nd at the Bolingbrook Holiday Inn.

Credentials Report

Mr. Blau stated that Ms. Bennett had resigned as Secretary and that Mr. Blau had been elected by the LNC to replace her. Mr. Blau also stated that Mr. Myers had stepped down as Region 7 representative, and that Mr. Johnson had been elected by the Region 7 state chairs to replace him. Ms. Visek announced that her regional alternate Mr. Knebel was present at the meeting.

Starchild (At-Large) sat down at the table following the call to order at approximately 9:20 AM.

Paperwork Check

Ms. Kirkland noted that a public policy resolution she submitted prior to the meeting without previous notice was included in the binder. Mr. Redpath noted that a ballot access action report was included in the binder. Ms. Visek noted that three addenda containing information about nominees to the convention committees were included in the binder.

Agenda

The agenda is reproduced in Appendix A, showing the following amendments from the Chair's proposed agenda:

Ms. Kirkland moved to add 5 minutes to new business without previous notice for her public policy resolution. There was no objection.

Ms. Visek moved (Mr. Goldstein seconded) to remove from the agenda Mr. Hinkle's motion regarding previous notice. Mr. Hinkle objected. The motion to remove failed on a voice vote. Mr. Wiener moved to place the Hinkle motion under new business without previous notice, before the Kirkland motion. There was no objection.

Mr. Tomasso moved (Mr. Wrights seconded) to add 10 minutes after the Kirkland motion for strategic goals. The motion passed on a voice vote, from which Starchild noted for the record that he abstained.

Mr. Hinkle moved to add 5 minutes after strategic goals for a motion to change the EPCC. There was no objection.

Ms. Visek moved to add 5 minutes after EPCC changes to repopulate the Awards Committee due to Ms. Bennett's resignation. There was no objection.

Dr. Lieberman moved to strike discussion of membership levels from agenda. The motion failed on a voice vote, from which Starchild noted for the record that he abstained.

Dr. Lieberman moved to add discussion of trademark infringement to the Counsel's Report, without additional time being required. There was no objection.

Dr. Lieberman moved to add 5 minutes after Executive Committee Report for an IT Committee report. There was no objection.

Starchild moved to add 5 minutes after Awards Committee to discuss membership of the Ballot Access Committee. There was no objection.

There was no objection to adopting the agenda as amended.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Mr. Knebel replaced Ms. Visek at the table. Mr. Wrights left the table.

In addition to the conflicts of interest list circulated prior to the meeting, Mr. Olsen is now campaign director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. Mr. Vohra announced his relation with Market Aces. Starchild is an At-Large representative of the Libertarian Party of California. Mr. Knebel is the Communications Director of the Libertarian Party of Nebraska.

Chair's Report

Mr. Neale spoke about the items detailed in the Chair's Report reproduced in Appendix B. There was discussion especially regarding *LP News* and other LP publications from Mr. Cloud, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Olsen, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Johnson.

On his prerogative, Mr. Neale will be starting a common forum for the chairs of other international Libertarian parties. There are between 40 and 50 other such parties.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hagan presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report reproduced in Appendix C. Mr. Olsen and Mr. Goldstein asked about the Candidate Archival and Training budget line item. Starchild asked whether staff contributions count toward staff bonuses; Ms. Howell was recognized and stated that they will not be counted.

Mr. Wrights returned to the table.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Blau presented a summary of the Secretary's Report reproduced in Appendix D. A straw poll was conducted with respect to approval of the Executive Committee minutes distributed by Dr. Lark in advance of the session. Dr. Lark stated that these minutes are substantively correct, although they must be reviewed for accurate attendance and amended to reflect Mr. Wiener's vote in the July 2, 2012 meeting. Moreover, minutes must be produced for the May 31, 2012 meeting. Dr. Lark asked the LNC to scrutinize carefully the July and November LNC meeting minutes currently circulating.

Starchild asked to have an accounting of all changes made to the Policy Manual. Mr. Johnson moved (Starchild seconded) to permit Aaron Starr to speak. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Starr suggested tracking changes in the document, and Mr. Blau agreed to do so.

At 10:25, Mr. Neale requested a break for 10 minutes. There was no objection. The meeting resumed at 10:40.

Nominations for the 2014 Convention Committees

Mr. Neale moved to adopt, as a starting point, the procedures for electing Convention Committees that are reproduced in Appendix E. There was no objection.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to treat the three 5 minute nomination items as a single 15 minute line item.

Mr. Johnson moved (Mr. Redpath seconded) to replace step 9 of the procedures to read: "The LNC shall elect the interim chair of each Convention Committee." The motion carried on a show of hands.

Starchild moved to hold the elections for committees sequentially. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Wiener moved (Mr. Cloud seconded) to approve the procedures as amended. Before the vote was taken, Starchild asked whether sustaining membership should be an eligibility requirement. In response to this inquiry, Mr. Wiener moved (Mr. Hagan seconded) to amend his motion to also amend step 2 of the procedures to read: "Staff and the Secretary shall determine the membership status of nominees, and also designate their affiliate of record, which will be printed on the ballots." The amendment passed on a voice vote. A roll call vote was taken on the main motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Wrights moved to adopt as nominated for election to the Credentials Committee all those in the binder and the addendum who had self-nominated (see Appendix F). There was no objection. Mr. Neale asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Neale asked if there was objection to closing nominations for the Credentials Committee. There was no objection.

Mr. Wrights moved to adopt as nominated for election to the Bylaws and Rules Committee all those in the binder, the addendum, and the two nominees who self-nominated after the print deadline (see Appendix F). There was no objection. At this point, Mr. Hagan requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration. Mr. Neale asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Neale asked if there was objection to closing nominations for the Bylaws and Rules Committee. There was no objection.

Mr. Wrights moved to adopt as nominated for election to the Platform Committee all those in the binder and the addendum (see Appendix F). There was no objection. Mr. Neale asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Neale asked if there was objection to closing nominations for the Platform Committee. There was no objection.

Mr. Goldstein moved to require ballots for the Convention Committees to be returned to Mr. Blau by 9:30 AM on Sunday March 17, and that the regional alternates in attendance count the votes. There was no objection.

Executive Session

Mr. Neale moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a breach of confidentiality and the Executive Director contract. There was no objection. The gallery (including staff) was cleared, and Executive Session was entered at 11:29. The LNC rose from Executive Session at 12:58.

Mr. Neale proposed to contact LNC counsel Mr. Gary Sinowski and request that he provide his report at 2:30 PM today following a recess for lunch. There was no objection. Mr. Neale proposed to recess until 2:30 PM. There was no objection.

The meeting resumed at 2:30 PM, with Ms. Visek replacing Mr. Knebel at the table.

Counsel's Report

Mr. Sinawski was called. Mr. Neale solicited input from the LNC regarding the Counsel's Report. There were no questions. Mr. Neale asked to enter Executive Session, with Counsel still on the phone, to discuss a breach of confidentiality and a possible trademark infringement issue. The gallery (including staff) was cleared, and Executive Session was entered at 2:38 PM. The LNC rose from Executive Session at 3:33 PM, with Counsel no longer connected.

There was no objection to having Mr. Blau enter into the minutes the following statement: "In Executive Session, the LNC was made aware of an unintentional breach of confidentiality by an LNC member. The member apologized and pledged to diligently avoid any further breaches. The LNC has accepted the apology."

Building Committee Report

Ms. Howell spoke about a fundraising consultant who is providing direct mail, email, and phone operations to the LNC for the building fund. Mr. Hinkle spoke about his efforts to contact past pledgers, with some success. Mr. Cloud offered \$5000 of matching funds toward the building if another LNC member would do so as well. Mr. Blau also offered \$5000 of matching funds.

Watergate Lease

Mr. Neale distributed a paper showing Watergate lease amendment terms for review by the LNC. Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the chair signing a continuing lease according to the circulated terms. Following debate, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Hinkle, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Lieberman, Neale, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights.

Those voting nay: Starchild.

Abstaining: Olsen.

This motion passed 16 to 1, with one abstention.

Staff Reports

Ms. Howell summarized the Staff Report reproduced in Appendix G. Mr. Vohra spoke about a radio ad that went viral on YouTube. Mr. Cloud spoke about the actions that our political opponents took in response to our State of the Union response. Dr. Lark spoke about the International Students For Liberty Conference in February at which he was an invited speaker. There was extensive discussion of a game called *Who's Driving?* for training activists to be better spokespeople.

Membership Levels

Mr. Wiener moved (Mr. Hagan seconded) to amend Section 2.05 of the Policy Manual to change the effective date of the previously agreed membership level changes to be concurrent with taking occupancy of the purchased building. Dr. Lark was asked to offer his opinions, because he served the term of the previous LNC (from 2010 to 2012) on the committee that evaluated the pertinent membership levels and rewards. Following debate, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Olsen, Neale, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener.

Those voting nay: Hinkle, Lieberman, Visek, Wrights.

This motion passed 14 to 4.

Dr. Lark spoke about the Membership Committee adding higher levels of membership to promote higher levels of giving. In response to debate on this point, Mr. Neale created the Membership Level Review Committee ("Membership Reflux Committee" of up to five LNC members, with initial members Dr. Lark (chair), Mr. Hinkle, Dr. Lieberman, Mr. Cloud, and Mr. Tomasso, to rise and report at the July LNC meeting a recommendation for membership levels that a majority of the LNC can support.

Advertising & Publication Review Committee Report

Committee chair Mr. Wrights expressed his opinion that the APRC is not given enough time to review documents before they are published by staff. Mr. Neale indicated that he has directed staff to provide more time in this regard. Ms. Visek spoke regarding the balance between timeliness and appropriateness of published content.

Affiliate Support Committee Report

Committee chair Mr. Wrights spoke regarding the Affiliate Support Agreement, which should be presented to the state affiliates at the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance meeting in May 2013.

Mr. Neale called for the orders of the day at 5:30 PM on March 16, 2013 and moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM on March 17, 2013. The motion passed on a show of hands.

The session resumed at 9:03 AM on March 17, 2013.

Convention Oversight Committee Report

Mr. Neale reported that the Committee has done nothing since the previous LNC meeting.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Neale reported that the Committee has been relatively inactive since the previous meeting.

IT Committee Report

Mr. Vohra stated that Ms. Mack had prepared a report for the IT Committee that had not yet been officially adopted by the Committee.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Starr reported that the LNC has hired a new auditor: Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman.

Libertarian State Leadership Alliance Report

Mr. Starr reported that the next LSLA meeting will be in Aurora, Colorado on the third weekend in May, from May 17 to May 19. The LSLA Executive Committee decided that it did not have the authority to speak on behalf of the state chairs with respect to agreeing to an Affiliate Support Agreement (service-level agreement). Wes Wagner (OR) and Tim Reeves (OR) were invited to join the LSLA email list; Mr. Reeves joined but Mr. Wagner did not.

Filling At-Large Vacancies

Mr. Tomasso moved (Mr. Olsen seconded) the motion reproduced in Appendix H, which was postponed from the November 2012 LNC meeting. Mr. Olsen moved to amend step 1 to strike the words "in LP News and". The motion to amend failed on a voice vote. Following debate, a roll call vote was taken on the main motion.

Those voting aye: Hagan, Johnson, Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra.

Those voting nay: Blau, Cloud, Hinkle, Goldstein, Kirkland, Lark, Lieberman, Olsen, Redpath, Visek, Wiener.

Abstaining: Neale, Wrights.

This motion failed 5 to 11, with two abstentions.

Filling Vacancies on the APRC

Mr. Neale reported that only three members are on the APRC (Mr. Vohra, Mr. Wiener, Mr. Wrights), where up to five members are allowed. Mr. Neale opened nominations for the two vacant positions. Mr. Cloud nominated Mr. Johnson. Mr. Vohra nominated Mr. Hinkle. Mr. Neale closed nominations without objection. The two nominees were elected to fill the two vacancies without objection.

Ballot Access

Mr. Redpath moved (Mr. Hinkle seconded) to increase the ballot access budget line item from \$0 to \$1725. Mr. Wiener moved (Mr. Cloud seconded) to replace \$1725 with \$1800. Mr. Wrights objected to the amendment. The amendment passed on a voice vote. Following debate on the motion as amended, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Hinkle, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Lieberman, Olsen, Neale, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener.

Those voting nay: Vohra, Wrights.

This motion passed 16 to 2.

At 9:45 AM, Mr. Blau asked whether all ballots had been cast for election of the 2014 Convention Committees. Mr. Neale requested a five minute recess to ensure compliance. There was no objection.

The meeting resumed at 9:54 AM, with Mr. Frankel replacing Mr. Johnson at the table. Mr. Redpath continued his report. After conclusion of the ballot access report, Mr. Johnson replaced Mr. Frankel at the table.

Supplements to Region Reports and Election of Convention Committees

Region reports are reproduced in Appendices I.1 through I.7.

Mr. Olsen summarized his region report.

Ms. Kirkland spoke about the Tennessee state convention that occurred the weekend of March 9th.

Mr. Goldstein noted that Ken Moellman was reelected chair of Kentucky after a hiatus, and that Indiana was expecting a hot race for state chair.

Mr. Wiener summarized his region report, and spoke about an increase in voter registration in California. Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Starr provided additional information in this regard.

Without objection, the rules were suspended to report the results of the balloting for the Credentials Committee. Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix J. Mr. Neale reported as elected Ms. Salvette (MI), Ms. Kirkland (FL), Mr. Linnabary (OH), and Mr. Kane (FL), and announced a runoff between Ms. Duensing (IN) and Mr. Johnson (TX). With the permission of the National Committee, Mr. Johnson withdrew his name from consideration for the runoff, and the Chair reported Ms. Duensing as elected.

Nominations were opened for interim chair of the Credentials Committee. Mr. Goldstein nominated Ms. Salvette (Ms. Kirkland seconded). Without objection, nominations were closed. Without objection, Ms. Salvette was declared interim chair of the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Tomasso summarized his region report.

Without objection, the rules were suspended to report the results of the balloting for the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix K.1. Mr. Neale reported as elected from the LNC: Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tomasso, and Mr. Wiener. Mr. Neale also reported as elected: Ms. Mattson (NV), Mr. Moulton (VA), Mr. Orrok (CO), and Mr. Sarwark (CO), and announced a tie for 9th and 10th place between Mr. Latham (UT), Mr. Starr (CA), and Mr. Wittlief (IN). The members of the National Committee cast votes for the runoff and gave them to Mr. Blau.

Dr. Lark spoke regarding recent events in the Virginia and Pennsylvania affiliates.

Without objection, the rules were suspended to report the results of the balloting for the runoff in the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix K.2. Mr. Neale reported that Mr. Latham had been elected, and announced a tie for 10th place between Mr. Starr and Mr. Wittlief. The members of the National Committee cast votes for a second runoff and gave them to Mr. Blau.

While the votes for the second runoff were being tallied, nominations were opened for interim chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Ms. Kirkland nominated Mr. Wiener. Starchild nominated Mr. Moulton. Without objection, nominations were closed. Mr. Neale suggested a show of hands to elect the interim chair. Starchild requested a roll call vote. Mr. Wiener withdrew his nomination. Without objection, Mr. Moulton was declared interim chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

At 11:08 AM, Mr. Neale requested a 10 minute recess to permit tallying of the votes for the second runoff. There was no objection. The meeting resumed at 11:27 AM.

Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix K.3. Mr. Neale reported that Mr. Wittlief had been elected.

Mr. Goldstein moved (Mr. Redpath seconded) to designate the top three non-elected vote getters for the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee as alternates. Ms. Kirkland moved to amend the main motion so that it would apply to all three Convention Committees. There was no objection to the Kirkland amendment. Ms. Visek moved (Mr. Cloud seconded) to amend the main motion so that it would designate the top two non-elected vote getters. After debate, the Visek amendment failed on a voice vote. The main motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blau reported the results of the balloting for the Platform Committee recorded in Appendix L.1. Mr. Neale reported as elected: Dr. Buchman (UT), Mr. Grannis (MD), Mr. Goldstein (IN), Mr. Hauptmann (IN), Mr. Nicks (CO), Ms. Sink-Burris (IN), and Ms. Schum (CO). Mr. Neale announced a tie for 8th, 9th, and 10th place between Mr. Holtz (CA), Ms. House (FL), Mr. Smith

(FL), and Ms. Visek (IL). The members of the National Committee cast votes for the runoff and gave them to Mr. Blau.

Ms. Visek reminded the LNC about the upcoming Illinois convention.

Mr. Johnson spoke about the lack of ballot status in Oklahoma.

Without objection, the rules were suspended to report the results of the balloting for the runoff in the Platform Committee. Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix L.2. Mr. Neale reported that Mr. Holtz and Ms. House had been elected, and announced a tie for 10th place between Mr. Smith and Ms. Visek. The members of the National Committee cast votes for a second runoff and gave them to Mr. Blau.

Mr. Blau tallied the votes, and reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix L.3. Mr. Neale reported that Ms. Visek had been elected.

Nominations were opened for interim chair of the Platform Committee. Mr. Olsen nominated Dr. Buchman (Mr. Cloud seconded). Without objection, nominations were closed. Without objection to being recorded as a unanimous vote, Dr. Buchman was declared interim chair of the Platform Committee.

With the permission of the National Committee, Starchild withdrew his agenda item relating to discussion of ballot access committee membership.

Presidential Campaign Support Fund

Mr. Tomasso moved (Dr. Lark seconded), to establish an LP Presidential Campaign Support Fund according to the limitations reproduced in Appendix M. Dr. Lieberman moved to replace "before the following general election day" with "before December 1st of the year of the following general election." There was no objection to the Lieberman amendment. During debate, Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights. Ms. Visek moved to strike "or indirectly." There was no objection to the Visek amendment. Following debate on the motion as amended, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Hinkle, Goldstein, Johnson, Lark, Lieberman, Neale, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener.

Those voting nay: Olsen, Starchild.

Abstaining: Kirkland, Wrights (potential conflict of interest).

This motion passed 14 to 2, with two abstentions.

Committee Rosters

Mr. Neale moved (Mr. Hinkle seconded) to remove from the Policy Manual the sections titled "Members of LNC Created Committees" and "Members of Bylaws Mandated Committees" and instead maintain these on the LP.org website. The motion was adopted without objection.

Changes to Convention Committees

Mr. Neale moved (Mr. Cloud seconded) the motion reproduced in Appendix N. Following debate on the motion, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Hinkle, Johnson, Kirkland, Olsen, Neale, Redpath, Tomasso, Vohra, Wrights.

Those voting nay: Goldstein, Lieberman, Starchild, Visek, Wiener.

Abstaining: Lark.

This motion passed 12 to 5, with one abstention.

Mr. Neale resumed the role of chair.

Project Funding

Mr. Vohra spoke about his concerns relating to policy control over the projects that will receive crowd-based funding. The LNC took no action as a result.

Without objection, nominations were opened to populate the Convention Oversight Committee. Mr. Vohra nominated Starchild. Ms. Kirkland nominated Ms. Mack, who declined to serve. Mr. Wrights nominated Ms. Kirkland. Mr. Wiener nominated Ms. Visek, who declined to serve. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Wrights. Mr. Wiener nominated Mr. Goldstein. Without objection, nominations were closed. The members of the National Committee cast votes for the Convention Oversight Committee and gave them to Mr. Blau.

At 1:07 PM Mr. Neale proposed to recess until 1:25 PM to permit Mr. Blau to tally the votes. There was no objection. The meeting resumed at 1:31 PM.

Mr. Blau reported the vote totals recorded in Appendix O. Mr. Neale reported that Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Kirkland were elected.

Changing Previous Notice

Mr. Hinkle moved (Mr. Cloud seconded) to change Section 1.02(1) of the Policy Manual to replace "at least 14 days prior to the session" with "at least 10 days prior to the session." Following debate on the motion, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Blau, Cloud, Hinkle, Kirkland, Johnson, Starchild, Vohra.

Those voting nay: Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Lieberman, Olsen, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener.

Abstaining: Neale, Redpath, Wrights.

This motion failed 7 votes to 8, with three abstentions.

Public Policy Resolution

Ms. Kirkland moved to adopt the public policy resolution reproduced in Appendix P. After debate, Mr. Tomasso moved to postpone Ms. Kirkland's motion indefinitely. There was no objection.

Strategic Goals

Mr. Tomasso led a discussion of strategic goals for the Libertarian National Committee. The LNC took no action as a result.

EPCC Changes

Mr. Hinkle moved (Mr. Redpath seconded) to strike the last paragraph of section 2.02(6) of the Policy Manual (requiring the EPCC to review any contract for director-level employment). During debate, Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights to permit Mr. Neale to provide his input. Following debate on the motion, a roll call vote was taken.

Those voting aye: Cloud, Hinkle.

Those voting nay: Blau, Hagan, Goldstein, Johnson, Lark, Olsen, Neale, Redpath, Starchild,
Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights.

Abstaining: Kirkland, Lieberman.

This motion failed 2 votes to 14, with two abstentions.

Populating the Awards Committee

Mr. Neale asked for volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee. There was no objection to allowing Mr. Redpath to volunteer to serve on the Committee.

Announcements

Mr. Hagan requested that the Chair announce how much time LNC members spent giving thanks. The Chair announced that 120 seconds were so spent. Dr. Lark thanked the Libertarian Parties of Illinois and Chicago for their generous hosting.

Mr. Blau announced that the alternates for the Credentials Committee are Mr. Johnson (TX), Dr. Lieberman (CA), and Mr. Bowers (MN).

Mr. Blau announced that the alternates for the Bylaws and Rules Committee are Mr. Starr (CA), Mr. Monteleone (LA), and Mr. Burns (NV).

Mr. Blau announced that the first two alternates for the Platform Committee are Mr. Smith (FL) and Starchild (CA), and that there was a tie for third alternate. Mr. Wiener moved (Mr. Hagan

seconded) to limit the number of alternates for the Platform Committee to two. There was no objection.

Public Comment

Matthew Irvin (IL) stated that the Illinois party would be focusing on building the Libertarian name.

Krzysztof Lesiak (IL) stated that he will be registering Libertarian as soon as he is able, and will be voting Libertarian.

