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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. (all times Eastern) on Saturday, September 20.

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Sam Goldstein, Gary Johnson, Guy McLendon, Evan McMahon, Bill Redpath

Regional Representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Marc Feldman (Region 3), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), Jay Estrada (Region 7), Rich Tomasso (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Scott Lieberman (Region 4), Scott Spencer (Region 5), Daniel Hayes (Region 7) (arrived during the Secretary's report), Joshua Katz (Region 8)

Not attending were: Rob Oates (Region 6 Representative), Ron Windeler (Region 1 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate)

Staff present included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Political Director Carla Howell, Operations Director Robert Kraus, Bob Johnston, and Eric Dixon.

At various times the gallery contained numerous other attendees in addition to those listed above, including but not limited to: Patrick Shuey (PA), Benjamin Klein (PA), Chuck Moulton (VA), John Wayne Smith (FL), Larry Sharp (NY), Tyler Brown (VA)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Starting from the chair's proposed agenda, the following amendments were proposed:

Mr. Redpath requested an agenda item for a ballot access report. Without objection, it was added to the agenda and positioned right before reports of standing committees.

Mr. Olsen moved to extend to 10 minutes the time allotted to the Region 1 report. The motion was adopted.

Ms. Mattson moved to increase the time allotted for the executive session regarding ballot access petition challenges to 30 minutes. The motion was adopted without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to remove the scheduled recesses from the agenda and instead leave the assembly to decide to recess as needed. The motion was adopted without objection.

Without objection, the agenda as amended was adopted. The agenda was:

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	5 minutes
Officer Reports	
Chair's Report (Sarwark)	20 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	20 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	20 minutes
Staff Reports	
Counsel's Report	45 minutes
	5 minutes
Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)	
Region 1	10 minutes
Region 2	5 minutes
Region 3	5 minutes
Region 4	5 minutes
Region 5	5 minutes
Region 6	5 minutes
Region 7	5 minutes
Region 8	5 minutes
Ballot Access Report	10 minutes
Reports of Standing Committees	
Affiliate Support Committee (McLendon)	15 minutes
Audit Committee	5 minutes
Awards Committee	5 minutes
Convention Management Committee	5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee	5 minutes
Convention Site Selection Committee	5 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee	5 minutes
IT Committee	20 minutes
Outreach Committee / Motion to Dissolve Outreach Committee	15 minutes
Reports of Special Committees	
Convention Teller Report	5 minutes

Report of Libertarian State Leadership Alliance 10 minutes

Items Postponed from Previous Meeting (none)

New Business with Previous Notice

Electronic Conferencing Procedure	30 minutes
Modify Expense Reimbursement Section of Policy Manual	10 minutes
Amend Budget to Increase Convention Expenses by \$400	10 minutes
Amend Budget to Increase Brand Development/Promotional Materials by \$5000	10 minutes
Convention Schedule and Site Selection	15 minutes
Amend International Representative Section of Policy Manual	10 minutes
Amend Previous Notice Section of Policy Manual	2 minutes
Executive Session Regarding Ballot Access Petition Challenges	30 minutes
Discussion of LNC goals for 2014 and the 2014-2016 term	60 minutes

New Business without Previous Notice

2012 Minnesota Petitioning Expense Reimbursement	60 minutes
Executive Session re: Strategic Litigation Opportunity	10 minutes
Authorize \$2000 in Funding to Defend Gigi Bowman Lawsuit	10 minutes

Announcements

10 minutes

Public Comments

10 minutes

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Per LNC policy, LNC members are to report potential conflicts of interest to the Secretary in writing. Few had so reported to the Secretary, so Ms. Mattson had taken the initiative to contact most, but not yet all, to solicit the information prior to the meeting. A printed listing of the accumulated information was provided at the meeting. Without objection, others at the meeting provided verbal reports to the Secretary, resulting in the list assembled in Appendix A. If a person has reported that they have nothing to report, the list shows "(none)". A blank entry in the list means the Secretary has not yet communicated with that person about the matter.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark submitted a written report (included in Appendix B) and supplemented with an oral report on his activities. He intends make an effort to personally call and thank our large donors. He hopes board members will each commit to calling 10 major donors per month, requesting donations, and then providing feedback to the chair on comments/complaints from those members.

In response to an inquiry about the status of the debate lawsuit by Our America Initiative, Mr. Sarwark indicated that the briefs are written, but suit has not yet been filed. He has requested copies of the briefs for review. Mr. McLendon noted that they are trying to move the lawsuit to the Washington, D.C. jurisdiction and add the Green Party as a plaintiff.

To address revenue problems, Mr. Sarwark intends to write a letter outlining strategies for accomplishing various LNC goals, send the letter to our major donors, and follow up with a personal call to 100 of the top donors.

No LNC action was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial reports through August 31 were provided in writing to the LNC. Mr. Hagan noted the primary areas in which we are below budgeted revenues are in general donations and also in board solicitations. He noted the total support and revenue figures in the financial reports include restricted donations for the building fund. If those amounts are excluded from consideration, the LNC is more than \$47,000 under budget (through August).

Mr. Hagan discussed our current situation in which we have more current liabilities than we have cash to pay them. We continue to make progress on paying the remaining bill with the convention hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The convention fundraising banquet only raised \$23,000, but the budget for general donations had anticipated the banquet raising \$50,000.

Mr. Benedict noted that the cash flow problem is not just because revenues are under budget, but that expenses are also running above budget, particularly ballot access expenses. No more ballot access petition drives are expected for this year.