Adjournment

Mr. Cloud moved to adjourn (Mr. Redpath seconded). There was no objection. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Appendix A: Agenda

(as amended)

Opening Ceremony	
Call to Order	9:00AM
Opportunity for Public Comment	5 Minutes
Housekeeping	
Credentials Report	5 Minutes
Paperwork Check	10 Minutes
Adoption of Agenda	10 Minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5 Minutes
Officer Reports	
Chair's Report	15 Minutes
Treasurer's Report	15 Minutes
Secretary's Report	15 Minutes
Nominations for 2014 Convention Committees	
Credentials	5 Minutes
Bylaws	5 Minutes
Platform	5 Minutes
Executive Session	
Breach of Confidentiality	
Executive Director Contract discussion	
Building Committee Report	15 Minutes
Watergate Lease	10 Minutes
Staff Reports	30 Minutes
Counsel's Report (2:00PM Saturday March 16 th)	15 Minutes
<u>Discussion of Trademark Infringement (Lieberman)</u>	
Executive Session with Counsel	
Membership Levels	30 Minutes
Committee Reports	
Reports of Standing Committees	
Advertising & Publication Review Committee	5 Minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (Wrights)	5 Minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Wrights)	5 Minutes
Executive Committee (Neale)	5 Minutes
<u>IT Committee (Lieberman)</u>	5 Minutes
Reports of Special Committees	
Audit Committee	5 Minutes

Appendix A: Agenda

(as amended)

Report of Libertarian State Leadership Alliance	5 Minutes
Unfinished Business and Items Postponed from Previous Meeting	
With Previous Notice	
Motion to Fill Vacancies (Tomasso)	10 Minutes
Fill APRC Vacancies	10 Minutes
Ballot Access (Redpath)	20 Minutes
Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)	
Region 1 - AK,AZ,CO,HI,ID,KS,MT,UT,WA,WY (Olsen/Ryan)	5 Minutes
Region 2 - FL,GA,TN (Kirkland/Schrade)	5 Minutes
Region 3 - IN,KY,OH,MI (Mack/Goldstein)	5 Minutes
Region 4 - AR,CA,NV,NM,NY (Wiener/Pojunis/Lieberman/Capozzi)	10 Minutes
Region 5N - CT,MA,ME,NH,NJ,RI,VT (Tomasso)	5 Minutes
Region 5S - DC,DE,MD,NC,PA,VA,WV (Lark/Spencer)	5 Minutes
Region 6 - IL,IA,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD,WI (Visek/Knebel)	5 Minutes
Region 7 - AL,LA,MS,OK,TX (Johnson/Frankel)	5 Minutes
New Business	
With Previous Notice	
Motion to Change Previous Notice (Hinkle)	5 Minutes
Motion to Create Presidential Fund (Tomasso)	5 Minutes
Motion to Move Committee Rosters (Neale)	5 Minutes
Motion to Change Convention Committee (Neale)	5 Minutes
Discussion of project funding (Vohra)	20 Minutes
Without Previous Notice	
<u>Motion to Change Previous Notice (Hinkle)</u>	5 Minutes
<u>Motion to Adopt Public Policy Resolution (Kirkland)</u>	5 Minutes
<u>Discussion of strategic goals (Tomasso)</u>	10 Minutes
<u>Motion to Change EPCC (Hinkle)</u>	5 Minutes
<u>Motion to Repopulate Awards Committee (Visek)</u>	5 Minutes
<u>Discussion of Ballot Access Committee membership (Starchild)</u>	5 Minutes
Closing Ceremony	
Announcements	5 Minutes
Opportunity for Public Comment	5 Minutes

Appendix B: Chair's Report

In no particular order, I offer the following updates and chronicles:

BitCoin

I have directed staff to proceed with establishing an account with a merchant provider that will allow us to accept BitCoin donations. Robert has assured me that as long as we can get the proper disclosures and reporting in place that this does not present undue costs to the LNC. While no political party yet accepts BitCoins, and the FEC has not established any rulings, we believe the way in which this provider handles the transactions that it is for all intents and purposes no different than PayPal.

When donating with BitCoin, a donor would specify a dollar amount. The provider would debit the donors BitCoin account, and credit our account in US dollars. Using this method should eliminate the need to consider the donation an "in kind" contribution.

The two considerations we are keeping in mind are security of our banking (because the provider would have to have normal account access authority), and the security of our donors information. The first we are going to solve by creating a new bank account for just BitCoin transactions. The second is a risk that we necessarily have to accept with any provider, but this provider is relatively new, relatively small, and therefore diligence is warranted.

Provided that we can get what we need from the provider, we will add a BitCoin button to our donation pages as an option. Data entry will be made by staff from confirming transaction emails from the provider.

I am considering this an experiment. We will easily be able to monitor the account activity. While I am not sold on exactly how beneficial this will be, I will remain optimistic, and trusts those who claim it would be a good thing to assist us in promoting the use of BitCoin in their various and sundry circles, and show the critics to be wrong.

Electronic Distribution of LP News

We currently post past issues of LP News on our website so that people can download them. Existing practice is for the current issue to be unavailable for some period of time, usually until the next issue comes out.

The software package we use is also capable of producing LP News in e-book format, without requiring purchasing any additional features. Staff has estimated that the actual time (cost) involved in doing so would be about three hours per issue, once the learning curve has been flattened.

However, now we come to a policy decision revolving around whether we should support electronic distribution of LP news, and under which constraints.

Carla has stated that she feels that LP News is a member benefit that would be diminished if we offered LP News for free. Therefore, we should not make electronic version available on a timely basis, but only as an archival or historical artifact.

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I do not share this opinion. I feel that people join and support the LP to advance liberty, and that the LP News is a mode of communication between leadership and our members. I also feel that the vast majority of our members would actually endorse and support a far wider distribution of LP News. To me, it's just like distributing position papers. The members pay for their production because they want the information disseminated.

I will seek counsel of the LNC during my report.

In my vision, I do not anticipate mandating the move towards electronic distribution at this time. I will not tell our members they cannot get a printed LP News. To begin with, I just want the pdf version to be available immediately. I also want to email the members when it is available, even if they have yet to receive their hard copy. I anticipate that some members may tell us to ONLY send them a pdf version, and think we should accommodate them at some point. I also think that some members may desire getting LP News in Kindle format distributed automatically, whgich I would alos like to do.

How and when we move into the electronic world with LP News is what we need to firm out. This will be a policy decision, and our choices are simple: either the LNC defines the policy, or I will under Standing Executive Orders within the Policy Manual.

Organizational Maturity

Many have bemoaned the lack of "institutional knowledge" within the LNC and LPHQ. To paraphrase Michael Cloud: "It's not that we're reinventing the wheel – we're reinventing the flat tire".

We consistently rely on anecdotal knowledge. Examples of this are everywhere in the LP. The reason I want an SLA is precisely because there is no document anywhere that tells a state chair what LPHQ will do to help them, and what it will not.

Within our office, this is manifested prominently by a lack of cohesive and consistent documentation or our processes.

There are many reasons why it makes sense to document what and how we do things, including:

Foremost is that as an organization, we must be concerned with continuity. If knowledge is contained only within the mind of one person, then we are at extreme risk should something untoward happen to that person. Not only is this risk unacceptable, it can be mitigated with minimal cost.

Training time for new staff, or interns, is unduly expensive. Good manuals minimize learning curves.

Oversight of processes is damn near impossible. It is the job of this board to provide oversight.

Opportunities for process enhancement are enhanced when processes are documented.

As a starting point for this exercise, I asked staff to assemble a list of all the processes that are performed by LPHQ. This list included the business area, and what the state of existing documentation is.

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Staff defined 87 processes. Of these:

10 are well documented.

14 are documented to some extent, but need updating

21 are situational, and do not warrant documenting

42 are not documented

It is my intent to have all processes (other than the situational) documented by year end. I will be sitting with staff and addressing a priority and timeframe that will not unduly affect ongoing activities, and you will be kept apprised of the progress.

The only thing that has not been addressed is the form of the documentation. It is my intention that these processes be documented in a hosted wiki. Having used wikis for this purpose, I find them to be ideal for documentation, for several reasons, including:

A single version of the truth. The wiki always contains the latest and greatest. Hard copy documents go stale.

Wikis are searchable.

Wikis take up no desk space.

Wikis support authority controls, allowing staff to make on-the-fly changes when situations change, while restricting update capabilities to process stewards.

Wikis support business continuity. If our office explodes, the documentation is isolated.

Authorized users can review and oversee the documentation independent of physical presence in the office.

Wikis are easy to use, and really cheap.

My first goal is to choose the right wiki software, install it, and get our existing well documented processes populated first. After that, we'll augment.

Service Level Agreement

While I'm on the topic of organizational maturity, we have made progress on an SLA with our affiliates, but we've also hit a major stumbling block.

Several of the affiliate chairs have come out wholeheartedly in favor of an SLA. Pat Dixon specifically took the lead with the LSLA, and has assembled some valuable documentation. Additionally, staff presented a list of "things HQ will do" and "Things HQ will not do". From this, we should be able to generate a good agreement.

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Pat Dixon's approach was to get the LSLA to approve a draft document that could be submitted to the LNC for review, so that we could go into the May LSLA meeting with a product. Alas, that is not to be. The LSLA has decided that they do not have the authority to enter into an agreement like this, since it exceeds their charter.

I find myself in somewhat of a quandary, because our Policy Manual states that only the LNC can approve special agreements with affiliates, and if the affiliates cannot speak with one voice, we do not seem to have a process by which we can actually craft a universal agreement.

Therefore, I am going to proceed with more of a declaration than an agreement. I'll call it a one-sided agreement. The SLA will be produced as a statement of how the LNC and LPHQ will act, and what services they will and will not deliver.

Some have questioned the need, but virtually no one has said that we do enough to explain to affiliates what our role is – IN WRITING.

Legal Offense Fund

I think this is a good idea. I also think that this, in effect, is about a 90% overlap with our Audit Committee. Diana Visek has made good progress on her committee, and I think we should punt this entire effort to her team. I will let her report in Chicago.

Crowdfunding

Brett Pojunis has located a provider and negotiated a preferable rate. The next step is to define the scope and constraints of this project. I have not had the time to move this forward, and would like some help. However, I am not interested in help as defined by the volunteer. I am interested in help from people who understand how to work within a collaborative team structure. Any volunteers?

You Might Be

This is still in the planning phase. Once I have a decent plan together, I will be seeking some donors to get the ball rolling. What I will be needing are some web development skills.

IT Strategy

I have asked Jillian Mack to produce a high level IT Strategy document. She has done so. It is now in the hands of the IT committee. It is my intent to adopt this strategy.

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International

Intermittently, I am trying to advance the idea of an international alliance of libertarian parties from around the globe. I have been invited to address conferences in Prague and Moscow. I also have been discussing with the UK LP for their Chair to attend a US convention or event.

Right now it seems likely that the UK LP Chair will be in attendance at FreedomFest and at our LNC meeting. There were several other international Chairs at the least FreedomFest. I am thinking of hosting a reception for international leaders at that event.

In the same light, I would like to create a new discussion group hosted by us for international LP Party leadership. Perhaps I will call it global@lp.org. Robert has said that the cost of doing so is minimal. My only question is whether this is something the LNC would endorse or oppose. You guys tell me.

Appendix C: Treasurer's Report



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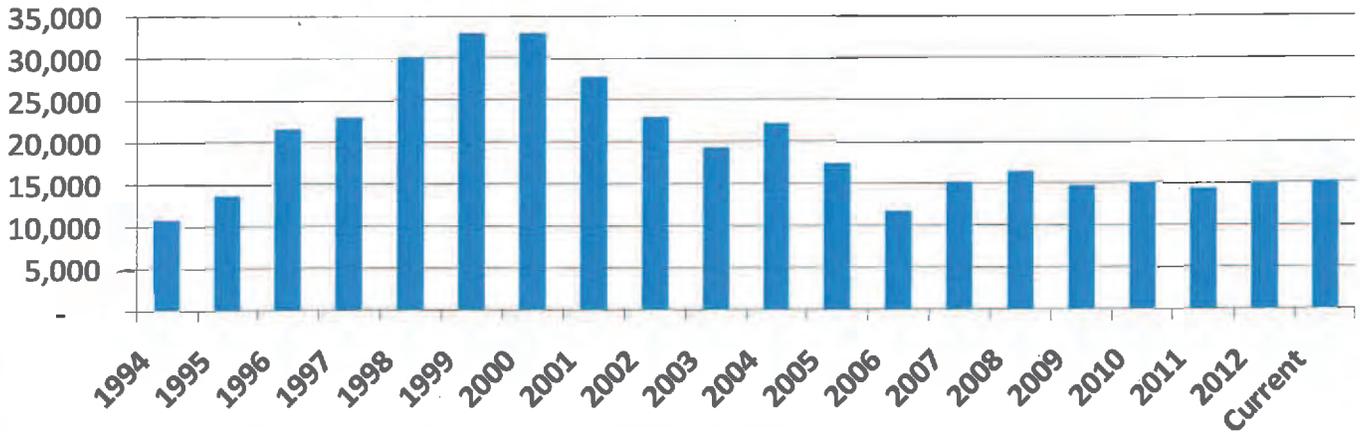
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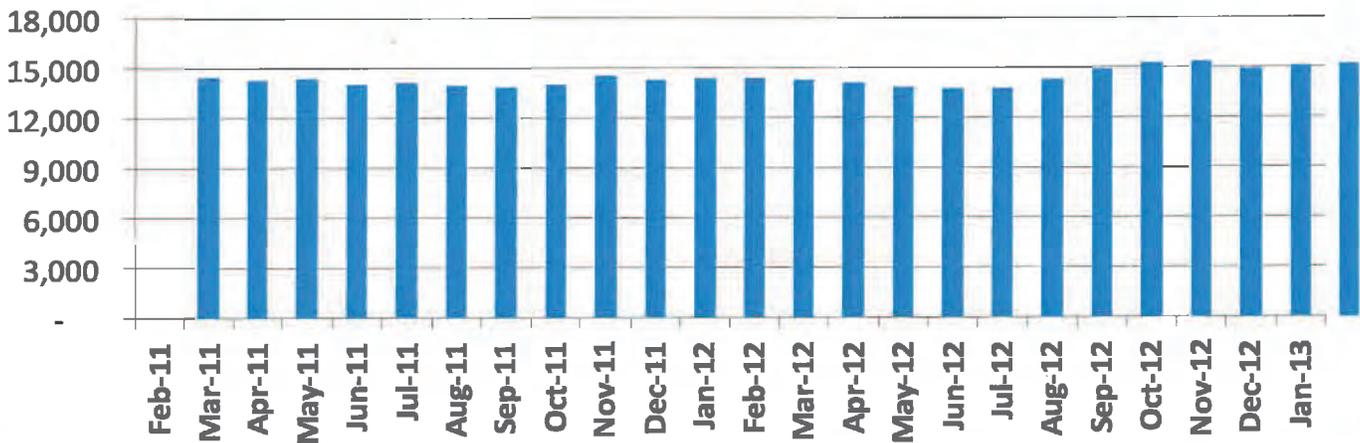
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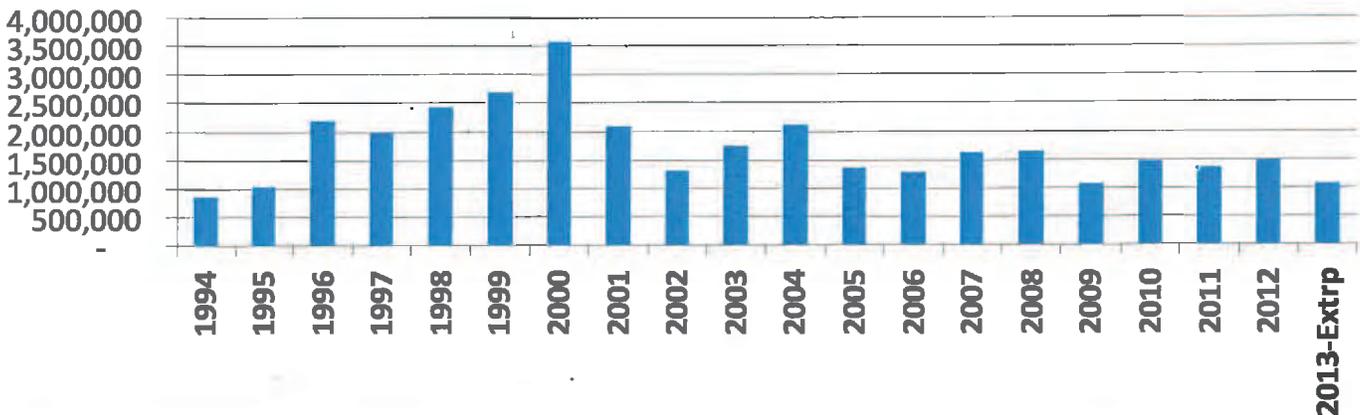
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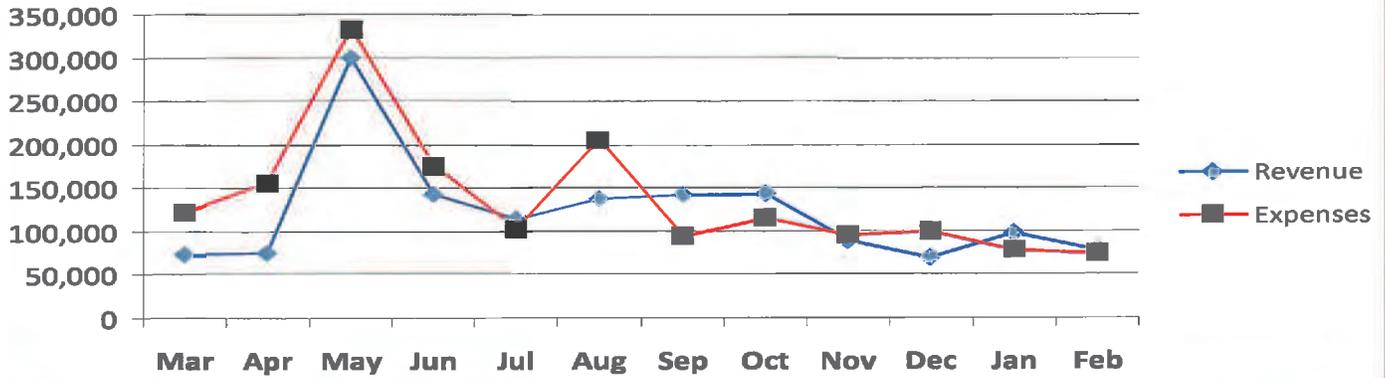
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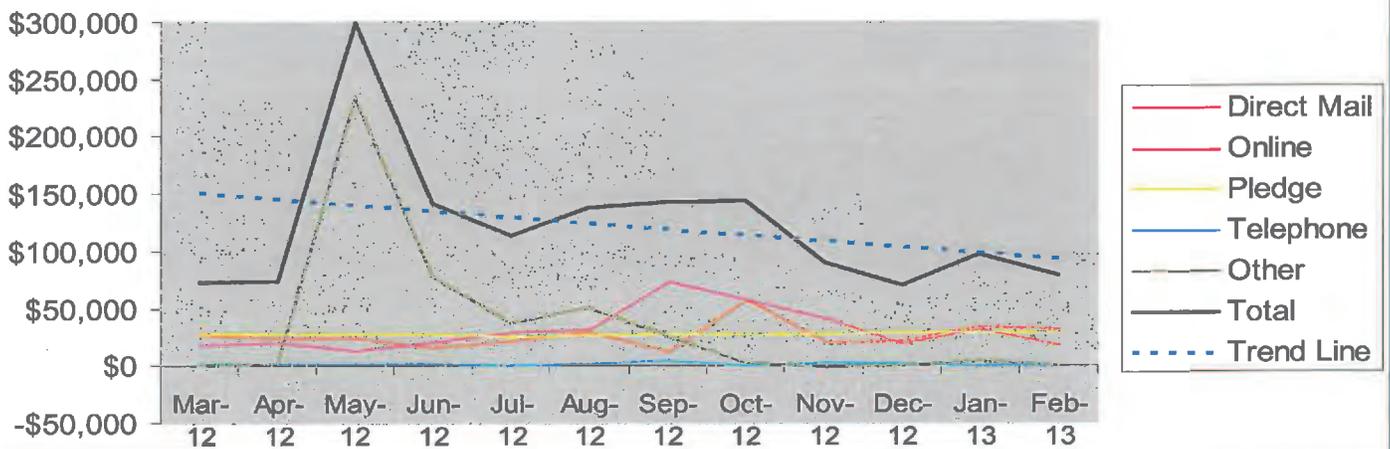
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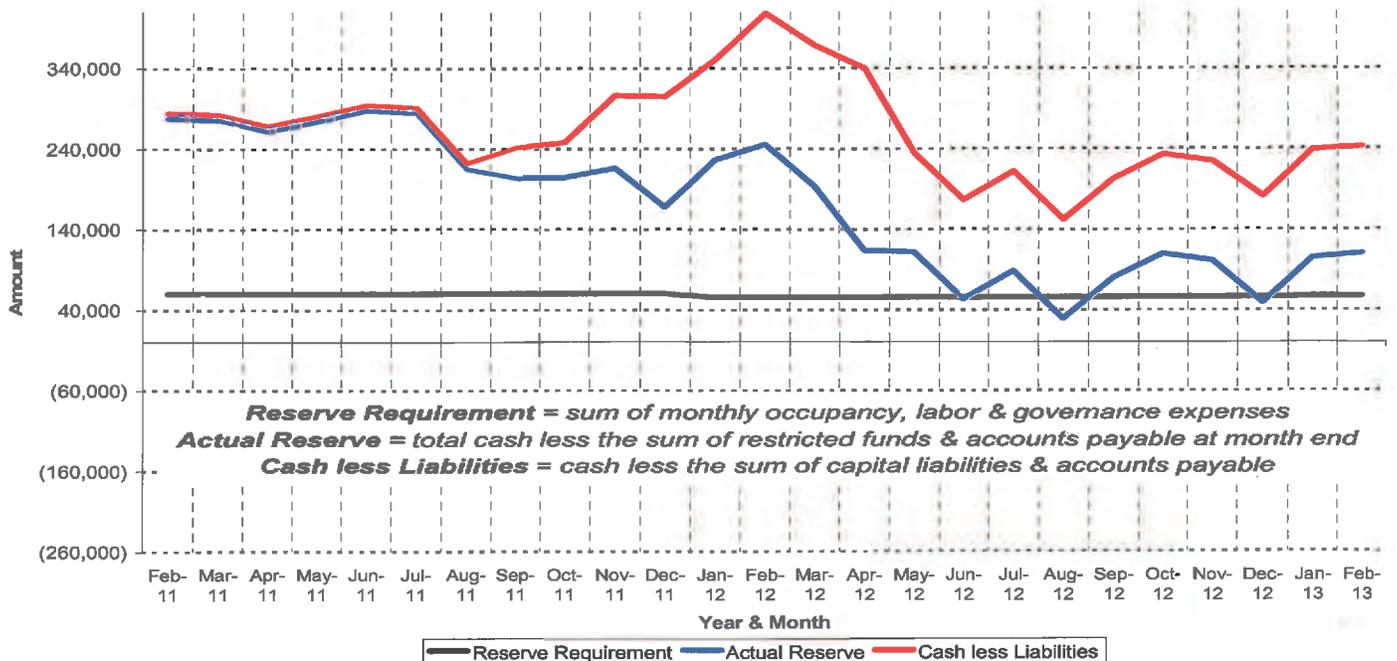
Monthly Revenue and Expenses - Past 12 Months



Monthly Revenue by Source (12 Mo)



Reserve Adequacy Trend & Cash Less Liabilities (24 Months)



End of Month Reports – Financial Summary

Statement of Operations Summary

Last Month & YTD

	Feb 13	2013 YTD	2013 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget YTD	Total Annual Budget 2013	2013 Budget Remaining
Support and Revenue	78,564	176,538	193,875	(17,337)	1,163,250	986,712
Cost of Support and Revenue	17,140	33,781	46,825	(13,044)	280,950	247,169
Net Support Available for Programs	61,424	142,757	147,050	(4,293)	882,300	739,543
Program Expense	57,904	120,595	138,400	(17,805)	830,400	709,805
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	3,520	22,161	8,650	13,511	51,900	29,739

Acct Summary By Month Plus YTD

January through February 2013

	Jan 13	Feb 13	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · General Fundraising	95,074	78,414	173,488
4100 · Project Revenue	2,900	300	3,200
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	0	(150)	(150)
Total Income	97,974	78,564	176,538
Gross Profit	97,974	78,564	176,538
Expense			
7000 · General Fundraising Expense	16,641	17,140	33,781
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	860	2,951	3,811
7300 · Program-Related Expenses	0	298	298
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	34,586	25,918	60,504
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	22,218	23,709	45,927
8200 · Professional Services	4,500	4,500	9,000
8300 · Depreciation Expense	528	528	1,056
Total Expense	79,333	75,044	154,377
Net Ordinary Income	18,641	3,520	22,161
Net Income	18,641	3,520	22,161

Balance Sheet Summary - Current vs Prior Month

	Feb 28, 13	Jan 31, 13	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Total Checking/Savings	244,052.51	240,695.13	3,357.38	1.4%
Total Other Current Assets	40,236.71	40,535.20	(298.49)	(0.74%)
Total Current Assets	284,289.22	281,230.33	3,058.89	1.09%
Total Fixed Assets	9,004.37	9,532.37	(528.00)	(5.54%)
Total Other Assets	7,020.00	7,020.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	300,313.59	297,782.70	2,530.89	0.85%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Total Current Liabilities	18,241.74	19,230.74	(989.00)	(5.14%)
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,974.94	1,974.94	0.00	0.0%
Total Liabilities	20,216.68	21,205.68	(989.00)	(4.66%)
Total Equity	280,096.91	276,577.02	3,519.89	1.27%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	300,313.59	297,782.70	2,530.89	0.85%

2013 v. 2009 & 2013 v. 2011 Comparisons

P & L Acct Summary

YTD 13 v. 09 & 13 v. 11

	YTD 2013	YTD 2009	Difference 13 v 09	YTD 2011	Difference 13 v 11
Ordinary Revenue/Expense					
Revenue					
4000 · General Fundraising	173,488	152,423	21,065	186,378	(12,890)
4100 · Project Revenue	3,200	0	3,200	0	3,200
4200 · Events and Conventions	0	0	0	0	0
4300 · Program Revenue	0	0	0	13,153	(13,153)
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Comm - PACS	0	0	0	0	0
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	(150)	(300)	150	(80)	(70)
Total Revenue	176,538	152,123	24,415	199,451	(22,913)
Gross Profit	176,538	152,123	24,415	199,451	(22,913)
Expense					
7000 · General Fundraising Expense	33,781	34,810	(1,029)	29,577	4,204
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	3,811	35	3,776	0	3,811
7200 · Events and Conventions Exp	0	0	0	0	0
7300 · Program-Related Expenses	298	1,372	(1,074)	13,979	(13,681)
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	60,504	54,179	6,325	67,593	(7,089)
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	45,927	48,969	(3,042)	45,851	76
8200 · Professional Services	9,000	9,115	(115)	14,600	(5,600)
8300 · Depreciation Expense	1,056	1,288	(232)	1,416	(360)
Total Expense	154,377	149,768	4,609	173,016	(18,639)
Net Ordinary Revenue	22,161	2,355	19,806	26,435	(4,274)
Net Revenue	22,161	2,355	19,806	26,435	(4,274)

Feb 2013 vs. Feb 2009 & Feb 2011

	Feb 13	Feb 09	Difference 13 v 09	Feb 11	Difference 13 v 11
Ordinary Revenue/Expense					
Revenue					
4000 · General Fundraising	78,414	76,795	1,619	96,544	(18,130)
4100 · Project Revenue	300	0	300	0	300
4200 · Events and Conventions	0	0	0	0	0
4300 · Program Revenue	0	0	0	11,670	(11,670)
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Comm - PACS	0	0	0	0	0
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	(150)	0	(150)	0	(150)
Total Revenue	78,564	76,795	1,769	108,214	(29,650)
Gross Profit	78,564	76,795	1,769	108,214	(29,650)
Expense					
7000 · General Fundraising Expense	17,140	18,142	(1,002)	12,383	4,757
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	2,951	0	2,951	0	2,951
7200 · Events and Conventions Exp	0	0	0	0	0
7300 · Program-Related Expenses	298	1,372	(1,074)	3,765	(3,467)
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	25,918	26,784	(866)	32,505	(6,587)
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	23,709	22,205	1,504	21,708	2,001
8200 · Professional Services	4,500	4,507	(7)	4,350	150
8300 · Depreciation Expense	528	644	(116)	708	(180)
Total Expense	75,044	73,654	1,390	75,419	(375)
Net Ordinary Revenue	3,520	3,141	379	32,795	(29,275)
Net Revenue	3,520	3,141	379	32,795	(29,275)
Cash On Hand EOM	244,053	25,745	218,308	289,487	(71,179)

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Standard Statement of Operations - Jan-Dec 2012
Budget vs. Actual (Standard Staff Report)

	Unrestricted Feb 13	Temp. Restricted	Feb 13	Jan - Feb 13	2013 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget YTD	Total Annual Budget 2013	2013 Budget Remaining
Support and Revenue								
20-Membership Dues	30,166.49		30,166.49	77,942.49	77,500.00	442.49	465,000.00	387,057.51
21-Donations	19,071.09		19,071.09	36,855.85	56,533.33	(19,677.48)	339,200.00	302,344.15
22-Recurring Gifts	29,011.17		29,011.17	57,904.58	55,100.00	2,804.58	330,600.00	272,695.42
23-BoardSolicitation MajorGifts	0.00		0.00	0.00	4,041.67	(4,041.67)	24,250.00	24,250.00
24-Convention Revenue	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25-Project Program Revenue	0.00	300.00	300.00	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	(3,200.00)
26-Brand Development Rev	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27-BailotAccess Donations	15.00		15.00	635.00	0.00	635.00	0.00	(635.00)
28-Publications Materials Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	700.00	(700.00)	4,200.00	4,200.00
29-Other Revenue	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Support and Revenue	78,263.75	300.00	78,563.75	176,537.92	193,875.00	(17,337.08)	1,163,250.00	986,712.08
Cost of Support and Revenue								
32-Fundraising Costs	8,364.59		8,364.59	20,017.98	26,050.00	(6,032.02)	156,300.00	136,262.02
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	8,775.49		8,775.49	13,763.00	20,775.00	(7,012.00)	124,650.00	110,887.00
35-Convention	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36-BailotAccess Fundraising Exp.	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	17,140.08	0.00	17,140.08	33,780.98	46,825.00	(13,044.02)	280,950.00	247,169.02
Net Support Available for Programs	61,123.67	300.00	61,423.67	142,756.94	147,050.00	(4,293.06)	882,300.00	739,543.06
Program Expense								
40-Administrative Costs	28,737.16		28,737.16	55,983.44	55,716.67	266.77	334,300.00	278,316.56
45-Compensation	25,917.97		25,917.97	60,503.86	74,750.00	(14,246.14)	448,500.00	387,996.14
50-Affiliate Support	297.73		297.73	297.73	1,183.33	(885.60)	7,100.00	6,802.27
55-Brand Development	525.00		525.00	525.00	450.00	75.00	2,700.00	2,175.00
58-Campus Outreach	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
70-BailotAccess Petitioning Related Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
75-Litigation	0.00		0.00	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	4,800.00	4,800.00
80-Media	0.00		0.00	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	1,000.00	1,000.00
85-Member Communication	0.00		0.00	0.00	4,666.67	(4,666.67)	28,000.00	28,000.00
88-Outreach	0.00		0.00	0.00	666.67	(666.67)	4,000.00	4,000.00
90-Project Program Other	0.00	2,425.92	2,425.92	3,285.45	0.00	3,285.45	0.00	(3,285.45)
Total Program Expense	55,477.86	2,425.92	57,903.78	120,595.48	138,400.00	(17,804.52)	830,400.00	709,804.52
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	5,645.81	(2,125.92)	3,519.89	22,161.46	8,650.00	13,511.46	51,900.00	29,736.54

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
P & L Acct Detail By Month Plus YTD
January through February 2013

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Revenue/Expense			
Revenue			
4000 · General Fundraising			
4010 · Direct Mail Fundraising			
4010-10 · DM - House Fundraising General	14,148.76	17,768.18	31,916.94
4010-12 · DM - House Fundraising NewDonor	850.00	340.00	1,190.00
4010-20 · DM - Donor Renewal	18,670.00	12,616.49	31,286.49
4010-30 · DM - New Donor Prospecting	350.00	25.00	375.00
Total 4010 · Direct Mail Fundraising	<u>34,018.76</u>	<u>30,749.67</u>	<u>64,768.43</u>
4030 · Online Contributions - Web			
4030-10 · Online Cont - General	3,611.00	1,427.91	5,038.91
4030-20 · Online Cont - Donor Renewal	13,245.00	7,340.00	20,585.00
4030-30 · Online Cont - New Donor Prosp	13,981.00	9,125.00	23,106.00
Total 4030 · Online Contributions - Web	<u>30,837.00</u>	<u>17,892.91</u>	<u>48,729.91</u>
4040 · Tele Fundraising - Phone Bank			
4040-10 · Tele Fund - General	25.00	25.00	50.00
4040-20 · Tele Fund - Donor Renewal	680.00	720.00	1,400.00
Total 4040 · Tele Fundraising - Phone Bank	<u>705.00</u>	<u>745.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
4080 · Recurring Contrib - Pledge	28,893.41	29,011.17	57,904.58
4090 · Ballot Access	620.00	15.00	635.00
Total 4000 · General Fundraising	<u>95,074.17</u>	<u>78,413.75</u>	<u>173,487.92</u>
4100 · Project Revenue			
4108 · Building Fund	0.00	125.00	125.00
4109 · Radio Ad Project	2,900.00	175.00	3,075.00
Total 4100 · Project Revenue	<u>2,900.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	0.00	(150.00)	(150.00)
Total Revenue	<u>97,974.17</u>	<u>78,563.75</u>	<u>176,537.92</u>
Gross Profit	97,974.17	78,563.75	176,537.92
Expense			
7000 · General Fundraising Expense			
7010 · Direct Mail Fundraising Exp			
7010-10 · DM - House General Expense	9,598.09	4,755.87	14,353.96
7010-20 · DM - Donor Renewal Expense	2,106.89	5,636.67	7,743.56
7010-30 · DM - New Donor Prospecting Exp	781.62	897.82	1,679.44
Total 7010 · Direct Mail Fundraising Exp	<u>12,486.60</u>	<u>11,290.36</u>	<u>23,776.96</u>
7030 · Online Contributions Exp - Web			
7030-30 · Online Cont Exp - New Donor	20.00	0.00	20.00
Total 7030 · Online Contributions Exp - Web	<u>20.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
7040 · Tele Fundraising Expense			
7040-20 · Tele Fund Exp - Donor Renewal	2,079.00	2,241.00	4,320.00
Total 7040 · Tele Fundraising Expense	<u>2,079.00</u>	<u>2,241.00</u>	<u>4,320.00</u>

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7080 · Recurring Contrib - Pledge	0.00	1,027.49	1,027.49
7095 · Credit Card Prc Fees	2,055.30	2,581.23	4,636.53
Total 7000 · General Fundraising Expense	16,640.90	17,140.08	33,780.98
7100 · Project-Related Expenses			
7102 · Branding	0.00	525.00	525.00
7109 · Radio Ad Project	859.53	2,425.92	3,285.45
Total 7100 · Project-Related Expenses	859.53	2,950.92	3,810.45
7300 · Program-Related Expenses			
7310 · Affiliate Development	0.00	297.73	297.73
Total 7300 · Program-Related Expenses	0.00	297.73	297.73
8000 · Salary & Related Expense			
8005 · Salaries Bonus Sick & Vac	23,040.71	19,576.41	42,617.12
8010 · Hourly Wages	3,491.10	981.30	4,472.40
8015 · Contract & Paid Internships	1,836.00	2,664.50	4,500.50
8020 · Employer Cont to P/R Tax	2,623.27	1,661.57	4,284.84
8030 · Employer Cont to 401K & Adm	697.86	522.93	1,220.79
8040 · Fed & State Unemployment	710.74	244.58	955.32
8050 · Fed & State Rev & Admn Tax	65.81	23.60	89.41
8060 · Health Insurance	2,004.45	0.00	2,004.45
8070 · Other Bens, Gdwill & Training	0.00	111.20	111.20
8080 · Payroll Service Fees	115.95	131.88	247.83
Total 8000 · Salary & Related Expense	34,585.89	25,917.97	60,503.86
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense			
8110 · Ofc Supplies & Non Cap Equipt	335.59	597.37	932.96
8120 · Telephone & Data Services	110.75	120.74	231.49
8125 · Equipment Leases & Maint.	656.11	1,296.27	1,952.38
8130 · Postage & Shipping	1,339.82	472.42	1,812.24
8140 · Travel, Meeting, & Meals Exp	278.60	648.60	927.20
8160 · Insurance	0.00	1,924.00	1,924.00
8170 · Office Rent Parking & Storage	11,217.80	11,217.80	22,435.60
8180 · Printing & Copying	602.55	0.00	602.55
8190 · Software, Hardware & Other IT	7,483.54	7,068.56	14,552.10
8195 · Other Expenses & Bank Fees	193.52	363.40	556.92
Total 8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	22,218.28	23,709.16	45,927.44
8200 · Professional Services			
8210 · Legal			
8210-10 · Legal - General	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Total 8210 · Legal	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
8230 · FEC Filing & Consulting	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Total 8200 · Professional Services	4,500.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
8300 · Depreciation Expense	528.00	528.00	1,056.00
Total Expense	79,332.60	75,043.86	154,376.46
Net Ordinary Revenue	18,641.57	3,519.89	22,161.46
Net Revenue	18,641.57	3,519.89	22,161.46

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Balance Sheet Current vs Prior Month
 As of February 28, 2013

	<u>Feb 28, 13</u>	<u>Jan 31, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
11 · Cash				
111 · PNC Check Acct 1 (Unrestricted)	109,574.06	100,731.76	8,842.30	8.78%
112 · PNC Check Acct 2 (Restricted)	134,478.45	136,631.37	(2,152.92)	(1.58%)
115 · CDS ACH Acct 3 (Pay-n-Go)	0.00	3,332.00	(3,332.00)	(100.0%)
Total 11 · Cash	<u>244,052.51</u>	<u>240,695.13</u>	<u>3,357.38</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>244,052.51</u>	<u>240,695.13</u>	<u>3,357.38</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Other Current Assets				
13 · Other Current Collectables				
130 · Bequests Expected - Current	15,721.38	15,721.38	0.00	0.0%
Total 13 · Other Current Collectables	<u>15,721.38</u>	<u>15,721.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
14 · Inventory	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
16 · Prepaid Expenses				
161 · Bulk Mail Account	1,435.82	1,047.08	388.74	37.13%
163 · Metro Passes	80.00	80.00	0.00	0.0%
165 · Prepaid Licenses	8,480.24	9,422.48	(942.24)	(10.0%)
166 · Prepaid Insurance	1,046.46	1,046.46	0.00	0.0%
168 · Prepaid Rent	11,472.81	11,217.80	255.01	2.27%
Total 16 · Prepaid Expenses	<u>22,515.33</u>	<u>22,813.82</u>	<u>(298.49)</u>	<u>(1.31%)</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>40,236.71</u>	<u>40,535.20</u>	<u>(298.49)</u>	<u>(0.74%)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>284,289.22</u>	<u>281,230.33</u>	<u>3,058.89</u>	<u>1.09%</u>
Fixed Assets				
17 · Fixed Assets				
172 · Furniture & Fixtures	37,617.97	37,617.97	0.00	0.0%
173 · Office Equipment	3,159.99	3,159.99	0.00	0.0%
174 · Computer Hardware	81,131.23	81,131.23	0.00	0.0%
175 · Computer Software	89,460.30	89,460.30	0.00	0.0%
176 · Capital Lease Assets	6,827.37	6,827.37	0.00	0.0%
179 · Accumulated Depreciation	(209,192.49)	(208,664.49)	(528.00)	(0.25%)
Total 17 · Fixed Assets	<u>9,004.37</u>	<u>9,532.37</u>	<u>(528.00)</u>	<u>(5.54%)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>9,004.37</u>	<u>9,532.37</u>	<u>(528.00)</u>	<u>(5.54%)</u>
Other Assets				
19 · Security Deposits				
191 · Rent Deposit	7,020.00	7,020.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 19 · Security Deposits	<u>7,020.00</u>	<u>7,020.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>7,020.00</u>	<u>7,020.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>300,313.59</u></u>	<u><u>297,782.70</u></u>	<u><u>2,530.89</u></u>	<u><u>0.85%</u></u>

	<u>Feb 28, 13</u>	<u>Jan 31, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
24 · Accrued Expenses				
241 · Accrued Payroll	5,617.82	5,690.89	(73.07)	(1.28%)
242 · Accrued Vacation	11,681.00	12,770.00	(1,089.00)	(8.53%)
Total 24 · Accrued Expenses	<u>17,298.82</u>	<u>18,460.89</u>	<u>(1,162.07)</u>	<u>(6.3%)</u>
25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes				
252 · 401(k) Liability	942.92	769.85	173.07	22.48%
Total 25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	<u>942.92</u>	<u>769.85</u>	<u>173.07</u>	<u>22.48%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>18,241.74</u>	<u>19,230.74</u>	<u>(989.00)</u>	<u>(5.14%)</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>18,241.74</u>	<u>19,230.74</u>	<u>(989.00)</u>	<u>(5.14%)</u>
Long Term Liabilities				
29 · Capital Lease Liability	1,974.94	1,974.94	0.00	0.0%
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>1,974.94</u>	<u>1,974.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>20,216.68</u>	<u>21,205.68</u>	<u>(989.00)</u>	<u>(4.66%)</u>
Equity				
31 · General Operating	123,457.00	121,304.08	2,152.92	1.78%
32 · Temp. Restricted Balances				
3204 · Fund - Campus	9,287.60	9,287.60	0.00	0.0%
3210 · Fund - Building	116,842.30	116,717.30	125.00	0.11%
3211 · Fund - Radio Ad Project	348.55	2,626.47	(2,277.92)	(86.73%)
3212 · Fund - Cand Archival & Training	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 32 · Temp. Restricted Balances	<u>134,478.45</u>	<u>136,631.37</u>	<u>(2,152.92)</u>	<u>(1.58%)</u>
Net Revenue	22,161.46	18,641.57	3,519.89	18.88%
Total Equity	<u>280,096.91</u>	<u>276,577.02</u>	<u>3,519.89</u>	<u>1.27%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>300,313.59</u></u>	<u><u>297,782.70</u></u>	<u><u>2,530.89</u></u>	<u><u>0.85%</u></u>

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
GAAP Standard Cash Flow Report
Current Month & YTD

	Feb 13	2013 YTD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Revenue	3,519.89	22,161.46
Adjustments to reconcile Net Revenue to net cash provided by operations:		
16 · Prepaid Expenses:161 · Bulk Mail Account	(388.74)	(388.74)
16 · Prepaid Expenses:163 · Metro Passes	0.00	0.00
16 · Prepaid Expenses:165 · Prepaid Licenses	942.24	1,884.48
16 · Prepaid Expenses:166 · Prepaid Insurance	0.00	0.00
16 · Prepaid Expenses:167 · Prepaid Convention:167-20 · Prepaid Convention Travel/Other	0.00	0.00
16 · Prepaid Expenses:168 · Prepaid Rent	(255.01)	(255.01)
16 · Prepaid Expenses:169 · Other Prepaid Expense	0.00	2,988.95
21 · Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
24 · Accrued Expenses:241 · Accrued Payroll	(73.07)	(8,404.43)
24 · Accrued Expenses:242 · Accrued Vacation	(1,089.00)	(517.00)
24 · Accrued Expenses:244 · Other Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00
25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes:251 · Payroll Tax Liabilities	0.00	3,903.31
25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes:253 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	0.00	7,227.17
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	2,829.38	44,621.73
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
17 · Fixed Assets:179 · Accumulated Depreciation	528.00	1,056.00
18 · Non Current Collectables:180 · Bequests Expected - Non Current	0.00	15,721.38
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	528.00	16,777.38
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
31 · General Operating	2,152.92	112.45
32 · Temp. Restricted Balances:3210 · Fund - Building	125.00	125.00
32 · Temp. Restricted Balances:3211 · Fund - Radio Ad Project	(2,277.92)	(237.46)
32 · Temp. Restricted Balances:3212 · Fund - Cand Archival & Training	0.00	0.00
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	0.00	0.00
Net cash increase for period	3,357.38	61,399.11
Cash at beginning of period	240,695.13	182,653.40
Cash at end of period	<u>244,052.51</u>	<u>244,052.51</u>

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Regular Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee March 16 & 17, 2013 Rosemont, IL

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meetings

Dr. Lark sent the Secretary an unofficial copy of the minutes of the LNC meeting on November 17 & 18, 2012, as well as copies of minutes for Executive Committee teleconferences dated June 3, June 6, July 2, August 2, and August 17, 2012. These have been distributed separately to the members of the LNC to solicit corrections.

Email Ballots

The following email ballots took place since the November meeting:

1. On November 26, 2012, Mr. Wiener moved, with Ms. Kirkland, Mr. Cloud, and Ms. Bennett co-sponsoring:

That the LNC approve the purchase of an office in the greater Washington, D.C. area, to be named in honor of David Nolan, contingent on the following conditions:

A minimum of \$400,000 shall be raised from dedicated contributions. If a portion of that is in the form of pledges, the pledges must be converted to cash before a purchase contract and mortgage agreement are finalized.

Any loan must be based on a minimum of a 30% down payment and a loan with options extending for a minimum of 10 years before a final balloon payment becomes due.

The most recent financial statement reported unrestricted general fund balance must exceed \$167,000 before a purchase contract and loan agreement are finalized.

Additional payments towards the principal loan balance of at least \$60,000 per year above the minimum loan requirement must be made, with this requirement structured in such a way that future LNC bodies cannot easily circumvent it. These payments shall be in the form of an additional \$5,000 per month paid out of the general fund, but reimbursable from dedicated building fund contributions.

This motion will constitute authority to incur a mortgage if the above conditions are met and if this motion passes by the necessary two-thirds vote as specified in the Libertarian Party's Bylaws.

This motion required a 2/3 vote per Section 10(5) of the Party bylaws.

Voting aye: Neale, Hagan, Cloud, Vohra, Kirkland, Mack, Wiener, Capozzi (for Pojunis), Blau (for Tomasso), Lark, Visek, Frankel (for Myers).

Voting nay: Bennett, Hinkle, Starchild, Olsen.

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Abstaining: Wrights.

Uncounted: Redpath (yes; late), Goldstein(no; superseded), Lieberman (no; superseded).

This motion passed 12 to 4 with 1 abstention. Balloting concluded on December 6, 2012.