Mr. Hagan reported that compensation expenses are running above the budgeted-through-August amount due to quarterly bonuses paid to staff. Mr. Hagan moved to amend the budget to increase revenue Line 45- Compensation by \$7,000 (from \$516,700 to \$523,700).

Ms. Mattson raised a request for information to ask whether this budget category will likely self-correct by the end of the year due to our having let a staff member go and the low likelihood of further bonus payouts. Staff indicated this budget line will likely end up less than the budget+10% amount allowed for the year.

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

Voting "aye": Feldman, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, McLendon, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Estrada, Goldstein, Mattson, McMahon, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Wiener

The motion failed with an 8-8 tie vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson submitted a written report (included in Appendix C), which notes the status of meeting minutes, progress on her convention archive project, updates to the Policy Manual, and documents the email ballots completed since the previous LNC meeting.

As there was no objection from the LNC to allowing the Executive Committee to conduct a vote during the LNC meeting, Ms. Mattson moved for the Executive Committee members to approve minutes of the 2/13/14 Executive Committee teleconference meeting; the Executive Committee approved the minutes without objection.

Ms. Mattson showed the LNC the materials she has gathered so far for the convention archive, and discussed how they will be useful in future convention planning. Dr. Lark said he had prepared a conference proposal preparation guide for those seeking to organize conferences for the International Society for Individual Liberty, and asked whether there is a similar guide for LP convention proposals. He indicated that he would send the ISIL guide to Ms. Mattson if she wished to consider preparing a similar document for the LNC.

No LNC action was taken.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Benedict submitted a written staff report (included in Appendix D).

Mr. Benedict again noted that our biggest financial issue is over-spending in some areas. One staff member has been laid off, and the side effect is that phone calls to the headquarters are not being covered as well now. This week members are receiving an "urgentgram" fundraising letter. Mr. Benedict offered to give board members his 5-minute telephone fundraising training advice.

The move into the new building has gone well, with some minor maintenance yet to be done. We were able to move with shorter notice to the prior landlord due to our replacement tenant at the Watergate building being willing to move into our old space immediately and take over our remaining lease.

Dr. Lark volunteered to assist with restarting an intern program, as Mr. Benedict has not been able to spend time on that due to other staff priorities. The LNC discussed various ways in which the board members might be able to assist staff with reducing their task load. Upon request from Mr. Olsen, staff indicated their next report would include a summary of which of their duties uses what amount of their time.

Ms. Howell indicated that staff is aware of 776 Libertarian candidates running in this year's general election, but we would likely have had more if not for the "Top-Two" laws.

No LNC action was taken.

COUNSEL'S REPORT

The LNC discussed the fact that our legal counsel, Gary Sinawski, is suffering from rather serious health issues. Mr. Sarwark reported that we did not pay his retainer this month due to his inability to work. The LNC briefly discussed finding a temporary or permanent replacement, should it be necessary. No LNC action was taken.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Olsen submitted a written Region 1 report (included in Appendix E), and he orally reported on highlights. The Montana version of the "Top-Two" law was taken off the ballot only because its title exceeded a 100-word limit, but we should expect that threat to return in another form.

Ms. Kirkland submitted a written Region 2 report (included in Appendix F). She and Mr. Marsh orally reported on the highlights, including a hope that legal action by the Tennessee affiliate will result in their candidates being granted the party label on the ballot, since the ballot access laws there have been declared to be unconstitutional.

Mr. Bittner submitted a written Region 3 report (included in Appendix G). Mr. Feldman orally reported on the highlights.

Mr. Wiener and Dr. Lieberman submitted written Region 4 reports (included in Appendix H), and Mr. Wiener orally reported on the highlights. Now that the California "Top-Two" law effectively keeps Libertarians out of the general elections, it is expected that the California governor will sign a law easing minor party ballot status rules. He noted Aaron Starr's promising campaign for Oxnard City Council which has raised over \$50,000 and has hired a professional consultant and also a campaign manager.

Dr. Lark submitted a written Region 5 report (included in Appendix I).

Mr. Oates submitted a written Region 6 report (included in Appendix J). The Illinois affiliate has won their ballot access challenges, and their candidates will be on the ballot in the general election. The public outrage over the Republicans' intimidation of our petition signers and challenges of our petitions in Illinois may provide leverage to get our governor candidate into the debates.

Mr. Estrada submitted a written Region 7 report (included in Appendix K), and he orally reported on highlights. The Alabama affiliate submitted petitions to place candidates on the ballot for offices within 6 counties, but the Secretary of State disqualified their legislative and congressional candidates from the ballot asserting that those candidates had to petition separately. The Alabama affiliate has filed a lawsuit, but the court will not hear the case until after the general election. Mr. Hayes reported for Louisiana that they have a record 19 candidates this year, 2 of which were unopposed for local office.

Mr. Tomasso submitted a written Region 8 report (included in Appendix L), and he and Mr. Katz orally reported on highlights.

No LNC action was taken.

Without objection the LNC adjourned for lunch at 12:34 p.m., to reconvene at 2:05 p.m., but with an informal discussion on goals to occur for the 1 hour before reconvening.

The meeting was called to order after lunch at approximately 2:05 p.m.

BALLOT ACCESS REPORT

Mr. Redpath submitted a written report and supplemented with an oral report. He said that we did not spend the entire ballot access budget in 2014. Mr. Redpath is hopeful that after the 2014 election we could have our best ever mid-term ballot access retention status, which could possibly result in a record low ballot access expense needed for the 2016 campaigns. Mr. Redpath fielded questions about various specific cases.

Mr. Sarwark expressed a desire to create a committee to assist Mr. Redpath with the efforts to run petition drives; Mr. Redpath had no objection. Mr. Olsen requested that we create an archive like the developing convention archive to track our ballot access petitioners, payment amounts, problems encountered, and other notable details.

No LNC action was taken.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE (ASC)

ASC Chair Guy McLendon submitted a written report. The ASC will meet tomorrow morning to put together a brief questionnaire for state chairs, and Ms. Kirkland has volunteered to make phone calls to the state chairs and document their responses. Mr. McLendon would like the committee to become an advocate to state affiliates to help build customer satisfaction. No LNC action was taken.

The current committee members are: Guy McLendon (Chair), Norm Olsen, Vicki Kirkland, and Rich Tomasso. The Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA) also appoints three members to the ASC, and they are expected to do so in their meeting tomorrow. Post-adjournment note: the LSLA subsequently appointed Beth Vest, Michael Pickens, and Joe Hauptmann to the ASC.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

As the Audit Committee is not presently populated, the LNC generally discussed the committee and ideas for populating it. Mr. Johnson was the only non-officer LNC member to express interest in serving on the committee. No LNC action was taken.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Without objection, this agenda item was skipped, as the committee is not presently populated.

CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Without objection, the three agenda items for the Convention Management Committee, Convention Oversight Committee, and Convention Site Selection Committee were combined into a single 15-minute agenda item. None of the three committees is presently populated.

Geoff Neale submitted a written report on the financial performance of the 2014 convention in Columbus. The bottom line of the convention financials shows that the event lost a little over \$6,000. This calculation does not factor in the \$23,000 revenues from the fundraising banquet, which are categorized in our accounting records as general donation revenues rather than convention revenues.

Following general discussion of the nature of the three convention-related committees, Ms. Mattson moved to amend the Policy Manual to delete the current portions related to the 3 convention committees and replace them with the previous-term structure of a single Convention Oversight Committee.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend Ms. Mattson's proposal such that the structure of the single resulting Convention Oversight Committee would be 4 LNC members or alternates and 3 non-LNC members recommended by the Convention Oversight Committee, with the 4 LNC members selected by the LNC, 3 non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair, and the selection of committee chair would be by the LNC Chair. Mr. Goldstein's amendment was adopted with a show of hands, so the main motion became to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

Section 1.03.1, Committee Appointments:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair
Convention Management	Five members	LNC Chair, subject to advice and consent of the Convention Oversight Committee	LNC Chair
Convention Oversight	The Treasurer and two other LNC Members or Alternates	LNC	* Committee Selected
Convention Site Selection	Three members	LNC Chair, subject to advice and consent of the Convention Oversight Committee	LNC Chair
<u>Convention Oversight</u>	<u>Four LNC Members or Alternates, plus 3 non-LNC members who are recommended by the Convention Oversight Committee</u>	<u>LNC members selected by the LNC, non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair</u>	<u>LNC Chair Selected</u>

Section 2.02.5, ~~Convention Management Committee~~

~~The Convention Management 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.~~

Section 2.02.6, ~~Convention Oversight Committee~~

~~The Convention Oversight Committee shall make recommendations for convention sites to the LNC, but the LNC shall choose the site. On other matters concerning the Party's conventions, the committee shall act on behalf of the LNC, including:~~

- ~~• conveying requirements to convention planners.~~
- ~~• ensuring the convention meets the Party's needs.~~
- ~~• reviewing and approving in a timely manner major elements, such as contracts, the convention budget and the convention program.~~

~~The committee shall periodically report its decisions and actions to the LNC, and provide oversight, advise and consent to the Convention Management Committee and the Convention Site Selection Committee.~~

Section 2.02.7, ~~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.~~

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- reviewing and approving in a timely manner major elements, such as contracts, the convention budget and the convention program.

The committee shall periodically report its decisions and actions to the LNC.

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

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": (none)

Abstaining: Kirkland, Lark, Sarwark

The main motion as amended was adopted with a vote of 13-0.

The following people indicated an interest in serving on the Convention Oversight Committee: Estrada, Hayes, Kirkland, Marsh, Mattson, Vohra.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up the agenda item to increase the convention budget. The motion was adopted without objection.

AMEND BUDGET TO INCREASE CONVENTION EXPENSES BY \$400

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the budget by increasing Line 35, Convention expenses by \$400 (from \$110,000 to \$110,400).

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

The EPCC is not populated at present. Dr. Lark (EPCC chair during the previous term) said that the EPCC revised the employee manual during the prior term. He recommended that the document be reviewed by legal counsel with expertise in Virginia employment law. He noted that the Audit Committee during the previous term recommended that the LNC adopt a whistleblower policy and a document retention/destruction policy. The LNC did not do so, but the EPCC put some starter language in place in the employee manual. The task should be finished, perhaps by customizing some boilerplate language previously provided by the Audit Committee.

The following people indicated an interest in serving on the EPCC: Bittner, Katz, Lark, Mattson. Mr. Sarwark requested that those interested should email him about their qualifications for serving so he can make the needed appointments.

No LNC action was taken.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (IT)

Mr. Goldstein presented a written report from the IT Committee. The committee advertised for skilled committee member applicants and received 50 applicants. From those, they recommended to Mr. Sarwark that Laura Delhomme (VA), Stewart Flood (SC), Kurt Hildebrand (TX), Drew Hutton (NC), and Mike Kielsky (AZ) be appointed to the committee. Other applicants may also be used to create working groups to implement certain projects, and the committee will be putting state chairs in touch with the other applicants who may be able to assist with technical matters at the state party level.

Staff has submitted to the IT Committee a wish list. A survey sent to state chairs only resulted in 5 responses, and the IT Committee may need to phone them to get additional input.