2. On November 26, 2012, Chairman Neale moved:

To insert into the Policy Manual a new section 2.07(6) as follows:

Access to Corporate Records

Members of the National Committee and Audit Committee are entitled to inspect and copy books, records (including electronic records) and documents of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. to the extent reasonably related to the performance of the member's duties to the corporation, including those duties as a member of a committee, but not for any other purpose or in any manner that would violate any duty to the corporation. Prior to obtaining copies the member shall execute a standard nondisclosure agreement. If the member requires an outside professional to assist in reviewing and analyzing the materials, that individual shall also execute a standard nondisclosure agreement prior to receiving the materials.

This motion to adopt a standing rule required a majority vote.

Voting aye: Neale, Hagan, Olsen, Kirkland, Goldstein (for Mack), Wiener, Pojunis, Lark, Visek, Myers.

Voting nay: Wrights, Hinkle.

Uncounted: Lieberman (aye; superseded).

This motion passed 10 to 2. Balloting concluded on December 6, 2012.

3. On November 28, 2012, Chairman Neale moved to hold the March 16-17, 2013 LNC meeting in Chicago, IL.

Voting aye: Neale, Wrights, Redpath, Goldstein, Wiener, Lark, Visek, Myers.

Voting nay: Olsen, Kirkland, Pojunis.

Abstaining: Hagan.

Uncounted: Knebel (aye; superseded), Frankel (aye; superseded).

This motion passed 8 to 3 with 1 abstention. Balloting concluded on December 8, 2012.

4. On December 8, 2012, Mr. Hinkle moved, with Mr. Hagan, Mr. Cloud, and Ms. Kirkland co-sponsoring:

That the following language be stricken from the LNC Policy Manual Section 2.05 (Membership Policies):

From subsection 2) Association Levels:

Until July 1, 2012

The following levels of association are recognized by the Party:

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and

Effective July 1, 2012:

The following levels of association are recognized by the Party:

- Chairman's Circle* \$25,000 annually or \$2500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Select Benefactor* \$15,000 annually or \$1500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Beacon of Liberty* \$5,000 annually or \$500 monthly in dues or contributions
- Pioneer of Freedom* \$2,500 annually or \$250 monthly in dues or contributions
- Lifetime Founder* \$1,500 annually or \$150 monthly in dues or contributions

- Patriot \$500 annually or \$50 monthly
- Minuteman \$250 annually or \$25 monthly
- Advocate \$150 annually or \$15 monthly
- Supporter \$50 annually
- Foundation Member \$25 annually

Convention registration does not count towards contribution levels.

and from subsection 3) Life Membership Status:

Until July 1, 2012:

A member who contributes at least \$1,000 during any twelve-month period shall be granted life membership in the Party.

Effective July 1, 2012:

and from subsection 4) Benefits:

Until July 1, 2012:

and

Effective July 1, 2012:

Non-member contributors shall be provided all benefits provided to member contributors, except for those rights specifically granted only to members or sustaining members by the Party Bylaws or this Policy Manual.

A contributor (member or non-member) shall be entitled to the following basic benefit:

- 1-Year subscription to LP News

A member with a future benefits lapse date shall also be entitled to the following basic benefit:

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- Customized Party membership card, updated annually, identifying the individual's level of association and lapse date.

A Lifetime Founder shall be entitled to the following benefits: \$1,500 level
(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special Name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Mention in program at National Convention
- Mention in LP News
- Mention on LP website

A Pioneer of Freedom shall be entitled to the following benefits: \$2,500 level
(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at National Convention
- VIP seating at National Convention banquet**
- Mention in LP News
- Mention on LP website

A Beacon of Liberty shall be entitled to the following benefits: \$5,000 level
(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at National Convention
- VIP Seating with LNC member at National convention banquet**
- Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor
- Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor

A Select Benefactor shall be entitled to the following benefits: \$15,000 level
(Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at National Convention
- VIP Seating with National Chair or LNC officer at National Convention banquet or other events**
- Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor
- Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor

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A Chairman's Circle member shall be entitled to the following benefits: \$25,000 level (Convention benefits are based on giving at least one annual contribution or equivalent pledges, from the start of the previous convention and prior to the next convention)

- Special name badge with Life Ribbon (Torch Club)
- Lifetime Pin
- Special mention on signage and programs at National Convention
- VIP Seating (includes guest if requested) with National Chair, LNC officer, special guest, or POTUS nominee at National Convention banquet or other events**
- Naming of an event**
- Direct contact with National Chair, POTUS nominee, or significant LP candidate during campaign season**
- Mention and photo in LP News, with the permission of contributor
- Mention and photo on LP Website, with the permission of contributor

and all of subsection 5) Benefits Lapse Date.

This motion to adopt a standing rule required a majority vote.

Voting aye: Hagan, Bennett, Cloud, Hinkle, Starchild, Vohra, Kirkland, Myers.

Voting nay: Neale, Wrights, Redpath, Olsen, Mack, Wiener, Pojunis, Blau (for Tomasso), Lark, Visek.

Uncounted: Lieberman (nay; superseded).

This motion failed 8 to 10. Balloting concluded on December 18, 2012.

5. On December 20, 2012, Chairman Neale moved:

To amend section 2.05 of the Policy Manual to replace occurrences of "Until Jan. 1, 2013" with "Until July 1, 2013" and to replace occurrences of "Effective Jan. 1, 2013" with "Effective July 1, 2013".

This motion to adopt a standing rule required a majority vote.

Voting aye: Hagan, Cloud, Hinkle, Starchild, Olsen, Kirkland, Mack, Wiener, Pojunis, Lark, Myers.

Voting nay: Wrights, Blau (for Tomasso), Visek.

Uncounted: Goldstein (aye; superseded), Lieberman (aye; superseded), Frankel (aye; superseded).

This motion passed 11 to 3. Balloting concluded on December 30, 2012.

6. On January 14, 2013, Chairman Neale moved:

That the LNC approve the purchase of an office in the greater Washington, D.C. area, to be named in honor of David F. Nolan, contingent on the following conditions:

A minimum of 20% of the down payment shall be raised from dedicated contributions. If a portion of that is in the form of pledges, the pledges must be converted to cash before a purchase contract and mortgage agreement are finalized.

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The monthly payment of principal, interest, and OTM (Overhead, Taxes, and Maintenance) shall not exceed 75% of our current lease payments at the Watergate complex.

This motion will constitute authority to incur a mortgage if the above conditions are met and if this motion passes by the necessary two-thirds vote as specified in the Libertarian Party's Bylaws.

The final decision on what property to buy shall be ratified by the LNC's Executive Committee by a majority vote once the above conditions are met.

This motion required a 2/3 vote per Section 10(5) of the Party bylaws.

Voting aye: Cloud, Redpath, Hinkle, Vohra, Kirkland, Myers.

Voting nay: Wrights, Starchild, Olsen, Mack, Wiener, Pojunis, Lark, Visek.

Uncounted: Goldstein(no; superseded), Lieberman (no; superseded), Frankel (yes; superseded).

This motion failed 6 to 8. Balloting concluded on January 24, 2013.

7. On January 20, 2013, Chairman Neale moved:

That the LNC approve the purchase of an office in the greater Washington, D.C. area, to be named in honor of David F. Nolan, contingent on the following conditions:

A minimum down payment of 20% shall be raised from dedicated contributions. If a portion of that is in the form of pledges, the pledges must be converted to cash before a purchase contract and mortgage agreement are finalized.

The monthly payment of principal, interest, and OTM (Overhead, Taxes, and Maintenance) shall not exceed 75% of our current lease payments at the Watergate complex.

This motion will constitute authority to incur a mortgage if the above conditions are met and if this motion passes by the necessary two-thirds vote as specified in the Libertarian Party's Bylaws.

The final decision on what property to buy shall be ratified by the LNC's Executive Committee by a majority vote once the above conditions are met.

This motion required a 2/3 vote per Section 10(5) of the Party bylaws.

Voting aye: Neale, Wrights, Hagan, Cloud, Redpath, Hinkle, Vohra, Kirkland, Mack, Capozzi (for Pojunis), Blau (for Tomasso), Lark, Myers.

Voting nay: Olsen, Wiener, Visek.

Uncounted: Starchild (no; late), Goldstein(no; superseded), Lieberman (no; superseded).

This motion passed 13 to 3. It appears to the Secretary that this motion was made with the intent to replace the motion made by Mr. Wiener on November 26, 2012 in its entirety, and that the members of the LNC voted with this understanding. Balloting concluded on January 30, 2013.

8. On January 27, 2013, Chairman Neale moved a first ballot to select an LNC Secretary to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Ms. Bennett. The candidates for the first ballot were:

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Blakey, Robin
Blau, David
Cooke, Mark
Johnson, Gary E. (TX)
Lester, Bill
MacElroy, Bill
Mattson, Alicia
McDermott, Jim
McDowell, Jake
Moulton, Chuck
Pellegrino, Anthony
Reynolds, Robert
Roberts, Shadrack

A majority was required to elect a new Secretary. Votes are listed in alphabetical order by candidate last name for those candidates who received at least one vote.

Voting for Blau: Neale, Hinkle, Kirkland, Tomasso, Lark.
Voting for Johnson: Wrights, Cloud.
Voting for Mattson: Redpath, Olsen, Mack, Wiener, Pojunis, Visek.
Voting for Moulton: Hagan, Starchild, Vohra, Myers.
Uncounted: Goldstein (Mattson; superseded), Lieberman (Mattson; superseded), Capozzi (Blau; superseded), Blau (Blau; superseded), Frankel (Moulton; superseded).

There being no candidate receiving a majority of the votes, no candidate was elected. By agreement, all candidates who received no votes, and the candidate who received the fewest votes, were dropped from the subsequent balloting. Balloting concluded on February 6, 2013.

9. On February 10, 2013, Chairman Neale moved a second ballot to select an LNC Secretary. The candidates for the second ballot were:

Blau, David
Mattson, Alicia
Moulton, Chuck

A majority was required to elect a new Secretary. Ms. Mattson withdrew her candidacy on February 17. Votes are listed in alphabetical order by candidate last name.

Voting for Blau: Neale, Cloud, Hinkle, Kirkland, Mack, Wiener, Pojunis, Blau (for Tomasso), Lark, Visek.
Voting for Moulton: Wrights, Hagan, Starchild, Vohra, Olsen, Frankel.
Abstaining: Redpath.
Uncounted: Goldstein (Mattson; superseded), Lieberman (NOTA; superseded), Capozzi (Blau; superseded).

Mr. Blau was elected Secretary. Balloting concluded on February 20, 2013.

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10. On February 15, 2013, Chairman Neale moved to hold the July 2013 LNC meeting in Las Vegas, NV on July 14 and 15.

Voting aye: Neale, Wrights, Hagan, Cloud, Redpath, Hinkle, Vohra, Kirkland, Wiener, Pojunis, Visek, Frankel.

Voting nay: Olsen, Goldstein (for Mack).

Abstaining: Lark.

Uncounted: Lieberman (aye; superseded).

This motion passed 12 to 2 with 1 abstention. Balloting concluded on February 25, 2013.

Policy Manual

On February 24, 2013, Dr. Lark sent an updated copy of the Policy Manual to the LNC discuss list. Based on my review of the change log already existing in the Policy Manual, all email ballots and votes taken at meetings of this LNC, and my review of the copy Dr. Lark provided, I found it to be substantially correct. I would like to thank Dr. Lark and Ms. Mattson for their custody of the Policy Manual during the transitional period.

Document Retention

I am in the process of inventorying our records as part of my assumption of the duties of Secretary. As part of this process, I am still determining the affiliates for which the Party has current copies of Constitutions and/or Bylaws. Once my inventory is complete, I will ensure that the LNC has a copy dated within the past year of the relevant organic document(s) from each affiliate.

I have a copy of the current Rules of Appellate Procedure. I am not aware of any Judicial Committee decisions that have been handed down since this LNC began in May 2012.

Conflicts of Interest

On February 9, 2013, Mr. Pojunis indicated that he had resigned from the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Nevada some months prior.

On February 22, 2013, Ms. Mack indicated that she now owns Libertas Web Services, LLC, which provides an IT platform to LP organizations that wish to sign up for subscription services.

On February 22, 2013, Ms. Mack indicated that she is no longer a principal of Big L Solutions.

On March 6, 2013, Mr. Hinkle indicated that he is now President of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association.

These changes are reflected on the COI sheet.

Committee Self-Nominations

Pursuant to Article 12 of the Party bylaws, there shall be a Platform Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee and a Credentials Committee for each Regular Convention. The ten largest affiliates by sustaining membership at the time of the most recent Regular Convention may choose one member each for the Platform Committee, and the five largest such affiliates may choose one member each for the Credentials Committee.

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The ten largest affiliates by sustaining membership at the time of the 2012 Convention were:

1. California (1874)
2. Texas (874)
3. Florida (773)
4. Ohio (611)
5. New York (582)
6. Pennsylvania (511)
7. Virginia (511)
8. Illinois (485)
9. Michigan (476)
10. Georgia (417)

The Secretary has received the following self-nominations for the Platform Committee:

- Christopher Barber (GA)
- Lynn House (FL)
- Travis Nicks (CO)
- Richard C. Randall (FL)
- Debbie Schum (CO)
- Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)
- John Wayne Smith (FL)
- Dianna Visek (IL)

The Secretary has received the following self-nominations for the Bylaws and Rules Committee:

- James L. Burns
- Chuck Moulton
- Geoff Neale
- Rich Tomasso

The Secretary has received the following self-nominations for the Credentials Committee:

- Vicki Kirkland (FL)
- Steven R. Linnabary (OH)

Other Matters

Mr. Myers resigned his position as Region 7 Representative on the morning of February 20, 2013 (Eastern time). In his capacity as Region 7 Alternate, Mr. Frankel announced on March 2, 2013 that Gary E. Johnson of Texas had been elected by the states of that Region to fill the vacancy.

Appendix E: 2014 Convention Committee Voting Procedure

(as amended)

I intend to use the following procedure:

1. There will be separate printed ballots for each committee election.
2. Staff and the Secretary shall determine ~~that all nominees are eligible (sustaining members)~~ the membership status of nominees, and also designate their affiliate of record, which will be printed on the ballots.
3. Each voting LNC Member will submit their ballot directly to the Secretary.
4. Each voting LNC member will print their name legibly on their submitted ballots.
5. All submitted ballots will first be verified for complying with the established procedures (noted below). Rejected ballots will be returned to the LNC member for correction. Failure to correct the ballot to comply with the procedure will result in the ballot being spoiled, and not counted.
6. Regional Alternates may submit ballots, but their ballots will not be recorded, tabulated or reported unless their Regional Representative fails to submit a proper ballot.
7. Close of voting on the committees will be determined by a vote of the LNC. The date and time shall be set as part of the agenda.
8. Ballots submitted past the vote by the LNC to close voting will not be recognized.
9. ~~In each election, the nominee that receives the highest number of votes will be appointed as the interim chair of that committee. In case of a tie, the person with the highest alphabetical last name shall be appointed.~~
9. The LNC shall elect the interim chair of each Convention Committee.
10. In cases of ties for the last position on any committee, a subsequent "runoff" election will be held including only those nominees that tied.

Platform Committee (20 Members)

Bylaws specify that there will be one member from each of the top ten affiliates, chosen by the affiliate. The top ten affiliates from the 2012 convention based upon delegate allocation were (in descending order): California, Texas, Florida, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois, Michigan and Georgia.

Ten members are chosen by the LNC, but no more than five can be from the top ten affiliates.

1. The ballot presented to the LNC shall be split into two sections: nominees from the Top 10 and all others. Each section will be ordered by last name then first name.
2. Each LNC member may vote for up to ten nominees, but will not vote for more than five (5) from the Top 10 Affiliate section.
3. The ten elected members will be determined by total vote count, subject to the Bylaw restriction on Top Ten Affiliate membership.

Appendix E: 2014 Convention Committee Voting Procedure

(as amended)

Credentials Committee (10 Members)

Bylaws specify that there will be one member from each of the top five affiliates, chosen by the affiliate. The top five affiliates from the 2012 convention based upon delegate allocation were (in descending order): California, Texas, Florida, Ohio and New York.

Five members are chosen by the LNC.

1. The ballot presented to the LNC will comprise a single section, which will be ordered by last name then first name.
2. Each LNC member may vote for up to five nominees.
3. The five elected members will be determined by total vote count.

Bylaws Committee (10 Members)

Bylaws specify that the LNC selects all Bylaws Committee members, but no more than five can be LNC members.

1. The ballot presented to the LNC shall be split into two sections: LNC members and all others. Each section will be ordered by last name then first name.
2. Each LNC member may vote for up to ten nominees, but will not vote for more than five (5) from the LNC Member section.
3. The ten elected members will be determined by total vote count, subject to the Bylaw restriction of five LNC members.

Appendix F: Nominees for 2014 Convention Committees

Credentials Committee Nominees

Bodenhause, Mark (AL)
Bowers, John (MN)
Duensing, Beth (IN)
Jabin, Fred (OR)
Johnson, Gary (TX)
Kane, Mike (FL)
Kirkland, Vicki (FL)
Lieberman, Scott (CA)
Linnabary, Steven (OH)
Pealer, Carla (OR)
Salvette, Emily (MI)

Bylaws and Rules Committee: LNC Nominees

Hinkle, Mark (CA)
Neale, Geoffrey (TX)
Starchild (CA)
Tomasso, Rich (NH)
Wiener, Dan (CA)

Bylaws and Rules Committee: Non-LNC Nominees

Albin, Barry (KS)
Burke, Richard (OR)
Burns, James L. (NV)
Carling, M (OR)
Erskine, Kevin (VA)
Fulner, Jim (MI)
Glogowski, Mark (NY)
Howe, Tom (NC)
Johnston, Michael (OH)
Katz, Joshua (CT)
Latham, Rob (UT)
Martin, George (CO)
Mattson, Alicia (NV)
McDermott, Jim (AK)
Monteleone, Adrien (LA)
Moulton, Chuck (VA)
Orrok, Jeff (CO)
Sarwark, Nicholas (CO)
Starr, Aaron (CA)
Walsh, Bob (NM)
Wittlief, Matt (IN)

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Platform Committee: "Top Ten" Nominees

Barber, Christopher (GA)
Bostow, Diane (VA)
Cheesman, Charles (FL)
Clabaugh, Chris (CA)
Clifton, Alan (OH)
Erskine, Kevin (VA)
Heinonen, Bob (TX)
Holtz, Brian (CA)
Horn, Norman (TX)
House, Lynn (FL)
Lecureaux, Andy (MI)
Lippman, Thomas (CA)
Randall, Richard (FL)
Roland, Jon (TX)
Smith, John Wayne (FL)
Starchild (CA)
Vissek, Dianna (IL)

Platform Committee: Other Nominees

Buchman, Joe (UT)
Chapin, Jerry (AL)
Flener, Chris (IN)
Goldstein, Sam (IN)
Grannis, Mark (MD)
Hauptmann, Joe (IN)
Janes, Donn (TN)
Katz, Joshua (CT)
Lebedev, Mikhail (NC)
Lester, William (WV)
Maden, Chris (MA)
Munk, Sherwood (OR)
Nicks, Travis (CO)
Novak, Matthew (TN)
Riemers, Roland (ND)
Schum, Debbie (CO)
Sharp, Bruce (KS)
Sink-Burris, Rebecca (IN)
Szarka, Rob (CT)

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Staff Report for LNC Meeting March 16-17, 2013 Chicago, IL

LP HQ Activities from November 15, 2012 through February 28, 2013

Prepared by Carla Howell, Executive Director

Membership

- Membership has continued to climb slowly but steadily: 15,130 members as of 2/27/13.
- Fewer members are lapsing every month since November, reducing the number of people who need to be called to renew. This may be due to strong election results and a pledge appeal in the Dec/Jan house letter.
- Consistently about 30% of lapsed members renew when called, emailed or mailed. 45-50% of those with whom we speak directly renew.

Fundraising

- Revenue is slightly under budget to date. December fund-raising hit mailboxes in early January resulting in lower revenue for December and higher in January. February revenues are down due to house letter hitting late in month. Letter appears to be doing reasonably well as of 2/28/13.
- Fund-raising efforts are now focused on the David F. Nolan Building Fund. The first letter written (thanks to Mark Hinkle for original draft) will be used to solicit donors in early-mid March. As an incentive, major donors will be recognized on a permanent plaque planned for public display in the building for donation levels of \$1000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.
- Monthly pledgers are growing slowly and steadily. Total recurring gifts are up \$1,656 from a year ago, now at 1,351 pledgers who donate \$29,011 per month.

Media Coverage and Communications

- Radio, TV and print interviews resulted in 36 articles and interviews in media 11/15 /12 through 2/28/13 (list attached).
- As of 2/28/13, LP State of the Union Response video had been viewed 39,393 times, the second highest circulation of any LP video and was picked up by 6 media outlets.
- Press release on Newtown shooting released on December 16, 2012 was picked up by 9 media outlets.
- The LP had a strong presence at the ISFL (International Students For Liberty) conference February 15-17th including LP speaker (Dr. James Lark), LP silver sponsorship funded by Dr. Lark, strong traffic at LP booth that brought in 200 new names (an estimated 10% of students who stopped by reported that they are already members or receiving LP emails), and Gov. Gary Johnson appearance on live-on-location John Stossel show where Johnson made favorable comments about voting Libertarian.
- LP.org traffic (unique visitors) has dropped off after an all-time high on Election Day as expected. Facebook fans dipped after election but continue to grow steadily.

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	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13	Feb '13	Ave '11	Ave '12	Ave '13
LP.org UV	351,699	392,595	79,788	83,345	80,979	103,619	162,543	83,162
Total FB Fans	241,036	247,548	254,255	260,359	269,027	n/a	n/a	n/a
Net New FB Fans	7,008	6,512	6,733	6,707	8,668	3,993	4,989	7,688

- LP blog, December LP News, Facebook, and email blasts (list attached) have focused on 2012 election results. Focus is now turning to 2013 candidates, elected Libertarians, Libertarians solutions, state affiliate news, and special projects.

Candidate and Affiliate support

- From 11/1/2012 through 2/27/2013, 348 prospective candidates have submitted inquiries through our LP.org website form.
 - This is more than double the inquiries we received in either 2010 or 2008.
 - 259 of these prospects live in the 10 states where the affiliates prefer to contact the candidates themselves without the help of LPHQ.
 - 7 candidates are on the ballot for races in 2013. A new 2013 candidates page at LP.org is being created and all known candidates on the ballot will be listed within.
 - Of the remaining 82 prospects, 28 are potential candidates for 2013. 27 are potential candidates for 2014. Bob Johnston has left messages for 23 prospects and has not yet heard back from them. 4 have decided not to run as Libertarians.
- Note: Only 2 states – Virginia and New Jersey - have statewide or legislative races in 2013.
- Carla Howell is rolling out the game *Who's Driving* developed originally in 2009 aimed at empowering Libertarians to boldly and effectively advance a Libertarian agenda. It offers a very low-cost means to engage and train candidates and activists while providing a fun event and inspiring more activists to run for office. The game has been very well-received when played at local LP events in the DC area and is being offered to state affiliates. The goal is to train local LP leaders to own it, giving them a training tool that can also be used to enhance local Libertarian meetings and social events. Students For Liberty has expressed interest in including it in their regional conferences this fall.

Ballot access and related lawsuits

- Bob Johnston continues to update two internal ballot access guides for candidates and state affiliates that he disseminates as needed or requested:
 1. One describes state-by-state requirements to get POTUS, VP nominee on the ballot and requirements for the LP to achieve party status. This manual is 80% done and needs 25 hours to complete.
 2. The other lists requirements to get state and other federal candidates on the ballot. It is 20% done and needs another 100 hours work to complete.

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By end of April, both manuals will be done, after which they will need about one hour of work per week to keep up to date in response to changing laws, policies and court decisions within states.

- Lawsuits of interest to LNC (not covered in Gary Sinawski report):
 - Alan Gura is lead council for lawsuit against FEC in the LNC's challenge to the imposition of BCRA limits on donations to the party from decedents' estates, the Burrington Estate in particular. There was a hearing on February 26, 2013. It is not known how soon (days or years) before the court will render a decision or what the outcome is likely to be.
 - The Gary Johnson campaign continues to negotiate with Pennsylvania elections officials for reimbursement of costs expended to defend against GOP's ballot access challenge in 2012.
 - The Gary Johnson campaign is combining its lawsuit filed in L.A. with one filed in D.C. against the Presidential Debate Commission for exclusion of Johnson from debates based on anti-trust and other merits. No information is available on the likely outcome of this case.
 - The FEC certified Gary Johnson's presidential campaign as eligible for an additional \$202,025.78 in federal matching funds which were transferred to the Johnson campaign on December 18, 2012 for a total of \$510,260.98 in matching funds for the year. The Green nominee received \$372,130.44 in matching funds for the year.
 - With the agreement of Oklahoma LP, Libertarian Attorney Jim Linger dismissed the lawsuit against the state's refusal to invalidate the early deadline for filing signatures (which had resulted in knocking Gary Johnson off the ballot for 2012). Because the state is very unfriendly to third parties, OK Libertarian Richard Prawdzienski notes that OK LP is not organized today. He wants help setting up a PAC in lieu of being able to get Libertarians on the ballot.

Office and staffing issues

- Drupal 7 migration was necessitated starting in December due to attacks on web site coupled with outdated server we were forced to upgrade. Details attached.
- Eric Dixon started full time as a writer on December 3, 2012 and was quickly moved into the position of Assistant Editor for LP News. In addition to strong writing skills, he has extensive web development experience which has helped with website maintenance, Drupal migration, implementing needed website updates and minimizing downtime during recent attacks. He has working knowledge of *InDesign*, replacing need to pay \$10k annually for a contractor to lay out *LP News*.
- Nigel Lyons, videographer, was laid off from staff in December. Local volunteer (Tim O'Brian) filmed our SOTU video for free, helping to fill the void left by Nigel's departure. Eric Dixon also does video editing and is capable of fulfilling that need.
- In order to preserve institutional knowledge of LPHQ operations, all 87 routine office procedures have been identified in a list. 10 are now fully documented, 21 do not need to be documented (straightforward), 14 need to be updated, and 42 procedures need to be written from scratch. We aim to have all procedures fully updated and documented by mid-April with the exception of the ballot access manuals being treated separately.

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- Nick Dunbar has assembled a binder containing copies of all of our regular communications (direct mail and email) used for inquiries, monthly pledges, and membership. This will facilitate periodic review and updates.
- The file server (“the z: drive”) has become cluttered with files and folders accumulated over many years. We are in the process of cleaning it up and reorganizing it so files are easy to find. We have moved data-intensive files (photos and videos) to separate drives to facilitate file back-ups.

A personal note of thanks

I wish to thank the LNC and the LPHQ staff for everyone’s understanding and expressions of sympathy over the loss of my father, and for the beautiful flowers that you sent for his memorial service. Thank you very much for your kindness.

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General Email and Direct Mail Sent Nov 15, 2012 - Feb 28, 2013

	Topic	Date
House letter	Foot-stomping, smile-making Libertarian good news	11/15/2012
Monthly Pledge	1211 November <i>Monthly Pledge</i>	11/15/2012
Email	Exciting Libertarian Election Results	11/19/2012
Email	A Whole Lotta Shakin Goin On	11/29/2012
LP News	V42 Issue IV 2012 Dec <i>LP News</i>	12/3/2012
Email	Was 2012 the best year ever for our Libertarian party candidates?	12/7/2012
Monthly Pledge	1212 December <i>Monthly Pledge</i>	12/15/2012
News Release	Halt the Massacre of Innocent Children by Ending Prohibition of Self-Defense	12/16/2012
Email	Hope and Possibility for Liberty – A Christmas Message to You	12/17/2012
House letter	You gotta see this: A Can't-Fail ..New Years Resolution	12/23/2012
News Release	A Libertarian's New Year's Resolutions	12/28/2012
Email	Sign the petition to defend schools by ending failed 'gun-free' zones	1/7/2013
News Release	Fiscal Cliffhanger: A Study in Government Fear Mongering	1/8/2013
Email	Time to Grow the LP	1/9/2013
Monthly Pledge	1301 January <i>Monthly Pledge</i>	1/15/2013
House letter	Big Opportunity to Make LP Bigger	1/21/2013
Email	Help end "gun-free" school zone laws by contributing today	1/24/2013
News Release	LP Response to SOTU	2/2/2013
Monthly Pledge	1302 February <i>Monthly Pledge</i>	2/17/2013

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Web Content Created Nov. 15, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013

	Topic	Post Date
Blog	Daily Kos: Libertarians provided the margin for Democrats	11/16/2012
Blog	Breitbart: GOP Reaps Its Abandonment of Limited Government	11/20/2012
Blog	WashPost: GOP's growing libertarian problem	11/20/2012
Blog	Gilbert first Libertarian elected to partisan office in Arkansas	11/25/2012
Blog	Washington Post: LP Lawsuit May Cause End to Ballot Access Obstacle in D.C.	11/30/2012
News Release	Halt the Massacre of Innocent Children by Ending Prohibition of Self-Defense	12/16/2012
Blog	Make Newtown the last town	12/18/2012
Blog	James Camp calls for ending state income tax in GA	12/19/2012
News Release	A Libertarian's New Year's Resolutions	1/2/2013
Blog	Sign the petition to defend schools by ending failed 'gun-free' zones	1/7/2013
News Release	Fiscal Cliffhanger: A Study in Government Fear Mongering	1/8/2013
Blog	Kansas gun activism	1/11/2013
Blog	Kansas LP succeeds in changing local open carry laws in Kansas, sues holdouts	1/14/2013
Blog	Mike Fellows sets national LP record in MT, mulls another run for office	1/22/2013
Blog	SC Jeremy Walters plans 2014 run	1/25/2013
Blog	Adrian Wylie announces bid for Florida governor	1/28/2013
Blog	WV LP teams up with liberty allies to block federal anti-gun laws	1/29/2013
Web content	post past issues of LP.org to website	2/1/2013
Blog	LP News back issues now online	2/1/2013
News Release & Video	LP Response to SOTU	2/2/2013
Blog	Libertarians seek to crash the party in PA	2/5/2013
Blog	CO Libertarian Tim Menger Won 41% of 2012 State House Vote	2/6/2013
Blog	Dan Fishman announces bid to fill John Kerry's open Senate seat in Mass.	2/8/2013
Blog	LP on ballot in 30 states after 2012 election, including first time in DC	2/11/2013
Blog	Dan Cox won more than margin in high-profile 3-way Montana	2/20/2013
Blog	Ed Tidwell bested incumbent in Texas city council race	2/27/2013

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Media coverage Nov. 15, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013

11/26/2012 **Human Events** - 2012 Elections
11/26/2012 Daily Toreador - LP Media Exposure
12/1/2012 **Reason** - Gary Johnson Campaign
12/5/2012 Radio – WFMU 91.1 FM
12/12/2012 Examiner.com - State LP Efforts
12/16/2012 The **Washington Times** - R. Lee Wrights Gun Control
12/17/2012 Examiner.com - Gun Rights Press Release
12/17/2012 Libertarian News - Gun Rights Press Release
12/17/2012 Examiner.com - Newtown Press Release
12/18/2012 **Conservative Action Alerts** - Newtown Press Release
12/19/2012 Radio - The **Schilling Show**
12/26/2012 **Reuters** - 3rd Party Presidential Candidates
1/2/2013 TimesCall.com - Gun Rights Press Release
1/8/2013 Radio - Mission Radio-88.1FM, 91.9FM
1/9/2013 Bay Area The Citizen - The Fiscal Cliff Press Release
1/14/2013 Examiner.com - Double the LP
1/16/2013 Reason.com - LP Party Status
1/20/2013 Small Gov Times - LP Candidates
1/27/2013 Examiner.com - Gun Control
2/1/2013 Radio - WSCA 106.1 fm
2/5/2013 York Daily Record - Gun Rights
2/6/2013 Daily Caller - Safety vs. Freedom
2/6/2013 Examiner.com - LP Youth Caucus
2/7/2013 RiverTowns.net - LP Recruitment Videos
2/9/2013 Daily Pilot - Functional Libertarianism
2/12/2013 Examiner.com - LP SOTU Response
2/13/2013 Hungryhorseneeds.com - SOTU Response
2/13/2013 The Daily Paul - LP SOTU Response
2/13/2013 Radio - The Tim Constantine Show
2/14/2013 Radio/TV - The David Pakman Show
2/16/2013 Radio and web site - The Tony Stiles Show – SOTU
2/18/2013 Digital Journal - Why libertarians shouldn't vote Rand Paul
2/27/2013 Liberator Online – LP SOTU Response
2/27/2013 **Glenn Beck's The Blaze** website – SOTU, libertarianism

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Drupal Migration

Vendors involved:

SoftLayer: Current host of LP.org email; host of LP.org website through mid-2008

Rackspace: Current host of LP.org website, since mid-2008

Terra Eclipse: In 2008, designed and implemented LP.org website in Drupal 5.7 CMS

Website Movers: In December 2012, firm contracted to upgrade Drupal 5.7 website to Drupal 7.17 and migrate it to a fresh Rackspace server

The LP.org website was built in Drupal 5.7 about five years ago, and during the time since then a number of security vulnerabilities have been reported. Some of these vulnerabilities have been used to attack the LP.org site. Our server at Rackspace was compromised twice in a 12-month period, and under the terms of our service agreement with Rackspace, when this happens they consider the website to be vulnerable and in need of upgrade or replacement.

It's important to clarify that after our website was attacked in late November and early December with DDOS (distributed denial-of-service) attacks, and Rackspace discovered that security vulnerabilities in our Drupal installation had allowed spammers to hijack our outgoing mail server, they considered this the last straw. In other words, they were no longer willing to host our site as it was then configured and would drop us as a client unless we acted ASAP to upgrade Drupal and migrate to a new Rackspace server, or rebuild the site on a new CMS platform.

Being dropped as a hosting client altogether was unacceptable, because the LP needs a consistent web presence, and rebuilding the site in a different CMS like WordPress would take much too long with the short window of time we were granted by Rackspace to shore up our existing server and site configuration. Merely moving our then-existing site to a different hosting company would also be problematic because any new host would want to be sure we were installing a secure website platform -- not our already years-old and out-of-date Drupal configuration, which would be subject to the same vulnerabilities at a new host as it was at Rackspace.

Rackspace granted us a few weeks to leave the existing LP.org site in place while we arranged to get everything upgraded and migrated, as long as we ran a thorough security scan on the existing server to test for vulnerabilities, identify any viruses, and clean out any problems. This cost \$1,000, and had to be done prior to the transfer of our website and data to the new server. It is probably a good idea to have this type of scan done every year, but we had never done it before.

Because we had to act quickly, before Rackspace terminated our old web server for good, our available options were narrow. Our best bet appeared to be to upgrade our existing Drupal installation from Drupal 5.7 to Drupal 7.17. Terra Eclipse, the firm that originally designed the site, had not kept the installation upgraded for us and charges an expensive \$400 per hour for website and server work, significantly more than we wanted to pay. Instead, Rackspace recommended a firm that they often work with in handling these types of server upgrades and migrations, Website Movers. We contacted them and found that they are friendly to libertarian ideas, and as a result they bid to us a discounted "friends and family" rate of \$95 per hour.

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It may have been possible to find a lower price by expanding our search for a firm to upgrade the website and move it to a new Rackspace server, but time was of the essence, Website Movers had a strong recommendation from our web host, and the hourly cost amounted to more than four times less than what Terra Eclipse would have charged to provide a similar service. Spending time to optimize the cost of the transition would have compromised the speed of completing it, and the clock was already ticking. Website Movers appeared to be our best choice.

In order to keep all our modules, forms, content, and contribution system running smoothly, the CMS had to be upgraded in stages, from Drupal 5.7 to Drupal 6.x, and then to the current stable release of Drupal 7.17. Most of the old modules we used on our site, like the events calendar and the contribution and membership forms, had long since been deprecated and also needed to be replaced or upgraded to work with Drupal 7.17.

We have been operating with the upgraded Drupal installation on the new server since Feb. 8. Our new server is much more stable and secure than our old server, but that can't prevent malicious people from attacking it. We've continued to have DDOS attacks, which are orchestrated by some unknown malicious person or group who controls a swarm of hijacked computers located around the world, all sending traffic simultaneously and as quickly as they can to our server in order to knock it offline. A new set of attacks in mid-February caused more down time on the site, and Website Movers and Rackspace both suggested that adding a few more gigabytes of RAM to the server to accommodate extra incoming traffic, as well as implementing some custom IP-blocking rules on our firewall, would help deal with this better in the future. We did that, and although we've had a couple of additional attacks since then, which caused relatively brief down time, overall our new server is holding up well.

In late November when the first DDOS attack happened, we suspected it may have been somebody retaliating because our site's outgoing mail server had been hijacked to send spam. It seemed likely that they may have been trying to take the site down without really knowing who we are. Continuing attacks since the launch of the new site -- especially the one coinciding with our publicized release of the State of the Union response video -- may well be an indication that it's somebody who dislikes libertarian ideas or the LP itself and is actively seeking to harm our cause.

Although we can't prevent people from trying to attack the site, our new configuration makes it less likely that they will succeed in either knocking it offline or compromising the security of the system by gaining unauthorized access. It's important to note, though, that the best and most robust sites in the world can still be knocked offline by intensive DDOS attacks. No completely invulnerable system exists, but we do now have a website that is much better at rolling with the punches.

Appendix H: Proposed Procedure To Fill At-Large Vacancies

I move that the following be added to the Policy Manual as a new section under Article I:

Filling At-Large Vacancies on the LNC

In the event of a vacancy in one or more At-Large positions, the following procedure shall be used to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

1. Notice of the vacancy shall be given via e-mail to all sustaining members and the state chairs, informing of the vacancy, the procedure to apply for consideration, and the qualifications to meet eligibility. If time permits, based on the judgment of the editor, notice of the vacancy shall also be published in LP News and on the LP website.
2. 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.
3. Filling At-Large vacancies on the LNC shall be conducted as part of the credentials report agenda item.
4. Applications must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy is filled. Applications shall consist of the member's contact information, a brief statement of their desire and ability to serve, and up to one page of any supporting information they wish to submit.
5. Any applying member that meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Bylaws on the date of their application will be considered a candidate by the LNC. Staff will verify if applicants are eligible to serve.
6. The Secretary will distribute the list of candidates and their applications to the LNC at least seven days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled.
7. Additional nominations may be made by any LNC member on behalf of a qualified party member at the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled.
8. All LNC members and alternates may apply for the vacancy, but they must follow this same procedure in order to be considered.
9. After nominations are closed, candidates attending the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled shall be given two minutes to address the LNC prior to the election.
10. If there are more than four candidates for the At-Large vacancy, the first round of the election shall use approval voting. Any candidate with votes on at least half the ballots will advance to the next round of the election. (For example, if 15 LNC members are voting, any candidate receiving at least 8 votes advances to the next round.)
11. If more than one At-Large vacancy is being filled, the final round of voting shall use a method of ranked results, except in cases where a subsequent ballot is required to break a tie. In

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those cases, the subsequent ballot shall only include the candidates that represent the tie and each LNC member shall vote for one or none. The vacancies shall be filled by the candidates receiving the highest ranking of votes in order.

12. All votes by the LNC to fill vacancies shall be recorded.

13. The newly elected LNC member(s) shall take office immediately after the vote has been recorded and their presence shall be noted in the credentials report.

Libertarian National Committee

Region 1 Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen

March 13, 2013, revised March 19, 2013

Overview

- The ten affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Eight of the ten states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2014. Of the two exceptions, ballot access in Hawaii requires only 750 valid signatures, while ballot access in Washington requires only 1,000 valid signatures.
- Three of the four states which produced 2% or more of the vote for Gary Johnson are Region 1 states: AK, MT, and WY.
- Montana Libertarians were actively involved in defeating (i.e. the measure was tabled in committee) a Republican initiated Top Two Primary measure by a substantial 16-3 margin.
- Top Two is re-inventing itself in Arizona; the true essence of Top Two emerges. Essentially, the new version requires all political parties to obtain the same number of signatures for ballot access. For the major parties, the magic number is not a big problem; for the minor parties it represents a huge hurdle. This is designed, of course, to keep minor parties off the ballot. This is a legislative proposal, so lobbying and testifying in Phoenix is the only productive activity available to fight this measure.
- Kansas is achieving great success in organizing at the county level. Thirteen local affiliates have been established and four more are in the works. A monumental effort in a state whose population garners only four representatives in Congress, yet requires an eight hour drive to get from its eastern border to the western border.
- Colorado will be holding its convention in on May 17 thru May 19. **The event will concurrently host the 2013 LSLA conference.** The event will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton, 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO.
- I have volunteered to be the Campaigns Director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado until the annual convention in May. This fills a vacancy on the board and eases quorum requirements for LPCO board meetings.
- The policy of publishing a *Region 1 News* newsletter from time to time has been continued. All Sustaining Members who are also members of any of the ten affiliates which form the current

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Region 1 are invited to subscribe to the newsletter. Six 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 extends from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), personal contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates is quite rare.

Alaska

Mark Fish, State Chair

Carolyn Clift, Treasurer, Reporting

Alaska LP will be holding its annual convention in Anchorage Alaska on March 16th. An impressive lineup of speakers will be on hand, including Judge Gray (via Skype). Alaska is ballot qualified for 2014 by virtue of the 5% of the vote garnered by the sole congressional candidate in the state, Jim McDermott of Fairbanks.

Alaska is one of the four states which produced more than 2% of its votes for Gary Johnson in 2014.

Getting Libertarians together in Alaska is difficult as it's an 8 hour drive between Fairbanks and Anchorage; and that's because there is no road; not a sure thing in Alaska. Meeting electronically would be a significant benefit for Libertarians in Alaska. Some advice (and financial help with equipment, if necessary) would be of great help in Alaska.

Number of Libertarians	8,000
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	3% of registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	2
Estimated Budget	\$3,600 / year

Arizona

Warren Severin, State Chair

Warren reports:

The news in AZ is that the "Top Two" idea is still alive. Now there's new legislation in the state legislature to require that the candidates of all parties obtain the same number of signatures on nomination petitions. The math is worked out so that the signature requirements for Republican and Democrat candidates don't change at all, but the requirements for Libertarian candidates increase 4,000%. In the past two years the R's and D's have:

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1. Snuck through a line item in some unrelated legislation to give R's and D's check-boxes on the voter registration forms, while Libertarians get a blank line, "Other". (We are challenging in court and expect to win.)
2. Taken us to court to prohibit Independents from signing our candidates' nomination petitions. (They won.)
3. Tried to have our candidates' signature requirements increased, and then have them effectively barred from the general election through the "Top Two" ballot proposition. (They lost.)
4. Now, new proposed legislation to make it much more difficult for Libertarian candidates to get on the ballot due to hugely increased nomination signature requirements. (Battle engaged.)

Last week the Maricopa County LP (Phoenix metro) chairman and I paid a visit to the legislator who introduced the bill. After some very direct exchange, he openly admitted that the state Republican Party is tired of Libertarians stealing their votes and will do everything they can to legislate us off the ballot.

Not much news other than the above. We held our biennial organizing meeting in late January. Bob Johnson has been given the details. I remain chairman, with some minor musical chairs with the rest of the board. Nothing exciting.

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	14
Estimated Budget	

Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

For Jeffery Orrok, Norm Olsen reports:

The annual convention will be held in May, 17th thru 19th; venue is Double Tree by Hilton, I-225 & East Iliff Avenue in Aurora, Colorado. The 2013 LSLA annual conference will be held concurrently at the same venue. The joint conference is an interesting idea with regard to meeting minimums at the host hotel. Planning for the 2014 election has already begun, several candidates already being on board. The basic goal is to have not less than five Libertarian candidates on every ballot in the state of Colorado.

Number of Libertarians	24,000
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1,000 Registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2012	65+
Estimated Budget	\$474 / month

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Hawaii

Jim Henshaw, State Chair

Hawaii's ballot access expires with this election. Petitions of 1,000 valid signatures will be needed in the next three election cycles to obtain ballot access for the next five election cycles.

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 (~720)
Number of Candidates in 2012	2
Estimated Budget	

Idaho

Rob Oates, State Chair

Idahoan's can now register as Libertarians, but this advance is only a year old. Thus, along with the Ron Paul effect, registration numbers are rather low. LPID, however, is doing something about it. A 'Meet and Greet' excursion to the eastern portions of the state is planned for this spring. The weekend event entails 'Meet and Greet' meetings on Friday and Saturday evenings in Idaho Falls and Pocatello with a return home on Sunday.

Idaho also holds a monthly Libertarian Philosophy Brunch meeting on Saturday mornings in a bar portion of a restaurant. While not overwhelming, attendance is consistent with new faces showing up quite regularly. The emphasis is on education concerning libertarian philosophy as opposed to debating/discussing current events.

Idaho would appreciate assistance in developing local affiliates so that campaigning for state offices and congress would be better coordinated. Idaho lacks an effective system for maintaining a list of its membership, thus it really only knows about the members reported by national via the monthly dump.

Number of Libertarians	36
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes (new this year, explaining the above answers)
Ballot Access Status	Maintained by running 3 statewide candidates very two years.
Number of Candidates in 2012	6
Estimated Budget	\$3,000 per annum

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Kansas

Al Terwelp, State Chair

The Kansas State Convention is April 20th 10-3:30 in the student union on the campus of Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. The details are at lpks.org. Emporia is halfway between the capital of Kansas, Topeka, and its largest city, Wichita.

As of October 2012 we had 10800 (six straight years of increased registration). I am going to get a new count before the state convention.

Our goal is to acquire major party status. This is gained by winning 5% of the Kansas Governors race. We feel this is achievable since we averaged 6% in 2012 election and since two other minor parties have recently lost ballot access.

Kansas now has local affiliates in 13 of its 105 counties, with four more in the works.