The committee's ultimate plan is to analyze the wish lists over the next 2 months and put together proposals for the LNC's budget meeting for projects to be implemented in 2015.

No LNC action was taken.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE / MOTION TO DISSOLVE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee is not presently populated.

Mr. Olsen moved:

Resolved:

The following four changes are hereby made to the Policy Manual of the Libertarian National Committee:

- 1) Section 2.02-10, titled "Outreach Committee" shall be deleted.
- 2) References to the "Outreach Committee" shall be removed from the table which appear in Section 1.03.
- 3) The bullet item "Outreach – Initiatives to reach the general public and outside groups" listed under Program Expenses in Section 3 (page 28) shall be deleted.

4) Table of Contents and Index shall be modified to reflect the above changes.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the main motion by striking the third item in the numbered list.

Mr. Sarwark asked Mr. Vohra to take over as chair of the meeting.

Following debate, the Mattson amendment was adopted by show of hands, so the main motion became:

Resolved:

The following four changes are hereby made to the Policy Manual of the Libertarian National Committee:

- 1) Section 2.02-10, titled "Outreach Committee" shall be deleted.
- 2) References to the "Outreach Committee" shall be removed from the table which appear in Section 1.03.
- 3) Table of Contents and Index shall be modified to reflect the above changes.

Voting on the main motion as amended was as follows:

Voting "aye": Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Olsen, Redpath, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": (none)

Abstaining: Kirkland

The main motion as amended was adopted with a vote of 14-0.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CONVENTION TELLER REPORT

The LNC briefly discussed the written convention teller report submitted by Dan Karlan and the written supplemental report by Ms. Mattson.

Mr. Sarwark resumed chairing the meeting.

No LNC action was taken.

REPORTS OF LIBERTARIAN STATE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

There was no report from the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance to discuss for this agenda item.

Ms. Mattson moved to suspend the rules to take up a motion to remove this item from the agenda template in Policy Manual Section 1.02.2. The rules were suspended without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 1.02.2 by striking "Report of Libertarian State Leadership Alliance" from the agenda template for LNC meetings.

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

Voting "aye": Feldman, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Kirkland, Mattson, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Lark, McLendon, Redpath, Tomasso, Wiener

Abstaining: Goldstein

The motion was adopted with a vote of 9-5, which was sufficient to amend a special rule of order without previous notice by a vote of a majority of the total number of LNC members.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

ELECTRONIC CONFERENCING PROCEDURE

Mr. Wiener moved to amend the Policy Manual to add a new Section 1.02.7 [Electronic Meetings](#):

Pursuant to Article 13 of the LP Bylaws, the LNC and all committees of the national party except as noted shall follow these rules in order to conduct meetings via videoconference or teleconference (“e-conference”). These rules do not apply to the LNC Executive Committee, Advertising & Publication Review Committee, Audit Committee, Awards Committee, Employment Policy and Compensation Committee, or subcommittees and informal committee working groups.

- For videoconferences, it is the responsibility of committee members to provide their own compatible equipment. A committee member must be allowed the option to participate by teleconference only. To the extent that it is technically and financially practical, meetings shall be available for listening and/or viewing. Five minutes shall be made available for public comments at the beginning of the meeting, but non-committee members must first identify themselves and their phone numbers to the person acting as secretary. By a majority vote a committee may allow a non-committee member to participate in the meeting for specific purposes.
- Either the committee chair or one-third of the committee members may call for an e-conference. Notice for such a meeting, along with the agenda, shall be provided to all committee members by email, and shall also be reposted on the LNC-Business list, a minimum of five days ahead of time. No item of business may be placed on or added to the agenda unless all committee members have access to the same supporting documentation.
- Participants must try to eliminate background noise, including radio, television, traffic, appliances, and side conversations, as well as call waiting for those who have it. A participants shall not place a telephone on hold if the system has music or messages playing while in that mode. Failure to comply with any of the above, or to otherwise mute the sound when a participant isn't talking, shall be grounds for dropping the participant from the e-conference, but that participant shall be allowed to reconnect if the problem is corrected.
- Each committee member shall be given an opportunity to speak at least once on each agenda item, but a member may defer until others have had an opportunity to speak. The committee chair may choose the order to call on members. The default time limit for each speaker shall be three minutes, but a different limit, applicable equally to all speakers, may be specified either in the agenda material prior to the meeting or by a majority of the committee. An individual speaker's time may be extended by unanimous consent. Seconding a motion and similar parliamentary matters shall not require recognition, and shall not deprive a member of the opportunity to speak substantively on an agenda item.
- The chair may choose a voting method which will clearly and efficiently determine the outcome. In cases where a roll call vote is required, it shall be sufficient if the voting method can accurately identify how each committee member voted and allow that information to be recorded.

- [Barring technical difficulties and excepting Executive Sessions, e-conferences shall be recorded. All individuals attending an e-conference must agree to be so recorded, and also agree not to record and not to divulge the contents of Executive Sessions unless the committee allows it by unanimous consent. Individuals who do not agree to these conditions shall be excluded from the e-conference.](#)

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

Voting "aye": Hagan, McMahon, Redpath, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": Feldman, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, Olsen, Tomasso

Abstaining: Hayes, McLendon, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote of 5-8.

Mr. Goldstein moved to suspend the rules to introduce a motion to create a committee to draft a proposal for electronic conference procedures; the motion to suspend the rules was adopted without objection.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion that (following amendment without objection) directed the Chair to appoint a committee of 6 people to draft a set of proposed rules for electronic meetings, and to report to the LNC no later than the next LNC meeting. There was no objection to the motion.

Mr. Sarwark appointed the following people to the just-created committee: Estrada, Hayes, Johnson, Katz, Mattson, and Wiener.