The Libertarian Party of Kansas began publicly challenging the unconstitutional bans of the open-carry of firearms in Overland Park, KCK, and other municipalities in Kansas. Some communities, like Overland Park, Gardner, and Wichita have already acted by amending their ordinances to comply with state and federal law. Some communities, like KCK, Leawood, and Prairie Village have indicated they have no intention of complying with the law unless they are forced to do so by the Courts.

Number of Libertarians	10,800
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2012	21
Estimated Budget	\$5,000 annually

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

A republican legislative measure (HB 436) to introduce the Top Two primary system into Montana was defeated by a 16-3 vote (i.e. a vote to table), in no small part due to the lobbying efforts of the Libertarian Party of Montana. Montana Libertarians, therefore, garner another major victory in the ballet for Liberty in our nation.

Montana LP has been active at University of Montana, and keeping an eye on the legislature. Most Libertarian activity is in Missoula, while the legislature meets in Helena; two hours away on I-90. Republicans, having had a terrible year at the polls, are taking it out on the Libertarians; blaming Libertarians for their failure to get out the vote. Thus, the legislature needs to be watched closely.

Montana is also one of the four states in which Gary Johnson obtained 2% or more of the vote in 2012.

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Number of Libertarians	
Method of Membership Determination	
Voters can register as Libertarian	
Ballot Access Status	Qualified for 2014
Number of Candidates in 2012	9
Estimated Budget	

Utah

Jake Shannon, State Chair

No response as yet.

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	

Washington

Larry Nicholas, State Chair

Submitted by: Larry Nicholas, Chairman

The Libertarian Party of Washington (LPWA) will hold its annual convention on April 20th in Bellingham, Washington. Speakers on tap include our own Carla Howell and Judge Gray.

The LPWA is happy to announce that C. Michael Pickens has been appointed State Executive director. He has already made a big impact with his hand-picked team. Michael has re-designed our web page, started calling Libertarian minded voters, testifying and meeting with lawmakers in Olympia weekly and getting county parties started. Michael has also been a big help to relieve some of the pressure on the SEC members and state chair. Building connections with the Paul supporters by attending the Yakima conference and meeting with some of the more active members, Michael is laying a good foundation.

The Libertarian Party of Washington held it's 2nd annual "Libertarian Day At The Capitol" in Olympia Jan. 31st. We started with a morning session of speakers that included: Jason Overstreet (R-42 Rep), Trent England (Freedom Foundation), Jason Mercier (Washington Policy Center) and Patrick Connor (NFIB Washington Director). Appointments with our lawmakers were made in advance, so after lunch we "Took it to Hill" where we met with our law makers and testified on various bills. With about 20 of us walking the halls of Olympia with our LPWA name badges, we made an impression on the regulars there. A group came down from Whatcom County just to testify in support of a bill co-sponsored by Jason Overstreet on the "Cottage food" industry and increasing the cap of how much they could produce in a year.

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The LPWA is happy to announce the state convention, Cascade Liberty Summit will be held for the first time in memory in Bellingham (North end of I-5 near Canada). The Cascade Liberty Summit will be at Fox Hall/ Hampton Inn with a morning business session, afternoon speakers and evening banquet. Jim Gray will be the keynote speaker for the banquet. A Friday evening reception will be announced soon. Details and convention packages to be posted at lpwa.org

Number of Libertarians	4082
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No
Ballot Access Status	1,000 signatures
Number of Candidates in 2012	None, top two primary state
Estimated Budget	24 monthly pledges

Wyoming

Dennis Brossman, State Chair

No response as yet.

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	6
Estimated Budget	\$100 / month

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REGION 2 REPORT

FLORIDA:

The LPF State Convention will be held in Naples, FL Memorial Day weekend May 24-26. Two candidates have filed to run for Governor in 2014. They are LPF State Chair, Adrian Wyllie and longtime Florida Libertarian, John Wayne Smith.

There are also potential candidates for US Congress, State House and County Commissioner who will attempt to get on the ballot next year.

There is a race for City Council coming up this year on April 9th. Libertarian Michael Malterer is running for a seat in New Port Ritchie.

GEORGIA: (Information provided by Brett Bittner)

LPGA State Convention with Rupert Boneham as keynote speaker will be held April 5th and 6th at the Atlanta Airport Westin

- State-only membership at its highest level since 2008 (couldn't find reports with a higher number earlier)
- Two "Volunteer Days" in February with attendance in the double digits both days
- Campaign Training commenced with a Municipal Training on 3/9
- Held yet another standing room only LP 101 in Roswell
- 1700 pieces of direct mail outreach to GJ2012 supporters in GA in the first 2 months of 2013
- First state to cross the 4500 fan threshold on Facebook.
- New Cherokee County affiliate and re-launched Gwinnett County affiliate
- Etowah High School Libertarian Club initiated and running
- Progress on legislation to increase the number of "nonpartisan" elected positions that would require no petitioning for Libertarians wishing to seek office at the county level.

TENNESSEE:

LPTN held their State Convention March 9th. The following slate of officers was elected:

Chair: Jim Tomasik

Vice Chair: Matthew Novak (re-election)

Secretary: Ray Ledford (re-election)

Treasurer: Michael Maness (re-election)

Outgoing State Chair, Jay Polk who was not seeking re-election received a standing ovation in appreciation for the great job he did having served from April 2011 through March 9th.

Vicki Kirkland
Region 2 Rep
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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



REGION 3 REPORT



INDIANA



KENTUCKY



MICHIGAN



OHIO

REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 3
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 16TH - 17TH, 2013
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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)

Office Space

LPIN has relocated its permanent office space from downtown Indianapolis to the north side of the city. The new space is much larger and will provide the ability to host LP 101 sessions, County Chair training sessions, and Central Committee meetings.

Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana is in the process of changing from an Executive Director model for staff organization to a Divisional model. The following are recent or upcoming hires/appointments:

Business Manager: Alyssa Salgado
Communications Consultant: Lauren Rumble
Political and Development Director appointments are anticipated soon.

State Level Membership

LPIN state level membership is defined by those who contribute \$25 annually to the National LP.

Sub-Affiliates

UNKNOWN

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2013 & 2014)

UNKNOWN

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 5.9% in the last SOS race and continues to grow.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 STATE CONVENTION

The 2013 convention is scheduled for April 19-21 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, IN.

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN

Finances & Fundraising

Current Initiatives

UNKNOWN

Future Initiatives

UNKNOWN

Media Coverage

UNKNOWN

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



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

Chair: Ken Moellman (Newly Elected as of Feb 2013)
Vice Chair: David Patterson (Newly Elected as of Feb 2013)
Treasurer: James Bozman (Newly Elected as of Feb 2013)
Secretary: Frank Harris (Newly Elected as of Feb 2013)
At-Large: Mark Gailey

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.

Party Registration

In Kentucky, it is possible to register as a Libertarian, but to do so a voter must complete a registration card, check the "Other" box, and fill in the blank with "Libertarian." This process has its obvious challenges, but in spite of this, LPKY has experienced a 33% organic increase in registered Libertarians in the last 9 months (from 2,109 to 2,816). LPKY is currently working on methods to reach out to these new registered Libertarians, one of which includes purchasing phone numbers for the voter list and starting a volunteer phone banking effort.

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.

Between the previous Regional Report and this one, a significant amount of growth has been occurring in LPKY.



LPKY has increased from 2/6 active congressional district affiliates to 5/6 active congressional district affiliates. The remaining unorganized congressional district is not even organized by the Republican Party of Kentucky.

In addition to 5/6 organized congressional districts, there are 2 organized counties (up from 0 at the time of the last Regional Report), and 8 more counties in the process of forming (up from 1 at the time of the last Regional Report).

Elections

Past Election Cycle (2012)

PRESIDENT

Gary Johnson received 0.94% statewide with approx. 17,000 votes. This was the best Libertarian presidential showing ever in Kentucky, 2nd best vote total statewide in KY history. This was almost 5 times the previous best Libertarian presidential candidate in Kentucky!

Current Election Cycle (2013)

Nothing is planned for 2013 unless special elections come up. Congress, senate, state legislature, and county executive branch are in 2014. No candidates have been identified at this time but LPKY is always looking to ensure ballot access.

With no upcoming races, LPKY is using this time to focus on organization building at the congressional and county level.

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The state of Kentucky defines a "political party" as getting 20% or more in KY the presidential race, a "political organization" as getting 2%-20%, and a "political group" as getting less than 2%.

Ballot access for the party label is possible on a race by race basis with signature gathering requirements. However, as a "political group", 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.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

LPKY has recently begun filing state campaign finance reports. This gives LPKY the ability to donate to state campaigns on the same level as R's and D's, whereas previously they had a much lower limit of how much the party could contribute to candidates.

If Governor Johnson had received 2% of the vote for president statewide in 2012, LPKY's signature requirements would have dropped 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 would be willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky.

Since this did not occur, LPKY plans to use the fact that they are starting to file state campaign finance reports as leverage with the state to argue for recognition at the "political organization" level, thus dramatically reducing signature requirements.

Activities



State Level Activities

2013 CONVENTION

The 2013 convention was held in Bowling Green, KY (southern region of the state) and was well-attended. I attended the post-convention dinner and mixer and was able to meet a large number of new LPKY activists and leaders. As of the time of this report it is expected that the convention approximately broke even on expenses vs. revenues.

Local Level Activities

LP DOOR HANGERS

LPKY has a door hanger initiative planned for this spring, specifically targeting houses with registered "Others" who have a strong history of voting. The plan is to assign a set of houses in neighborhoods around LPKY leaders and volunteers so the task of distributing the door hangers is easy to accomplish and never takes anyone far from home.

Finances & Fundraising

Future Initiatives

None planned at this time.

Media Coverage

LPKY has been featured in a couple of articles recently, both detailing their recent growth and influence in Kentucky politics.

<http://wfpl.org/post/libertarian-party-kentucky-holding-annual-convention-weekend>

http://nky.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20130219/NEWS010802/302190026/&nclick_check=1

Information Technology

The current website is running on Drupal for content management and spreadsheets are used to keep track of donors and registered members.

LPKY is currently in the process of deploying a new email system which will help them increase their professionalism in communications by allowing them to provision email accounts to all LPKY leaders at their domain.

Other

None



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

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
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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

Office Space

LPM has office space located at Columbia Center II, 101 West Big Beaver, Suite 1400, Troy, MI 48084. The lease for this space is up in June and LPM is exploring several options, including extending, finding a new space to lease, and discontinuing a leased office to save money. The executive committee expects to vote on this matter within the next couple of months.

Paid Staff/Contractors

LP Michigan has a paid contractor who maintains their current website.

State Level Membership

LP Michigan currently has 175 paid members with the state (a 5% increase since the last report).



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
- 4 forming (2 of which are due to new volunteers who have offered to start a local group since the last report)
- 3 inactive

Elections

Current Election Cycle (2013 & 2014)

PARTY ORGANIZATION PLANNING

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon is organizing a Political Team which will be tasked with candidate recruitment, candidate vetting, gaining support for the party from local businesses, and fundraising. This is the next step in ensuring a slate of successful candidates in 2014 with more active candidates and fewer paper candidates, which is another goal of Ms. Rockman-Moon's.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR STATE SENATE

District 27 State Senator resigned from office recently and LPM has identified a candidate to run in the special election – Robert (Rob) Nicholls. Local organizing efforts are underway to help identify campaign volunteers in the area and Mr. Nicholls is interested in running a fairly active campaign.

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

GARY JOHNSON COLLEGE TOUR VISIT

The Our America Initiative is resuming college tours for Governor Johnson in the spring of 2013 and LPM is organizing an event at Hillsdale College on April 2 as part of the tour. The space secured for the event accommodates 300+ people and



LPM plans to hand out print advertisements for its upcoming convention to try to increase registration and bring in new faces to the convention.

2013 STATE CONVENTION

The 2013 convention is planned for June 15. Registration is expected to open on March 15 with the first promotional email slated to be sent shortly thereafter.

Local Level Activities

Nothing known at this time

Finances & Fundraising

Future Initiatives

There are no fundraising activities planned in the near future besides the Convention. Last year, the convention brought in about \$2200 in profit and LPM is hoping for a similar profit this year.

Media Coverage

LPM leaders have been featured in 3 radio interviews since December of 2012.

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 currently in the process of having a new website developed by a volunteer with a 50% reduction in monthly costs for hosting and management of the site (down to \$50/month from \$100/month). The new site is planned to launch on April 1, 2013.

Other

Challenges

Ms. Rockman-Moon was able to motivate her team and increase their participation later in the 2012 election cycle, but her primary concern now that the election is over is finding ways to keep her team motivated and engaged so that the growth does not stop or decline. In her opinion, there is no time for a break – LP Michigan must continue to build on the current momentum.

Help Requested

Chairwoman Rockman-Moon is seeking help with affiliate support from the LNC in the areas of organization building, training, fundraising, and media outreach.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF OHIO



State Organization

Party Leadership Structure

ELECTED POSITIONS

Like the Republican and Democratic Party counterparts in Ohio, the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) is managed by a state Central Committee (CentCom) which is a body of members elected through the formal election primary process.

The CentCom operates like a board of directors which elects the state Executive Committee (ExCom) which runs the day to day operations of the LPO.

After the most recent primary election, the state CentCom elected the following leaders to the ExCom:

- Chair: 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.

The divisions and appointed leaders are as follows:

- Communication Division – Director Aaron Harris, Deputy Director John Fockler, Social Media Manager Libby Brandt
- Field Development Division – Director Brad Lowry, Deputy Director Jason Tyson
 - 9 regional liaison positions available (6 currently filled)
- Finance Division – Director Joe Hassen
- IT Division – Director Scott Pettigrew
- Political Division – Director Bob Bridges, Deputy Direct Paul D. Hinds

Office Space

The LPO maintains its two-room, fully-functional office of approximately 240 sq. ft. at 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.

Paid Staff/Contractors



The LPO currently has one paid contractor who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. The Finance Director is responsible for tracking and soliciting contributions, managing the benefits to the contributors, keeping personal contact with higher level donors, sending thank you cards, planning income-generating events and activities, managing LPO branded apparel, 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).

Sub-Affiliates

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

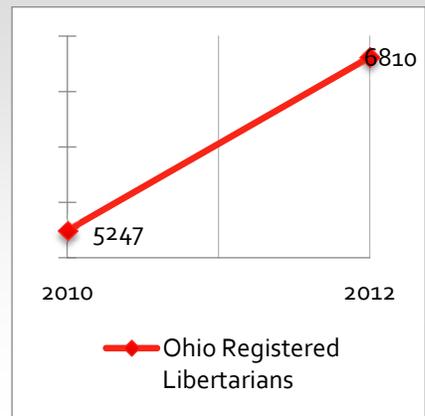
The LPO Field Development Division is responsible for growing county affiliate parties. It does this with a stepping stone model, first starting with County Development Groups (CDG's) which are technically part of the state party and not recognized by the state of Ohio.

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 11 official county affiliates and 11 CDG's. This is a significant increase from 2008 when the LPO only had 2 official county affiliates and 5 CDG's.

2010-2012 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

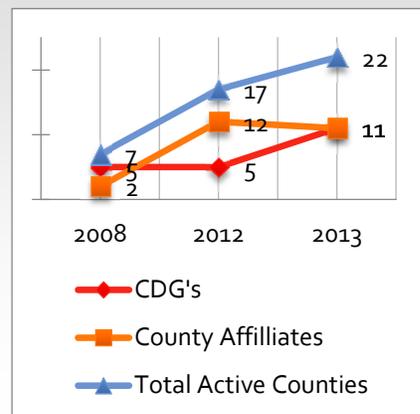
▲ STATE MEMBERSHIP UP 30%



2008-2012 SUB-AFFILIATE CHANGES

▲ COUNTY AFFILIATES UP 600%

▲ TOTAL ACTIVE COUNTIES UP 230%





Elections

Past Election Cycle (2012)

There were 23 LP candidates on the Ohio ballot in 2012. The LPO's goal is to exceed the previous election cycle (4 years) each time.

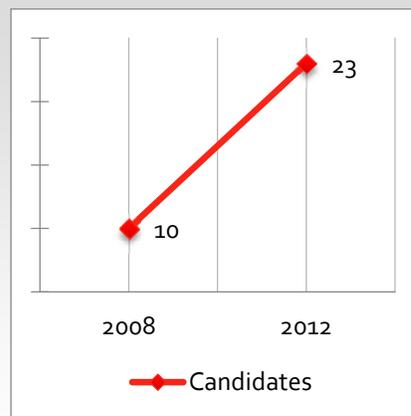
The more county affiliates that the LPO has formed, the more locations the LPO can host our POTUS candidates; in 2008 we had 2 county affiliates and in 2012 we had 12 county affiliates.

Current Election Cycle (2013)

The LPO is now looking for 2013 candidates for local office and 2014 candidates for statewide offices with the expectation of providing the voters with the second statewide slate of Libertarian candidates in as many election cycles.

2008-2012 CANDIDATE STATS

▲ NUMBER OF CANDIDATES UP
230%



Ballot Access

Recent Ballot Access Activity

The LPO had ballot access in 2012, but not without ongoing challenges from the GOP.

The Ballot Access appeal in Federal Court was on July 24 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Ohio Assembly (led by the GOP), not the (GOP) Ohio SOS, was appealing the 6th circuit court ruling of October 2011 in which the court ruled in LPO favor once again.

The court ruled that decision of the court last fall was moot so therefore they dropped the latest case. Ultimately this just means that there is still no clearly established law on petitioning requirements to get the LP label on the ballot.

Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

LPO requested and received a new directive from the SOS which clarifies that the LPO is still a valid party and should be allowed on the ballot in 2013 (since no clearly defined law currently exists).

Later in 2013 the LPO will start requesting a directive or other action from the SOS regarding 2014 because the LPO plans to have its 2014 statewide candidates lined up by Memorial Day of 2013 and needs assurances of 2014 ballot access in the absence of any constitutional legislation from the state assembly.

Activities

State Level Activities

2013 CONFERENCE

LPO has conventions in even years and conferences in odd years. The 2013 conference is scheduled for April 26-27 in historic Granville, OH. Judge Jim Gray will be present for a socializer and dinner on the evening of Friday, April 26. On



Saturday, April 27th, there will be several exciting speakers such as Garrett Quinn of Reason.com, Howard Rahtz of LEAP, Michael Newbern of Students for Concealed Carry, and LNC Chairman Geoffrey Neale, as well as seminars by experienced LPO members to help activists advance the cause of Liberty in the coming months and years. Convention tickets include access to the days' events and also include a buffet lunch.

Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN

Finances & Fundraising

Finance Director Joe Hassen is doing a tremendous job increasing contributions through direct contact and event planning. He held a very successful fundraiser dinner in February with a featured LEAP speaker and is planning several more events around the state in the coming year. He also tasked with managing a new line of LPO branded apparel and planning the annual summer fundraiser cookout.

Media Coverage

No recent coverage to report

Information Technology

The LPO has selected the Libertas Platform provided by Libertas Web Services (owned and operated by me, Jillian A. Mack) for its new Content Management System and Constituent Relationship Management system (CRM). The process of installation and configuration for LPO has begun.

Other

LP Direction & Focus

Chairman Knedler is a strong advocate for national budget dollars to be allocated to rebuilding the Libertarian Party Brand/Image, Affiliate Support, and IT.

REBUILD LP BRAND/IMAGE

The message is principled and solid, but the brand/image that the general public has of the "product" is missing the mark. Either people don't know who we are or they have a misconception about who we are. Chairman Knedler would like to see consumer focus groups, a marketing plan which should include a focus on the youth and re-branding ourselves as "cool".

AFFILIATE SUPPORT

Chairman Knedler believes that a critical task for 2013 is allocating funds to support trainers to visit states or regions to provide seminars, how-to guides, and general assistance and leadership in the areas of organization building, volunteer recruitment, candidate recruitment and vetting, media outreach, etc.

IT UPGRADES/SERVICES



Chairman Knedler would like to see a national platform that is available to the states and makes it easy to interface with national for data exchange.

LP Policy Changes Requested

NATIONAL CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS BY HOST STATE

Chairman Knedler would like a policy change for the national conventions which allows the host state to appoint at least one person to the convention committee.

NATIONAL CONVENTION SEATING FOR HOST STATE

Chairman Knedler would like a policy change for the national conventions which guarantees that the host state delegation is seated near the front of the convention hall.

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REGION 1 / CALIFORNIA REPORT

by Daniel Wiener (March 10, 2013)

The Libertarian Party of California will hold its annual convention on April 6th and 7th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. The following speakers are confirmed:

- Judge Jim Gray (ret.), the Libertarian Party's 2012 Vice Presidential candidate
- Steven Greenhut, Vice President of Journalism at the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity
- Evan McMahon, Executive Director of Atlas Liberty PAC
- John Inks, (Libertarian) Mayor of Mountain View, CA
- Susan Marie Weber, (Libertarian) Councilmember of Palm Desert City, CA
- Taylor Peck, Co-founder of iSideWith.com
- Paul Green, Jr., Co-founder of Self-Management Institute
- Lisa Brown, Advocacy Trainer
- Tim Sandefur, from the Pacific Legal Foundation's Economic Liberty Project

In addition to the traditional convention activities on Saturday and Sunday (business sessions, officer elections, banquet, etc.), there will be an all-day advocacy event on Friday, April 5th in which Libertarians will first rally on the West Steps of the Capitol building, and then have appointments to speak to various state legislators. Lisa Brown will provide Advocacy training, and Assembly member Tim Donnelly (R – Hesperia) will address the Libertarian rally at noon on the Capitol steps. There will also be a Friday evening reception for convention attendees. More information is available at <http://ca.lp.org>.

The Libertarian Party continues to make inroads with media figures. The latest success came when Joe Getty and Jack Armstrong decided to re-register in the Libertarian Party. Armstrong & Getty are the #1 morning drive-time talk show in Northern California and are very influential. The segment of their show in which they announced their decision can be heard at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Zn3Mn1xMw&feature=youtu.be>

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Region 5 North Report

This is the most geographically compact region, but each state has different politics, especially in odd years. Many of us took a well-deserved break after the election. The spring thaw brings new activity.

There are now active affiliates in the entire northeast. Each face their own challenges and opportunities. Rebuilding and some leadership transitions from the general election are still being worked out.

The high density of colleges, universities and private schools provide an opportunity for student outreach and speaking on free market education reforms. The region is home to high technology firms, primarily software, manufacturing and biotech – a choice demographic for supporters. Obamacare's new medical device tax will have a big impact on the industry. Major insurance and financial companies based here will be impacted by the ACA and Dodd-Frank.

The Newtown shooting put RKBA issues front and center. Every state has seen activity on both sides of the issue legislatively and at the grass-roots level. Local firearms manufacturers and retailers need to know they have our support.

With the election of David Blau as LNC Secretary, the Region is currently searching for a new Alternate Rep.

Goals for 2013 include more coordination and communication among the seven affiliates. We have talked about a regional conference with panels and workshops.

In 2013, New Jersey has state-level elections; the chair and I talked in February about getting campaigns and fund-raising organized. Perhaps we can coordinate activity with nearby Virginia. There is also a special US Senate election in Massachusetts. Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have local elections, mostly non-partisan.