MODIFY EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT SECTION OF POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the Policy Manual, Section 2.03, Subsection 5, Credit Cards and Expense Reimbursements as follows:

5) Credit Cards and Expense Reimbursements

All expenditures shall be evidenced by receipts. [If a valid receipt is not available, a signed affidavit is required to state the reason no receipt is available \(e.g. never given, lost, or stolen\) and to specify the purchase price, date, and item description. An affidavit for a missing receipt may be submitted only for expenditures no greater than \\$75, and the affidavit must be approved by the Treasurer or the Chair.](#)

The Chair or Treasurer shall be required to approve (and evidence by signing or initialing) all expenses and expense account reimbursements in excess of \$200 made to the Executive Director or LNC members prior to payment or within thirty days of payment if the expenditure is incurred with a Party issued credit card. No advance shall be made. No officer shall approve his or her own expenses.

Travel expenses incurred by officers for the explicit purpose of conducting Party business (excluding those incurred for the purpose of attending LNC meetings) may be reimbursed. Business travel expenses not pre-authorized by the LNC must be deemed necessary and approved in writing by the Chair to qualify for reimbursement. All travel expense reports are to be audited by the Treasurer, and approved by the Treasurer and the Chair.

Following debate, without objection Mr. Hagan withdrew the motion with the intent to solicit advice from Paula Edwards.

AMEND BUDGET TO INCREASE BRAND DEVELOPMENT / PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS BY \$5000

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the budget by increasing the lines for both revenue (Line 26) and expense (Line 55) for Brand Development/Promotional Materials by \$5,000.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE AND SITE SELECTION

Mr. Olsen moved:

Resolved:

- 1) The 2018 national convention of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) will be held on the Memorial Day weekend of 2018 (25 thru 28 May 2018).
- 2) The schedule of official business of the 2018 national convention of the LNC shall consist of 2½ days, commencing on the morning of Saturday, May 26, 2018 and adjourning by 2PM on Monday, May 28, 2018.
- 3) We, the LNC, would prefer to have a private entity produce the convention and, in that regard, hereby directs the Chair and staff to solicit bids from such private organizations. Such bids must be sufficiently detailed per Executive Director specifications and received by the Executive Director by close of business at the Alexandria office on May 1, 2015.
- 4) Regardless of whether the LNC accepts a bid by a private organization or not, the LNC shall choose the specific venue of the 2018 convention at, or prior to, the last LNC meeting in 2015.

Dr. Feldman moved to refer this motion to the Convention Oversight Committee. Following debate, the motion to refer failed with a vote of 7-9 with a show of hands.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Olsen

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Redpath, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Abstaining: Feldman, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote of 1–13.

AMEND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES POLICY

Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.09.3 as follows:

2.09.3 International Representatives

The LNC may appoint one or more individuals to serve as International Representatives, subject to the following:

- The title is honorary, and does not convey any binding authority, unless specifically **and conditionally** delegated by the LNC.
- The International Representative serves at will, and may be terminated by either party at will without cause.
- The terms of service are from appointment until termination, and will not be tied to LNC terms of office.

- Expenditures for this position ~~must be made from either budgeted expenses or from restricted funds raised specifically for this purpose~~ may not be made without advance approval by the LNC.
- The purpose of this position is to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships between the LP and its international counterparts.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

AMEND PREVIOUS NOTICE POLICY

Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 1.02.1 Previous Notice as follows:

An LNC Member may satisfy by either one of two methods the requirement of giving previous notice of his or her intention to introduce an original main motion at the next session:

- announcing this intention at the previous session in the presence of a quorum, providing an accurate and complete statement of purport, such notice to be taken note of in the minutes; or
- send the complete language of the motion to the entire LNC by e-mail at least 14 days prior to the session.

~~Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.~~

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – BALLOT ACCESS PETITION CHALLENGES

Without objection, the LNC entered executive session at 5:30 p.m. for legal and strategic purposes related to the ballot access petition challenges. Without objection the executive session also covered the “Strategic Litigation Opportunity” agenda item.

The LNC rose from executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Without objection, the LNC adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Sunday, September 21.

DISCUSSION OF LNC GOALS FOR 2014 AND THE 2014-2016 TERM

Following a relatively informal discussion of potential goals, Mr. McMahon moved that the LNC adopt the following 6 goals for this term:

1. 1000 candidates in 2016
2. Take action to see that each state has an operational affiliate by June 1, 2015
3. 300 candidates by 2016 trained in “Who’s Driving” or something equivalent
4. Updated issue-based outreach literature
5. 38-state, party-status ballot access as of December 1, 2016
6. 200 elected Libertarian officials in December, 2016

The motion was adopted without objection.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

2012 MINNESOTA PETITIONING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Vohra moved to reimburse the Libertarian Party of Minnesota \$2,020.32 for 2012 ballot access petitioning expenses incurred to place Gary Johnson on the ballot.

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

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McMahon, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": (none)

Abstaining: McLendon

The motion was adopted with a vote of 15-0.

AUTHORIZE \$2000 IN FUNDING TO DEFEND GIGI BOWMAN LAWSUIT

Mr. Sarwark asked Mr. Vohra to take over as chair of the meeting.

Mr. Sarwark moved that the LNC authorize \$2,000 from the ballot access litigation budget line for a lawsuit to defend Gigi Bowman's position on the ballot in New York.

The LNC encumbered funds for the New York petition drive, and the effort came in \$7,000 under budget. Our petitions were challenged state-wide and locally by the Republicans. Ms. Bowman collected a non-trivial number of signatures herself, and her signatures counted toward the state-wide petition effort. An attorney has agreed to handle the challenge for a flat amount of \$2,000 and would invoice us for payment on terms. The Board of Elections clerk ruled in our favor. There is a commissioner's hearing on Friday, September 26, at which they expect to win because a sufficient number of valid signatures were found by the clerk. Also imminent is a court hearing on a motion to dismiss the original complaint.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

AUTHORIZE LITIGATION RELATED TO A U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE DEBATE IN KY

Without objection the rules were suspended to allow Mr. Sarwark to make a motion.

Mr. Sarwark moved to authorize up to \$9,000 for a lawsuit related to a U.S. Senate candidate debate in Kentucky.

During debate, Mr. McLendon indicated he will donate \$500 for the effort.

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

Voting "aye": Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": Feldman, Johnson, Olsen

Abstaining: Kirkland

The motion was adopted with a vote of 12-3.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Tomasso moved that the LNC have an informal conference approximately 2 weeks prior to the December session in order to review the draft budget to be proposed at that session.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements and public comment, without objection the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

LNC Potential Conflicts of Interest 2014-2016 term

[Brett Bittner](#)

Employed by The Englehart Group, which provides website and online marketing services for the Advocates for Self-Government

[Jay Estrada](#)

State Senate District 31 Texas State Libertarian Executive Committee
County Chair-elect, Midland County (Texas) Libertarian Party

[Marc Feldman](#)

Treasurer for Kevin Knedler for SOS campaign

[Sam Goldstein](#)

(none)

[Tim Hagan](#)

Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Nevada
Libertarian Party candidate for Clark County Assessor in Nevada

[Daniel Hayes](#)

[Vicki Kirkland](#)

(none)

[Gary Johnson](#)

Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Texas
Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Travis County, Texas

[Joshua Katz](#)

Chair, Libertarian Party of Connecticut
As an elected official, I have been asked to assist a liberty-minded Republican candidate (Devin Carney) in my state legislative district (23rd). The Libertarian Party does not have a candidate in the race and had no members express interest in running in that race.

[Jim Lark](#)

Chair, Board of Directors, Advocates for Self-Government
Secretary, Board of Directors, International Society for Individual Liberty
Board of Advisors, Students For Liberty
Board of Advisors, Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation (Fundacja Wolnosci
I Przedsiębiorczosci) in Poland
Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.
Secretary, Jefferson Area Libertarians

[Scott Lieberman](#)

(none)

[Ed Marsh](#)

(none)

[Alicia Mattson](#)

Secretary, Libertarian National Campaign Committee

[Guy McLendon](#)

South Region Director, Our America Initiative
Member of Energy & Environment Advisory Council, Our America Initiative
Vice Chairman, Libertarian Party of Louisiana
Engineer, CITGO Petroleum

[Evan McMahan](#)

Executive Director, Libertarian National Campaign Committee
7th District Representative, Libertarian Party of Indiana State Central Committee
At-Large Representative, Libertarian Party of Marion County

[Rob Oates](#)

[Norm Olsen](#)

Candidate for congress 6th district

[Sean O'Toole](#)

[Bill Redpath](#)

Treasurer of Fairvote (formerly the Center for Voting and Democracy)
on the board of directors of the Citizens in Charge Foundation
on board of directors of Citizens in Charge Foundation
Chair, Libertarian Party of Virginia
Candidate for U.S. House in VA

[Nick Sarwark](#)

Gen Counsel for IComply, LLC – cannabis based policy

[Scott Spencer](#)

(none)

[Rich Tomasso](#)

Chair of LPNH
Media Representative for Free State Project

[Arvin Vohra](#)

Candidate for congress district 4 in MD

[Dan Wiener](#)

(none)

[Ron Windeler](#)

Chair's Report - 6/30/14 - 9/15/14

- Populated IT Committee.
- Appointed Chair of Affiliate Support Committee.
- Gave a number of interviews.
- Spoke at the Colorado Liberty Conference.
- Directed the placement of a statement in the Oregon Voter Guide against Top Two.
- Gave an interview to anti-top-two group in Oregon and took official position against Top Two as part of their coalition.
- Signed on to coalition letter opposing NSA spying.
- Sent letter to Governor Brown of California in support of ballot access reform bill AB2351.
- Calls and written correspondence with major donors.
- Wrote columns in LP News and The Libertarian Leader.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

Secretary's Report

For September 20-21, 2014 LNC Meeting

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the national convention:

- June 29, 2014 post-convention LNC session – auto-approved on July 27, 2014
- July 24, 2014 Executive Committee meeting – auto-approved August 9, 2014

I have circulated the proposed-for-approval version of the 2/13/14 Executive Committee teleconference meeting minutes, which were not approved during the previous LNC term. I intend to make a motion to approve them during the LNC meeting on September 20th.

I have requested but not yet received a draft of the 6/26/14 pre-convention LNC meeting minutes in Columbus.

The LNC has received a draft of the convention minutes. I will be proposing some modifications to the draft before we approve them, and I have started but not yet completed that task.

I have made substantial progress on creating a convention data archive for the LNC, with approximately 30 hours of effort invested into it so far. Staff has provided me a login to place it into their internal wiki when it is completed. I am currently focusing on gathering data from the 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 conventions. I will need the assistance of staff to provide additional data at this point, and Robert Kraus has indicated he expects to have more time to assist me with my data requests after this LNC meeting.

The Policy Manual has been updated to reflect the changes made in the June 29, 2014 post-convention LNC meeting, the International Representatives policy adopted by email ballot on July 13, 2014, and the membership level changes which went into effect on August 1, 2014.