Major regional events of interest to Libertarians include the *NH Liberty Forum* in February, the *Silver Circle* premier in March, the *Seacoast Freedom Expo* on April 27th, and the *Porcupine Freedom Festival* running June 17–23.

Lots of opportunities to grow the LP and expand our reach, but can affiliates take advantage of them? We have to do our own strategic planning for where we put resources.

This report focuses on membership, affiliate activity, social media, upcoming elections, and each affiliate's plans for 2013, highlighting the opportunities and challenges.





The LPCT State Committee met on Nov 27th to go over everything that happened on the campaign and build institutional knowledge for next election cycle, including a detailed petitioning plan and model contract for future petitioners.

State Chair Dan Reale did resign to spend more time with his family. Longtime activist Carol McMahon is the new state chair.

Fund-raising

LPCT is the strongest in the region as far as fund-raising goes, raising more than \$55,000 for ballot access last year. Everyone take notes. They also ran some very serious campaigns.

The ballot drive and the campaign left the LPCT with a sizable list for future campaigns and the infrastructure to handle large amounts of capital. We now accept credit and debit cards.

The Future

No more focusing only on Libertarians when it comes to outreach. No more opening with divisive 1-5% issues. Continue targeting and having a dialog with the politically active, let them get to know us. It's necessary to point out the errors of two party thinking (getting involved in a primary is counterproductive to their interests, wastes their time and money), but simply leave it at that and let the target audience have at it. Keep the door open.

Create strategy to address polarization of the electorate. Make the GOP the wasted vote. Have a showing of more fund-raising early in a campaign and make active use of those funds to do far more outreach.

Create a LPCT Young Libertarians group directed by a Campus Coordinator. The CC shall appoint School Coordinators at each college and vet candidates for all Student Gov't positions, and present those candidates to the LPCT for endorsement. We need to make sure that Campus Coordinator is adequately mentored and trained like a sales person.

Mail fundraisers at least three times a year. Our conventions are no longer an adequate source of revenue. Conventions should be focused on party business far more than fund-raising. Enter into a long term contract with a permanent fundraiser.

Find or recruit and nominate a candidate for governor no later than mid 2013. That race, with 1% of the vote, will permanently solve the problem of ballot access.

Find and recruit candidates to run at the top of the ticket in municipal 2013 races in the following cities: Hartford, Stamford, Norwalk, Danbury, Norwich, New London, New Haven.

Recruit, very specifically, treasurers for campaigns. Begin on a volunteer basis. Eventually, if need be, the LPCT should consider hiring someone when funds exist to serve as a general treasurer to its candidates until such time as it becomes impractical because the party has grown to a point where such a need will take care of itself.



Current Activity

We held a state board meeting in January.

Organizing the “LP Maine Political Method”. This is the creation of a new method that is politically neutral to form alliances with Tea Party, Ron Paul groups, and others. Create effective libertarian action in cooperation with other groups.

We've had a few county organizing meetings. Somerset county is the best organized. There was a full day meetup in early March outlining upcoming strategy and initiatives. We did mailings and a major organizing push, it was a great event.

Charles Frohman is calling, looking for help with Our America Initiative.

The Future

Great disappointment that we failed to get 5% and have to go back to square one!

Start making detailed plans for the future.

Still evaluating our opportunities. The interest and activity level of Libertarians in Maine is higher than 2008 and 2010 but less than 5% of the electorate.

Local Elections in the fall, no candidates as yet, but we are pursuing several leads.

State convention still in planning stages.

Continue to build organizational structure and concentrate on fundraising.

Major Challenge: Money! We are wholly inadequate for fundraising, it is our number one goal.

Top Three Needs: Fundraising, Communications, Get out the vote.



Membership

The LPMA has a separate state membership from national, which is holding steady at 120. We plan to participate in *Double the LP* in 2013 with new volunteers.

General Activity

We continue to hold monthly meetups in the Boston area.

Our Facebook and Twitter presence has grown, with regular postings.

We held a rally at the State House to support the 2nd Amendment on March 8th.

Jack Cole of LEAP spoke here on March 12th.

We are looking forward to the premier of *Silver Circle* at the end of March.

Special Elections

The state has already seen two special elections. One of them we have a candidate.

John Kerry becoming Sec of State means a special election for US Senate. We're supporting Dan Fishman in his bid. Dan got 4% in his US House race last year, and quadrupled the margin of victory. We've held regular meetups for petitioners, including this past Sunday.

2013 and The Future

Chairman Blau has done an organizational restructuring to provide focus for our activists and get them more involved. Implementing this new structure is our main need to reach the next level. I've brought on board several people who are good at filling out structure and placing volunteers into different roles. This is going very well, and we now have 10 volunteers ready to work full-time on party business. Now we need to ensure that everyone has enough work to keep them interested.

Our state convention will be in October, mostly likely near Worcester.

Recruiting candidates for 2014 is in process. No particular names at this time.

Reach out to elected officials regarding new legislation.

Develop local party chapters. Build camaraderie. Expand our activist base.

Major Opportunities: Party growth. There is a great deal of Libertarian enthusiasm in Massachusetts and we've been getting a lot of interest from activists. We just need to fit that into an organizational structure that can leverage all of their talent. We would rate the interest and activity level of local Libertarians as very high. We just need to capitalize on it.

Major Challenges: Marketing our message. We need to be more effective at spreading the word and letting people know they have a viable alternative to the two-party duopoly.



Membership

Our national membership remains steady around 150. There is still little appeal for the national party among local libertarians. We must be bolder and more fun to bring them in. LPNH is participating in the *Double the LP* campaign, and will put new effort into it this year.

LPNH has a separate state-party membership. Thanks to the great work of membership director Tom Sweeney, that continues to grow even without election and campaign news. Our website upgrade has also solved some technical issues with signups.

Social Networking and Media

Our social media continues to grow, with 50 new Facebook fans and 100 new Twitter followers since the election. Both of these have overtaken our Yahoo group as the main intraparty communication medium. Now that our website upgrade is finally done we will be leveraging our online presence more in combination with newly redone outreach materials.

Plans are underway for a better Facebook setup and using other platforms like Google+ and Pinterest, and utilizing our YouTube, Flickr and LinkedIn accounts. Our intern has interest in social media and may be deployed there after helping with website development.

Media coverage has continued, with at least one press call per month, generally about Libertarian activity in the state and our thoughts on the new legislature and governor.

I was interviewed by local media and Reason magazine at the NH Liberty Forum.

General Activity

On December 6th we had the first of our new membership socials. A successful event. Several new members attended and got to meet and talk with party officers and candidates. I gave an overview of the past year and the election results, sharing the good news of our huge increase in vote totals compared to 2 years ago. Plans were made for new outreach, media appearances including guest-hosting, leadership training, and other projects. There was a very real sense of action among the new members.

We had planned for ballot access legislation to work on, but the sponsors decided to wait until next year before proposing anything.

In February, I had a lively exchange with a delegation from Central and South America as part of the World Affairs program. They were most interested in our ideas about education, equality and foreign policy. And in how to balance civil, political and economic liberty. One of the translators told me "it's so nice to hear from someone with such a consistent philosophy." They'd been talking to the D's and R's earlier that day.

In late February, some of us attended the *NH Liberty Forum*. Due to cost and an uncertain volunteer turnout, we decided against an exhibitor table or sponsorship. There was steady interest in what the LPNH is doing, people wanted more details on how we did in November and what we have coming up.

Several people told us of great dissatisfaction within the Dems and GOP and we should expect an influx of new members. We also had good contact with the local YAL chapter, and will be working with them on upcoming projects and setting up internships. We had great discussions with out of state Libertarians about strategy, elections, and new projects.

The big takeaway was recruiting a prominent libertarian to run for office in 2014 who already has a base of support and good media contacts. With the lower mid-term turnout we may have a real shot at regaining party status for 2016 (including a primary!). We also looked at some new outreach and educational materials.

Our America Initiative has contacted us to build on the Gary Johnson campaign's presence here. Nothing has been decided yet. They need a state coordinator and it's unclear if any LPNH officer has the time for that.

Our next major event will be the 2nd *Seacoast Annual Freedom Expo* on April 27th at the Exeter town hall. This is a free event featuring several speakers on a range of liberty topics. We may hold our state convention at the same time. All Libertarians are welcome.

Campaigns and Elections

There have been two special elections for the state house, but we did not have Libertarians living in those districts who wanted to run for office. Another one is coming.

There are several Libertarians running for town offices and school boards. Plus we have some interesting local warrant articles. Elections are March 12th.

Candidates have generally done a fine job on their own getting attention and coverage.

2013 Goals and The Future

Redo our outreach material, update website, new social media, do town-by-town heat map of our vote percentage, strategic planning session with the new board, continue membership growth with more socials and activity, get more media attention.

Town and school elections in March, April and May. City elections in November. The plan is to recruit as many local candidates as possible. Specifically tell people thinking of running for state house/senate in 2014 to run locally in 2013.

State convention to handle officer elections. The Seacoast Freedom Expo in April.

Move to a Project Manager model for future action. No more "someone" taking care of things. Create responsibility and reward production. Move activity away from exec board.

Opportunities: With the Dem takeover, we have a chance at ballot access reform, medical marijuana or even straight decrim. The soul-searching and fracturing within GOP gives us a chance to pull in the libertarian cohort, especially if party gets retaken by the old guard "conservatives".

Challenges: Members who won't return emails or phone calls or otherwise help in any way. Competition from all the other pro-liberty groups. Libertarians that encourage people to not vote or drop out of politics. Volunteers who flake out. No good prospecting or fundraising. Free stater Libertarians have given up on the LP or want to start another party.



Membership

New Jersey has a separate state membership. Our numbers are up, and continues the momentum from the election. We are now at a 6-year high!

The number of registered libertarians took a huge jump last year a well.

Activity

Our website has regular updates on local, state and national news, including important issues like official misconduct, protection of liberties, and letters to the editor. It's the most current of all the affiliates in the region.

The overall activity and interest level is mixed. Many Libertarians are burned out and have become apathetic. It is hard to get activists to attend events.

We are resurrecting an old show we used to run on Cable Access channels. *Third Point of View – Next Generation* will be a different format, the shows will be much shorter and geared for YouTube viewing.

On January 21st in honor of the universal freedom message preached by Dr. King a "Restoring Freedoms Rally" was held at the Statehouse. Libertarians speakers were NJLP Treasurer Joe Siano, former NJLP candidate for Governor Murray Sabrin, former NJLP Chair Lou Jasikoff, and 2012 NJLP candidate for U.S. Congress Patrick McKnight. Joe's remarks are on our website.

After Newtown, several members expressed sympathy for the victims and affirming our commitment to the entire Bill of Rights, including articles on the Militia. It's important we remind everyone the importance of our rights and and their defense.

We participated in the "*Thanks, but no Tanks*" movement, speaking out against the Gloucester Township solicitation for a police armored vehicle.

The Future and State Elections

Our 2013 convention is on March 16th.

New Jersey is one of two states with state-level elections in 2013. Governor, all 80 Assembly Seats and all 40 State Senate seats are up. We are already starting to organize activity, recruiting a few candidates. We held a conference call with Wes Benedict's PAC in February.

Obtaining major party status will be a real challenge as we have to get 10% of all the votes cast for the statehouse seats, but we expect no problem maintaining our minor party status.

Rhode Island

www.LPRI.us



The Rhode Island affiliate is still rebuilding, and of all the affiliates had the least amount of drop-off after the election. Meetup planning and activity has been on course since January.

The LPRI continues its aggressive press releases, calling out official misconduct, hypocrisy and graft. The mainstream media has also been a target of these releases.

The LPRI has also elected new leadership, both chair and vice chair.

The LPRI participated in RKBA rallies at the Statehouse in January and February.

Party leaders have been focusing on social activities to bring the membership together and build their team.

Official plans for the state convention will be released shortly.

Vermont

www.VTLP.org



The VTLP is sad to report the death of Jim Hedbor.

Jim twice ran for US Congress and Senate as a Libertarian, and once was actually Endorsed by the Vermont Free Press and the Caledonia Record over Democrat and Republican candidates! He was that remarkable in Vermont Libertarian history.

Jim, with Bill Wicker, who ran a credible campaign for Governor, and with the help of Bill McGuire, had a credibility and message which created the most memorable time in Libertarian politics.

My recollections are of a very positive, and optimistic Libertarian and family man. He was an excellent salesman, always very knowledgeable, which helped his advocacy and campaign efforts. He was a truly remarkable communicator. He had prepared by attending the Cato Institute, and continued to support them for decades.

Elections

For March 5th local elections, the VTLP endorsed Loyal Ploof to run for the Burlington city council. His website, Facebook and Twitter pages are up: www.loyalploof.org. Volunteer sign waves and sign placement started early, as did candidate meet and greets.

Loyal got 9% of the vote. That was better than our prior candidate for the city council.



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REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Mar. 10, 2013

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 Nov. 17-18, 2012. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Rosemont should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I continue to serve as a frequent guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville, Virginia). On Jan. 20 I was interviewed on RT TV in my capacity as former Libertarian Party national chair to offer my analysis of a second Obama administration.

Delaware

Brad Thomas (bradct@verizon.net) serves as chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. The LP of New Castle County meets on the third Thursday of each month. The LP of Kent County meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and the LP Sussex County meets on the second Thursday of each month.

District of Columbia

Ryan Sabot (ryan.sabot@dclibertarians.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia, provided the following report:

There are a few things going on in the DCLP now. The most pertinent issue at hand is getting the DCBOEE (DC Board of Election and Ethics) to update all physical voter registration forms at DMVs and libraries across the District to update our status as a major party. Some of us in the party want to take legal action but the prevailing idea--and mine as well-- is to organize a physical meeting with them and outline what we need them to do before taking the legal route (not to mention the fact that we do not have any money for a lawyer). Once we get those distributed, the plan is to do a massive mailer to get the people/names we get from the LNC's registration dumps to re-register as Libertarian and donate money.

The issue of money is perhaps the most dire one, though. Since our formation, we have only raised ~\$100 from donors. I am hoping to have a fundraiser at Rob Kampia's (the MPP [Marijuana Policy Project] director) house in the near future; he's offered to have one, and he had one last fall for Bruce Majors' congressional campaign, so hopefully we can raise more money at that and he can attract some high-profile attendees. Our current financial situation leaves us with next to nothing in our bank account; I donated some of my own money on top of what we

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fundraised so that we could get a mailbox. We have paid for our mailbox through June; as long as we raise at least \$30 before that, we'll be fine, but I wish to eventually move beyond just having enough money to pay for a mailbox. I'd be very open to fundraising suggestions.

We are currently not running any candidates in the current DC election. The reason for this was that, due to its "special" nature, all candidates had to run a ballot drive regardless of party. A candidate would have been technically free to run as a Libertarian and do his own campaign, but he/she would have minimal support from us as we have not yet completely set up party infrastructure and have few funds. We tried to court a high profile candidate from the REP party to run as LIB, but he opted to stay with his own party for the time being. If we can court him over in the future, especially if he loses this election, that would be huge for the party and I do not think it would be out of the question for it to propel the party past the REP party in DC.

The future for the DCLP is very bright. I can attribute this to a few things:

- 1) The image of the DCGOP is failing. They did not run a candidate for Congress last election. If their candidate does not win this election, their brand will be even further damaged.
- 2) The demographics of DC are shifting very rapidly and is becoming extremely youthful, Caucasian, and highly educated. We saw the highest LIB percentages in the Nov election come out of the neighborhoods where these people are moving to. If these trends continue, and all indications show that they will, I expect our percentages to grow, especially as libertarianism continues to attract more and more in the college age group.
- 3) Bruce Majors, our candidate for Congress, received more votes than Governor Romney. It was the first time a Libertarian has been on the ballot since the mid-90's. This is extremely promising. Even though the DCGOP did not run a candidate, this shows that many are in support of the DCLP and that there's a huge space for us to enter. Again, I think that if the DCGOP continues to decline and we can continue to grow, the two big parties in the District could very well be us and the Democrats.

Maryland

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

Membership: 83 @ 2/28/13

Registered voters: 11,635 @ 12/31/12

The Board of Elections is behind on their registration reports. Usually the reports come out on the 17th of each month.

With our recent growth, I anticipate the registration for MD Libertarians to be close to 12,000 by the February report.

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A new group, Young Libertarians of Maryland, has been started, and is being led by Eric Blitz and Erin Carrington Smith.

The MDLP spring convention will be held on Saturday, 6 April, from 1 to 5 pm at Squires Italian Restaurant in Dundalk, MD. Dr. Jim Lark will be the featured speaker.

I had been in touch with a state Senator over the last year to submit a bill to the General Assembly to lower the threshold for minor party status to 10,000 registered voters, but the Senator has not returned any phone calls or emails recently, so I don't anticipate any ballot access relief this session, which ends in April.

Bob Johnston
Chairman, MDLP

North Carolina

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

Legislative Day

Legislative Day is scheduled for March 26. More details will follow, but mark your calendar for our first Legislative Day in several years. We'll meet in Raleigh in the morning and have about an hour of training to be sure we are all 'singing out of the same hymnal.' Then, we'll have pre-set appointments with our local representatives and sponsors of bills that we support. Our growth has the attention of both parties. Exact time and meeting place TBA. This is not just an Executive Committee event. All members are welcome, just email me and I'll register you and have a packet of materials for you.

Convention

The Executive Committee voted to alternate the state convention between locations in western NC and eastern NC this year and next. Flatrock is the location for this year and June 7 to 9 are the dates. We have an exceptional venue in Mountain Lodge of Flatrock, a new but rustic conference facility in the Blue Ridge. More information will be forthcoming about speakers and agenda, but save the date and plan to "head for the hills."

LPNC Bling-Bling

Thanks to the folks at the Durham-Orange Affiliate, LPNC now has lapel pins available to those who donate \$25 or more to the party. It is a handsome way to advertise for the party.

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3 New Members of the Leadership Team

After naming Erik Raudsep as Political Director and Mark Rogers as Director of Communications last month, the LPNC now welcomes three more additions to our leadership:

Dr. William Keech has joined the Judicial Committee, replacing Lon Cecil. Dr. Keech is a Political Science professor at Duke.

Jon Byers has re-joined the Executive Committee as Membership Secretary after about 10 years since last serving in that same position. John lives in Arden, near Asheville.

Alex Mathews joins us as our new Director of University Relations, a position previously held by Jason Melehani. Alex is a freshman at Davidson and has been instrumental in building their Libertarian student group to one of the best in the state.

Outreach Director

We still have an opening for Outreach Director for the LPNC. This position liaises with other liberty-minded groups to increase our public profile and visibility. Coordinating local fairs across the state and communicating with these other organizations are the primary duties. If anyone is interested just email or call, 888.524.7117.

Pennsylvania

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

A major effort has been undertaken to recruit candidates to run for public office in 2013 and 2014. We are making calls and following up to get 2012 LPPA members to renew for 2013 and new chapters are being organized. Our Annual Convention is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Days Inn in Danville, PA.

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A slate of candidates has declared to run for party office this year against current incumbents. They mostly object to moderation on state party lists as opposed to any substantive policy positions. A number of people who support these candidates, mostly from one county, led the Vote for Nobody campaign last year, did not support Gary Johnson for President because they didn't think he was libertarian enough, did not obtain a single petition for Gary Johnson or help in the defense of our petitions against the GOP challenge and who self-identify as anarchists. Starchild has interjected himself into the Pennsylvania LP race by endorsing the challenger as has Paul Frankel and others who are perceived to have an interest in future paid petitioner business out of Pennsylvania.

Serious homophobic, anti-gay commentary and personal attacks have taken place every day against State Chair Dr. Tom Stevens and there have been threats of law suits against all Board members made by some of the challengers. While in Maryland on Saturday, February 16, 2013, Dr. Stevens was squeezed off a three lane interstate by an unmarked Blue Van barely surviving the accident. LPPA members who threatened violence against Dr. Stevens continued to make reference to the "Amish Mafia" and "Dutchy" solutions to the problem. The LPPA Chair has been photoshopped onto a woman's body and his supporters have been referred to as "dick-hugging bitches" who "hang on Uncle Tom's dick". His image on the background of the Cowardly Lion has been placed on tee-shirts for sale with the slogan Liberty Lyin". He has also been photoshopped as Chavez hugging Castro and in an ad proposing him for Pope - "For The Children". These challengers are calling all new party members and spreading their campaign nationwide creating misimpressions and a bad reputation for the LPPA. Many believe the motivations of some are to degrade our effort to get a gubernatorial candidate on the ballot in 2014.

90% of all LPPA Committee Chairs and officers are still working hard every day but they are very discouraged by the perception of infighting created by a handful of members mostly from a single county.

NOTE: Region 7 alternate representative Paul Frankel has indicated that (a) he has not endorsed anyone for the position of LPPA chair, (b) he is not interested in (and has not expressed interest in) obtaining business as a paid petitioner from the LPPA, and (c) as far as he is aware, no professional petitioner has endorsed any candidate for LPPA office.

NOTE: Dr. Stevens requested that the following material be appended to his report above:

STEVENS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS LPPA STATE CHAIR

I have decided not to seek re-election as State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania at the Annual Convention scheduled to be held on April 27, 2013.

I considered three factors before taking this decision.

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The first was whether I deserved a second term based on the accomplishments of the Board and the Party under my leadership. By looking at our solid record of goals achieved and by the number of individuals urging me to run, I concluded that on this count, I should run for a second term.

Richard Winger of Ballot Access News wrote: "Tom Stevens led the Pennsylvania Libertarian Party to the greatest ballot access victory in the state party's history. The Pennsylvania Libertarian Party's 2012 ballot access victory was the first time any statewide minor party or independent candidate for statewide office has ever defeated a challenge backed by one of the two major parties."

Roy Minet, John Karr and I were designated "Libertarian Ballot Access Heroes" by LP News for obtaining 18,000 additional signatures after problems were identified with the quality of the signatures obtained during the petition drive, which was considered over when I took office as Chair.

After a 9-week battle, with the help of 84 volunteers, the Gary Johnson Campaign, and the national Libertarian Party, we got Gary Johnson and our statewide candidates on the ballot. Gary Johnson obtained the highest vote total of any Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate in the history of the party. Rayburn Douglas Smith (LP Candidate for United States Senate), Betsy Summers (LP Candidate for Auditor General), Marakay Rogers (LP Candidate for Attorney General) and Patti Fryman (LP Candidate for Treasurer) all ran extraordinary campaigns and each received a significant number of votes over what Gary Johnson and Judge Gray got. As a result of all our efforts, the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania once again qualified for "Minor Party" status so people can again register "Libertarian".

We won a series of lawsuits with decisions that will make obtaining ballot access easier in the years to come. Membership was up 87.8% from the April, 2012 Annual Convention through the end of 2012 and new LPPA County and Regional LP Chapters were formed in Bucks County, Berks County, Chester County, Monroe County, Lehigh County, Schuylkill County, Carbon County, Franklin County, Adams County, Montour County and Columbia County. Facebook Groups were also formed for at least 14 additional counties in the process of forming County Committees.

Our new website will be up by the Annual Convention and more federal lawsuits are in the works to make ballot access easier. Communication avenues were re-established, moderation was applied, hundreds of party members now observe party business on a regular basis and all our Standing and Working Committees are fully staffed and working on real issues every day. A new Life Membership was established and donations to the party are up in every category. The many other goals we achieved have been posted elsewhere.

The second factor I considered was whether as a practical matter, I could win re-election. I concluded this would not be a problem. The announced candidate for State Chair did not support Gary Johnson because he did not believe Gary Johnson was libertarian enough. In addition, he did not obtain a single signature for either Gary Johnson or the LPPA's Statewide Candidates and did not volunteer a single hour to help defend our petitions against the GOP challenge but he had

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no problem in actively working for Ron Paul in the GOP primary. While four of the statewide candidates running against the incumbents are all active in Montgomery County, the statewide slate of candidates running for re-election come from a broad geographic region. Not one person has urged me not to run. To the contrary, I have been receiving offers of support from individuals who, despite illness and advanced age, were willing to make the trip to the Annual Convention to support me for re-election.

The third factor I considered was whether I wish to serve another term given the anticipated continuation of the politics of personal destruction, threats to my personal well-being and harassment taking place every day. My only goal has been to build the party in numbers and strength and I am finding my ability to continue to do that has been undermined by the efforts of those who oppose a strong Libertarian Party as a threat to liberty, who don't believe in running candidates with the goal of winning elections, who exhibit their prejudices against those peacefully living in lifestyles of their choice, who are contacting new members and dragging them into the manufactured "infighting" so they lose interest in being active, and who would rather support Ron Paul and a "Vote for Nobody" campaign than support Gary Johnson and those statewide Libertarian Party candidates nominated by LPPA delegates in convention.

Given these circumstances, I feel that continuing to build the party to only see it torn down by radical anarchists and Toxic Libertarians is not the best use of my time and effort. Still, I will continue to help the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania in any way I can and I will always be friends with the scores of people who have worked hard to make this year a success.

In Liberty,

Dr. Tom Stevens
LPPA State Chair

Virginia

Libertarian Party of Virginia chair Chuck Moulton (chuck@moulton.org) provided the following report:

The Libertarian Party of Virginia is focusing on candidate recruitment. Wes Benedict's Libertarian Booster PAC has been very helpful in convincing Libertarians to run for Virginia's House of Delegates (the lower house of the state legislature) by offering a website, yard signs, and petitioning help. (Unlike many other states, Virginia holds state legislative elections in odd years.) The LPVA will run a record number of candidates in 2013.

On the technical end, the LPVA has been utilizing Facebook events and meetups for local organizing. Investments in Facebook advertising have catapulted the LPVA's Facebook page to the most liked state affiliate in the country (around 6,000 likes):

<http://www.facebook.com/LPVirginia>

Lack of state legislative districts in the data dump provided by national has made candidate

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recruitment unnecessarily difficult. A volunteer programmer has recently written a script to hack around this issue. However, Virginia continues to insist that the best long term solution is for LPHQ to populate its database with state legislative districts (and other districts down to individual voting precincts) which would in turn be provided in monthly data dumps to states. Unfortunately other states may not have found such a volunteer programmer, and we fear the Libertarian Party loses many potential candidates due to LPHQ's lack of political subdivision data in its database. Virginia again asks the Libertarian National Committee to instruct staff to address this database need -- a fundamental act of affiliate support facilitating real politics.

Chuck Moulton
Chair, Libertarian Party of Virginia

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org) serves as chair of the LPWV. As noted previously, David Moran (the party's 2012 gubernatorial candidate) obtained the 1% of the vote necessary to secure "major party" status for the LPWV. A bill has been introduced in the West Virginia legislature that (if enacted) will make it easier for the LPWV to retain ballot status.

The party is working with other organizations to promote legislation introduced in the West Virginia legislature to protect the right to keep and bear arms. Mr. Wilson and Dr. Moran are planning a year-long presentation series at all colleges and universities in West Virginia, with the goal of establishing "Campus Libertarians" affiliates on every campus.

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REGION 6 REPORT

March 16, 2013

Illinois: (Dianna Visek)

Illinois will hold its local elections on April 9, and the LP-Illinois is running three non-partisan candidates: Lex Green for the mayor of Bloomington; Chad Grimm in a district race for Peoria city council, and Chris Jenner for Cary School Board and McHenry County College Board. Mr. Green has been making many more campaign appearances than expected.

At the moment our state organization is weak due to burn-out and the fact that our state chair is the campaign manager for Lex Green. After the elections, we intend to focus on growing our membership and rebuilding the party.

Our ballot access lawsuit is wending its way through the court system. Richard Winger was deposed by the Illinois Board of Elections in January. Between June 3 and July 15, both sides will be making motions for summary judgment, which will involve the exchange of six briefs. Each side will submit an opening brief, a responsive brief and a reply brief. Then the judge will decide whether he wants to hear oral argument of the motions.

The LP-Illinois will be holding its convention from Friday evening Sept 20 through early afternoon Sunday Sept. 22 at the Holiday Inn in Bolingbrook. We will have libertarian karaoke on Friday night, speakers and workshops on Saturday and our business meeting on Sunday. The speaker at our Saturday banquet will be Tom Woods, the Austrian school economist and historian. The speaker at our Sunday brunch will be Steve Horwitz, professor and chair of the Dept. of Economics at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, who self-identifies as a bleeding-heart libertarian. Robert Murphy will lead the karaoke and speak on Saturday about how libertarians can approach liberals. Radley Valko, formerly with the Cato Institute and Reason magazine and now with the Huffington Post, will speak about the police state. In addition, there will be a debate between neo-cons and liberals on foreign policy.

Iowa: (Ed Wright as told to Dianna Visek)

The LP-Iowa will hold its annual convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Des Moines on March 30, where they will elect new officers and revise their state platform and bylaws. Ed Wright says he's willing to continue as chair for no more than one additional 2-year term.

Right before the November election, there were 1600 voters registered as Libertarians. As of February there are 2243, which is an encouraging increase. On Jan. 1, 2008 the LP-Iowa was granted the right to receive the list of registered voters, but their new secretary of state, elected in 2010, isn't a friend. Mr. Wrights reports that their treasury is in good shape.

The LP-Iowa's presidential election experience was awful, as reported in a recent LP-News. The Romney campaign played a lot of dirty tricks, but Alicia Dearn and Richard Winger

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were instrumental in saving our ticket. The Iowa primary will be in June, with most local non-partisan elections in November. School boards are elected in September. Mr. Wright has already received some expressions of interest from potential candidates.

Missouri: (Cisse Spragins)

The Missouri LP held its annual state convention and state committee meeting on Feb 23rd. Unlike most years, the party chose to have a business meeting, rather a full convention with outside speakers, wherein the business meeting portion tends to get rushed. Election results were reviewed and a needs analysis was conducted.

The party decided to proceed with several actions items including a new website, custom literature and promotional items, and putting systems and resources in place to help county affiliates and to help better equip candidates. The party also amended its bylaws to add an additional membership category to assist with fundraising, and made several additions to update its platform.

Cisse Spragins was reelected chair, Randy Langkraehr was elected vice chair, Matthew Cople was elected secretary and Sean O'Toole was reelected treasurer. State and executive committee members were also selected.

Minnesota: (Bob Odden)

We now have a full time executive director since Feb of this year. Although one of his primary duties is fundraising, he hasn't been doing this long enough to have significant results. Our biggest problem at the moment is a lack of funds for all that we would like to do, like radio ads. If the LP staff or LNC know of Libertarians with large financial resources in MN, let us know. We will try to convince them that helping us will get results.

Our membership rolls are growing. We currently have about 100 members, with membership determined by paying \$30 a year. Duluth and Rochester have chapters. Some of the Ron Paul people are returning. We have more people helping to man event booths. We have been collaborating with MN United for All Families. Some areas were up to 5% for Gary Johnson. We need to try to contact these people to get them into the party. People are bailing the Republican Party.

We have upgraded our logo and are upgrading our website, which has current material and a new web host.

Because the party is growing, we have had the press notice us. We sent out a press release on the school shooting and the Pioneer Press (the St. Paul MN newspaper) called and wanted more reasoned, logical articles without the screaming and quotes from historical figures. Our stance on guns is known.

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We are preparing to caucus on the Congressional District level. We will move it down to the MN State Legislative level. Because Gary Johnson got over 1% of the vote in MN, the LPMN is now considered a minor party. This means starting next year for 4 years, there will be a \$5 check off on the MN income tax for the LPMN. This diverts \$5 of the taxes the person would pay to a political party of the person's choice. The Green Party has gotten as much as \$16,000 in a year from this fund. We plan to get big like Indiana with a local organization at the level of the 67 MN State Legislative districts.

In the November election, Republicans lost big, even in nonpartisan elections. This year there will be nonpartisan elections. We have till the first week of June to get candidates on the ballot. Next year will be governor and other state offices. Although there is no problem getting on the ballot this year, our biggest problem is getting enough signatures on petitions in a two week period. If we can get 5% of the total state vote in a statewide election, we will be a major party with automatic ballot access. To improve our chances of this, we are trying to get high quality candidates with name recognition now for elections next year.

We have started monthly meetings at restaurants with speakers that are free to members and a small fee for nonmembers. Our next convention will be May 4 at the Cambria Suites in Maple Grove, MN. We are expecting 150 to attend. There will be local speakers from groups we are trying to affiliate with, business meeting, training sessions for candidates, and a banquet.

Nebraska: (Michael Knebel)

The Libertarian Party of Nebraska has been preparing for big advancements in 2013. On Friday February 15th, the LPNE co-sponsored an open forum on gun control with the University of Creighton College Republicans. The event featured members of the Nebraska Democratic, Republican and Green parties, as well as Republican Liberty Caucus and ACLU representatives. We had a prominent radio personality moderate the event. It was well received and the LPNE is looking to put on this type of event on a quarterly basis.

We have recently begun a new contribution campaign called \$20.14 for 2014, which encourages members and newly registered Libertarians to donate a one-time amount of \$20.14 for our candidates. Anything over \$100 and we will give the contributor a year's subscription to Reason Magazine. Our fundraising is up in the last month and our membership numbers, which equal registered Libertarians in the state, is about to surpass 5000.

We have put a strong focus on growing the party and getting candidates elected in the main metro area of Omaha and Douglas County. We recently launched our first county chapter for Douglas. Also, we are running two candidates for Omaha Public School Board. The primaries are April 2nd, and this is the largest group of candidates running for School Board in decades, at 39. We have Scott Zimmerman running for Sub District 5, and Mark Walenz running for Sub District 8. We will work to promote both candidates on the main afternoon talk radio show, the Tom Becka Show.

We hope to take advantage of this election, and get Libertarians working at the local level. Once this happens, we will use the momentum as a spring board for a collaborative

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Liberty event with the C4L, RLC, and SFL. Our goal will be to use that event to bring in more funds and to promote our slate of 2014 candidates including our candidate for the U.S. House.

North Dakota: no response

South Dakota: no response

Wisconsin: (Terry Gray)

The LP-Wisconsin has 131 members current in their dues. Forty people were members through 2012 but haven't renewed yet. We have two active chapters and one that is forming. Our next convention will be April 13 at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc. Our biggest problem is lack of members and activists.

George Meyers is our recently appointed Campaign Czar. He is the one most responsible for recruiting the candidates we had in that last election cycle. He has a strategic plan and is going to continue to work on elections, candidate recruitment, etc. He is probably our biggest asset.

Before the November election, the Wisconsin Eye interviewed every candidate including the LP candidates. Joe Kexel got quite a bit of coverage. The LP results for that election were:

President: Gary Johnson 20,439 votes 0.67%

US Senate: Joe Kexel 62,240 2.07%

1st Congressional District: Keith Deschler 6,054 1.66%

12 State Senate District: Paul Ehlers 2,964 3.26%

18th State Assembly District: Melba Morris-Page 2,140 11.56%

32nd State Assembly: David Stolow 847 3.1%

33rd State Assembly: Terry Virgil 945 3.14%

38th Assembly: Leroy Watson 788 2.4%

48th Assembly: Terry Gray 4849 16.55%

50th Assembly: Ben Olson 725 2.84%

55th Assembly: Rich Martin 1016 3.34%

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85th Assembly: Jim Maas 1047 3.74%

Following is a list of goals that I believe we should adopt as a party. I drew this up some time ago. Aside from the appointment of George Meyers, as I point out, there is no interest in the LP-WI to work toward any of these goals.

Party Goals—Party Building

We have to set goals as a *party*. The executive board should get together and decide the goals for the upcoming year or two years or for at least some set period of time. Reaching the goals would be challenging and we most likely would not meet them all at first. I don't know if this has ever been done. We certainly will not reach them if we don't have any! We cannot become discouraged. Rome was not built in a day to coin a cliché. I saw that in the Thompson for governor race. When Ed was not elected, so many became discouraged and gave up. It should have been a beginning, not an end.

Party building is one goal to set. All aspects of the party need to grow. "There is no 'I' in team or we." We have to work together, orchestrate and coordinate our efforts. This idea that we are to just jump up, run out and do the right thing as individuals with no organizing and coordinating just doesn't work.

Run candidates, number one priority. Candidate recruitment, training and support. (We have made some progress in this area with the appointment of George Meyers) Concentrate on winnable races—alderman, school board, etc.

We are a political party. Political parties run candidates. This should be our number one priority. If we had a full slate of candidates every election, even if they were just paper candidates, someone would eventually have to get elected. It would certainly get us press. When I ran for assembly in '96, there were more LP candidates on the ballot in Dane county than anywhere else in the country--it received press.

We have to recruit candidates. It would be nice to get high profile ones like Ed. We should identify who that may be and then send a delegation to ask them, in person, perhaps persuade them to run. We need training and support for the candidates. Leaving them on their own does not work. We need to harass the National party for all the help we can get from them on this and any other issue, as well. They are like the government. They issued an "unfunded mandate" to not allow Barrett's candidacy to go unchallenged. We got no help from them in Ben's campaign.

Officer and activist training.

Our hearts are all in the right place but we have no idea what we are doing. Training in these areas would go a long way. That way we would not be constantly spinning our wheels or reinventing them. Each and every one of us could benefit from this type of training. Officers

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and activists would be easier to find if there was a description of their duties and training available. Training has to consist of more than just a referral to a website.

Outreach, member recruitment.

This should perhaps be number two priority. We need to constantly do outreach and recruit members. Once someone shows interest we need to follow up, give them something to do and take advantage of anything they have to offer.

Building the Treasury

We need to have a real treasury. That would make all of the preceding much easier and more likely to be achieved. A little money spread around makes people much easier to get along with. Officers and activists could be reimbursed mileage, meal and motel stays, at least partially. That would all but guarantee more involvement. This idea that the more involved we become the more money it costs us personally just does not work. No successful organization is run that way. It would also allow professionals to be hired when necessary, like for training purposes, for one example.

The party needs to get over its delusions of grandeur. So many times a good idea gets shot down because it might not work perfectly. We act as though a mistake will have cosmic repercussions. Well, I don't think that many people take notice and besides, if we act, we are bound to make mistakes. They only people who don't make mistakes are the ones who do nothing, as the saying goes.

We have the problem of too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Leaders need followers. A general is no good without an army to command. I don't like that model. I think every role is equally important and we need to work together, regardless of the seat we are sitting in. I prefer to think of it as "flying in formation" or "swarming" around an issue or idea.

All of this is easier said than done but if we get members on board and move in this direction *as a party*, we are sure to make headway.

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Region 7 Report.

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas.

March 16-17, 2013.

By Gary Johnson and Paulie Frankel.

Alabama.

The Libertarian Party of Alabama will hold its next state convention on Saturday, June 8.

The state party, the Green Party, and the Constitution Party filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the Alabama Secretary of State on February 12, challenging the March petition deadline for newly-qualifying parties as unconstitutional.

The state party and ABLE, Alabama for Ballot Access Law Equality, are lobbying the state legislature for SB 265 by State Senator Cam Ward, which would cut the number of signatures for a newly-qualifying party from 3 percent of the last gubernatorial vote to 1.5 percent.

Members are being encouraged to recruit a friend or relative to become a dues paying member of the state party on Membership Day, Wednesday, May 8.

<http://www.lpalabama.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/lpalabama>

Louisiana.

The Libertarian Party of Louisiana is organizing executive committees in parishes.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune covered the party on February 28. The newspaper reported that membership had grown 50 percent in the past year.

Executive director Wendy Adams says she is interested in having the national convention in New Orleans.

<http://louisianalibertarian.net>

<https://www.facebook.com/LibertarianPartyOfLouisiana>

Mississippi.

The Libertarian Party of Mississippi held its state convention on Saturday, March 2, in Biloxi. R. Lee Wrights spoke.

Zackary Redmond, 18, a high school student, is getting press coverage for his campaign for the Gautier City Council.

<http://mslp.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Libertarian-Party-of-Mississippi/185325954837176>

Oklahoma.

The Libertarian Party of Oklahoma is lobbying the legislature to support good bills on ballot access and oppose bad ones.

On the one hand, HB 2134 by State Representative Jeffrey Hickman would reduce the number of signatures for a new party from 5 percent of the vote in the last election to 5,000 signatures.

Also, SB 668 would reduce the number of signatures for newly-qualifying parties in midterm years but not in presidential years by changing the requirement from 5 percent of the last vote cast to 5 percent of the last gubernatorial vote. The number would change in 2014 from 66,744 to 51,739.

On the other hand, SB 76 would raise candidate filing fees.

The party does not have ballot access. As a result, the state party is weak but local parties meet regularly.

<http://www.oklp.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaLP>

Texas.

The Libertarian Party of Texas is recruiting candidates for the 2014 partisan elections and candidates for the non-partisan elections in 2013.

The state executive committee set a goal to hire a full time executive director to work alongside Heather Fazio, its part time membership coordinator.

County chairs have been appointed in many previously unorganized counties.

The state party has hosted public forums on nullification and lobbying the state legislature.

<http://www.lptexas.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/LPtexas>

Appendix J: Voting for Credentials Committee

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Visek	Johnson	Totals
Bodenhausen									X	X					X		X		4
Bowers				X								X	X	X			X		5
Duensing	X	X	X					X	X		X	X						X	8
Jabin		X																	1
Johnson			X	X	X	X		X							X	X		X	8
Kane	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X					X			9
Kirkland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	16
Lieberman										X		X	X	X		X	X		6
Linnabary	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X			X			X	11
Pealer						X							X	X			X		4
Salvette	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	16

Appendix K.1: Voting for Bylaws and Rules Committee (first ballot)

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Vissek	Johnson	Totals
Hinkle	X	X			X	X	X		X		X					X		X	9
Neale	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	15
Starchild								X	X									X	3
Tomasso	X	X	X			X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Wiener	X			X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	13
Albin										X									1
Burke														X			X		2
Burns		X	X					X		X					X			X	6
Carling						X						X	X	X			X		5
Erskine															X				1
Fulner		X																	1
Glogowski																			
Howe	X	X			X												X		4
Johnston						X					X	X					X		4
Katz		X						X	X			X							4
Latham	X	X		X		X		X	X	X							X		8
Martin										X									1
Mattson			X	X		X				X		X	X	X		X	X	X	10
McDermott				X						X									2
Monteleone					X							X	X	X	X		X	X	7
Moulton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	14
Orrok	X		X	X	X				X	X		X	X	X		X	X		11
Sarwark	X	X	X	X				X	X	X			X		X				9
Starr				X		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	8
Walsh																			
Wittlief	X			X						X		X	X	X	X		X		8

Appendix K.2: Voting for Bylaws and Rules Committee (second ballot)

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Visek	Johnson	Totals
Latham	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X		X	12
Starr				X		X					X	X	X	X		X	X	X	9
Wittlief	X	X	X				X			X		X		X	X		X		9

Appendix K.3: Voting for Bylaws and Rules Committee (third ballot)

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Visek	Johnson	Totals
Starr				X		X					X		X	X		X	X	X	8
Wittlief	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X			X				10

Appendix L.2: Voting for Platform Committee (second ballot)

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Vissek	Johnson	Totals
Holtz (CA)	X	X	X			X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X		11
House (FL)	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X	11
Smith (FL)		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X						X	10
Vissek (IL)	X		X	X		X						X	X	X		X	X	X	10

Appendix M: Presidential Campaign Support Fund

(as amended)

This fund shall consist of dedicated contributions and optional allocations by the LNC for the express purpose of supporting the LP Presidential ticket. Fundraising appeals for these encumbered funds may be made at any time. Money from this fund may only be spent after the adjournment of a presidential nominating convention and ~~before the following general election day~~ before December 1st of the year of the following general election. Any money unspent by the general election shall remain in the fund. Funds may be spent on any lawful activity that directly ~~or indirectly~~ benefits the LP presidential campaign, including but not limited to: advertising, press releases, LP support staff expenses, printed materials, signs, websites, direct mail, email, events, get out the vote efforts, and legal matters.

Appendix N: Motion to Change Convention Committees

I move to change the Convention Oversight Committee under Committee Appointments to be:

Size: The Treasurer and two other LNC Members or Alternates, to be selected by the LNC. The Chair of the CoC will be committee selected.

and to create:

Convention Organizing Committee

The Convention Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the successful execution of National Conventions, subject to policies and directives of the LNC, as represented by the Convention Oversight Committee. The committee shall be comprised of five individuals selected by the LNC Chair, subject to advice and consent of the Convention Oversight Committee.

And to create:

Convention Site Selection Committee

The Convention Site Selection Committee shall be responsible for evaluating sites for upcoming National Conventions, and submitting a "short list" to the LNC, subject to policies and directives of the LNC, as represented by the Convention Oversight Committee. The committee shall be comprised of three individuals selected by the LNC Chair, subject to advice and consent of the Convention Oversight Committee.

And subsequently to add to the Convention Oversight Committee role:

Provide oversight, advise and consent to the Convention Organizing Committee and the Convention Site Selection Committee.

Appendix O: Voting for Convention Oversight Committee

	Neale	Wrights	Hagan	Blau	Cloud	Redpath	Hinkle	Starchild	Vohra	Olsen	Kirkland	Goldstein	Wiener	Lieberman	Tomasso	Lark	Visek	Johnson	Totals
Wrights	X	X	X	X	X		X					X					X	X	9
Goldstein	X			X		X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X		10
Starchild								X	X									X	3
Kirkland		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X			11

Appendix P: Public Policy Resolution

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party supports the Constitutional protections enshrined in the Bill of Rights, as well as the right of jurors to judge not just the facts of the law, but also whether the law itself is just, and whether it was fairly applied; and

WHEREAS Libertarians believe that distributing information to members of the public in public places about juror rights, in accord with the free speech protections of the First Amendment, should not be infringed; and

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party's platform states that "Criminal laws should be limited to violation of the rights of others through force or fraud, or deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm," and that "The rights of due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must not be denied;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee hereby condemns the decisions of Judge Perry in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and the Fifth Judicial District Court of Appeals in Florida in the cases of Mark Schmidter and Julian Hecklen and urges that these decisions be reversed.