The following 8 mail ballots were completed since the last LNC meeting:

Motion: The Inc-discuss email list archives will be made available from June 30, 2014 forward and a google group established, similar to the procedure for Inc-business.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/2/14

Ended: 7/12/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, McLendon, McMahon, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Kirkland, Mattson, Redpath, Wiener

The motion passed by a vote of 11-5.

Motion: Amend the Policy Manual to add the following as a new Section 2.09.3 (and renumber as needed):

3) International Representatives

The LNC may appoint one or more individuals to serve as International Representatives, subject to the following:

- The title is honorary, and does not convey any binding authority, unless specifically and conditionally delegated by the LNC.
- The International Representative serves at will, and may be terminated by either party at will without cause.
- The terms of service are from appointment until termination, and will not be tied to LNC terms of office.
- Expenditures for this position must be made from either budgeted expenses or from restricted funds raised specifically for this purpose.
- The purpose of this position is to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships between the LP and its international counterparts.

And, appoint Geoffrey Neale to serve as International Representative.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/3/14

Ended: 7/13/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Wiener, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express Abstention: Mattson

The motion passed by a vote of 16-0.

Motion: To set the date/location of the next LNC meeting as Alexandria, VA the weekend of Sept 20-21, 2014 at a hotel within walking distance of the LPHQ.

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Kirkland, McMahon, Redpath

Started: 7/5/14

Ended: 7/15/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Wiener, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

The motion passed by a vote of 17-0.

Motion: Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party" (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions." (Article 6, 3), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party..." (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas the Chair of the National Convention incorrectly ruled that it was in order for the convention to vote to seat three delegates in the Oregon delegation over the objection of the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the motion made did not challenge the report of the Credentials Committee as to who was the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the convention delegates subsequently voted to seat those delegates over the objection of the delegate chair,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee apologizes to the Libertarian Party of Oregon for the erroneous ruling of the National Convention Chair.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/9/14

Ended: 7/19/14

Voting "aye": Feldman, Katz, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Wiener

Express abstention: Redpath

The motion failed by a vote of 5-11.

Motion: to amend the Policy Manual by inserting a new sub-section 4 to Section 2.07 PARTY RECORDS:

4) EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST. Copies of LNC-Discuss emails from June 30, 2014 forward, shall be made publicly viewable with the following limitations: The Chair shall appoint, and may replace at any time, a moderator who will pre-screen and exclude any email with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line or which quotes or references or copies any other email with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line.

Furthermore, any such email shall not be transmitted to anyone who is not a member of the LNC-Discuss list without the explicit approval of that email's author.

[Proviso: This section replaces any previous motions on the subject of making public the LNC-Discuss emails.]

Co-Sponsors: Wiener, Goldstein, Kirkland, Redpath

Started: 7/11/14

Ended: 7/21/14

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Kirkland, Mattson, McLendon, Redpath, Wiener

Voting "nay": Estrada, Feldman, Johnson, Katz, Lark, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Express abstention: Hagan

The motion failed by a vote of 6-10.

Motion: Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party" (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.” (Article 6, 3), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party...” (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas, a dispute over the Oregon delegation was placed before the Credentials Committee, which subsequently presented a report to the Libertarian Party National Convention on June 27, 2014 which did not describe the details of that dispute, and

Whereas, a motion was made to amend the Credentials Committee report to include three individuals as delegates within the Oregon delegation, and

Whereas, in response to a Point of Order the Chair of the National Convention ruled that the proposed amendment was in order, the Chair's ruling was appealed, the Chair's ruling was sustained by a vote of the assembly, and the assembly subsequently approved the amendment, and

Whereas, the 11th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, which is the Parliamentary Authority for the Libertarian Party as stated in Article 16 of its Bylaws, states (p. 483) that “In any event, no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society, and any such action of the board is null and void (see p. 577, II. 23-33).”, and

Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee nevertheless regrets the situation wherein some delegates believe the above decision was incorrectly decided, therefore

Be it resolved that it is the sense of the Libertarian National Committee that it wishes to convey those regrets to the Libertarian Party of Oregon.

Co-Sponsors: Wiener, Kirkland, Hagan, McLendon

Started: 7/19/14

Ended: 7/29/14

Voting “aye”: Feldman, Hagan, Kirkland, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Estrada, Goldstein, Johnson, Katz, Mattson, McMahon, Oates

Express abstention: Lark

The motion passed by a vote of 9-7.

Motion: The Libertarian National Committee hereby appoints Dr. James Lark to serve as an International Representative per Section 2.09.3 of the Policy Manual.

Co-Sponsors: Olsen, Mattson, Wiener, Kirkland

Started: 7/30/14

Ended: 8/9/14

Voting “aye”: Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Redpath, Sarwark, Wiener, Windeler

Voting “nay”: (none)

The motion passed by a vote of 15-0.

Motion: Schedule an LNC session for the weekend of December 13-14, 2014 in the New Orleans, LA metropolitan area.

Co-Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 7/30/14

Ended: 8/9/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": Windeler

The motion passed by a vote of 15-1.

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

See the following 8 pages for the staff reports

Staff Operational Report

Prior to LNC meeting scheduled for September 20, 2014.

Submitted September 6, 2014, by Wes Benedict, Executive Director

Contributions from Carla Howell, Political Director; Robert Kraus, Operations Director

Section 4.01 of the Policy Manual includes:

- *Monthly, provide a Membership Report*
- *Monthly, a Financial Report to the LNC (upon approval by the Treasurer).*
- *Two weeks prior to a scheduled LNC meeting, provide an Operational Report to include input from key staff members and a summary of staff personnel changes.*
- *At the LNC meeting following a general election, make a best effort to provide a summary of all elected Party officeholders.*

Monthly membership reports and financial reports have been submitted to the LNC by Robert Kraus, separately from this report.

Staff Personnel Changes

Due to financial constraints, we eliminated the Member Services Specialist position held by Molly Schwoppe and assigned her responsibilities to other staff to cover as much as possible although we expect the phones won't be covered as well and some emails won't be responded to as well.

Other items

- Tasks associated with the move to the new office continue to take time, but overall the move has gone well and we're pleased with the office.
- We're almost through rolling out the new membership levels plan.

Budget Adjustment Request

- I'd like to increase the "Brand Dev/Promotional Materials" revenue and expense by \$5,000. The materials we sell at LPStore.org more than pay for themselves.

Goals

I'd like the LNC to consider the following measurable goals for the 2014-2016 term:

1. Increase revenue
2. Increase membership
3. Increase the number of candidates
4. Increase Libertarian vote percentages
5. Increase the number of elected Libertarians

The LNC and LPHQ in particular can have a major impact on the number of candidates and elected officials by promoting running for office, by assisting states that want help with candidate recruitment, and by helping with ballot access.

Political Director reports follow.

LNC Political Director Activities Feb 13 – June 12, 2014

Regular activities:

- Candidate support and recruitment
- Do TV, radio and print interviews
- Write blogs and news releases
- Track key candidate poll results and media coverage
- Research and develop talking points for candidates and media interviews
- Address miscellaneous state ballot access issues
- Oversee posting of Facebook memes to LP.org
- Help maintain candidate contacts list, list of candidates to post, and ballot status
- Take miscellaneous phone calls and occasionally meet with walk-in visitors at headquarters
- Attend DC-area events and keep in contact with key libertarian organizations
- Miscellaneous admin
- Media bookings and logging of media hits done by Molly Schwopp since she was laid off
- Occasional coaching and getting updates from elected Libertarians
- Wrote articles for August issues of *LP News*
- With Eric Dixon, picked articles for and reviewed June, July, August issues of *Liberty Pledge*

Projects and one-time activities:

- Writing manual for candidates *Game Changing Libertarian Communications*
- Negotiated continuation of radio show, *Libertarians Working for You* on VoiceAmerica.
- National convention activities: Managed press / VIP room, press interviews; helped with convention website; ran *Who's Driving* breakout session and LSLA training session; arranged for candidates to speak at meal sessions; helped arrange videos and still shots for LP News coverage; organized Elected Libertarians panel.
- LP.org updates with Eric Dixon: new links and layout on home page, candidate pledge pages
- Wrote chart comparing Libertarians-Democrats-Republicans
- Drafted statement opposing Measure 90 for Oregon voter pamphlet

- Wrote blast emails to federal Libertarian candidates to support campaigns
- With Eric Dixon, continued participation with Electronics Frontier Foundation and other DC-based groups pushing for restoration of the Fourth Amendment
- Led several online sessions of *Who's Driving* with candidates using Google Hangout Miscellaneous help with admin, wikis, affiliate support
- Helped finish moving into office in Alexandria
- Wrote speech for candidate press conference (John Buckley)

Made contact with the following Libertarian candidates and prospects this period in support of their campaigns. Included responding to inquiries and questions; giving campaigning, messaging, media relations and fundraising advice; helping to connect to volunteers or covering their campaigns in LP media:

Adrian Wyllie - FL, Bruce Majors - DC, Chad Monnin - OH, Danny Bedwell - MS, David Macko - OH, David Patterson - KY, Davy Jones - WV, Gigi Bowman - NY, James Carr - VA, Jeff Carson - VA, Jeremy Walters - SC, Jim McDermott - AK, John Buckley - WV, Keen Umbehre campaign - KS, Marc Harrold - VA, Michael McDermott - AK, Mike Fellows - MT, Pranav Badhwar - DC, Richard Prawdzienski - OK, Rob Lapham - TX, Rob Sarvis - VA, Roger Paxton campaign - AR, Roger Roots - MT, Sean Haugh - NC, Sharon Hansen - IL, Amanda Swafford - GA, Bo Brown - VA, Brannon McMorris - LA, Dan Feliciano - VT, David Sgambelone - MD, Donna Dunn - IN, Doug Butzier - IA, Ed Wright - IA, Erwin Haas - MI, Greg Tlapek - MO, Heather Johnson - MN, Jake Porter - IA, Jim Fulner - MI, Joel Gardner - TX, John Krom - IN, Joshua James - TN, Julie Fox - IL, Keegan Iversen - MN, Ken Moellman - KY, Ken Krawchuk - PA, Keith Laube - IA, Laura Pate - AL, Lee Hieb - IA, Mark Bennett - TX, Martin Mouton - DC, Mary Buzuma - MI, Michael Kokoski - HI, Randall Lord - LA, Roland Riemers - ND, Russ Monchil - MO, Scott Kohlhaas - AK, Steve French - SC

Attached: List of national LP mentions in major media

Media Coverage from **13-Jun-14** through **05-Sep-14**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Outlet</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Subject</i>
28-Aug-14	Press TV	US Senator Gillibrand	Guns
07-Aug-14	Press TV	Americans are tired of war	Military intervention
30-Jul-14	Time Magazine	Third-Party Candidates Could Disrupt 2014 Midterms	candidates/elections
17-Jul-14	PressTV	Dick Cheney should be treated as a war criminal	LP policy
16-Jul-14	Westmoreland Times	Libertarian Party joins coalition urging veto of cybersec	lp policy
15-Jul-14	RT TV	Rise of the 3rd party	LP Growth
13-Jul-14	Casper Star Tribune	Barron: The third-party struggle	LP Growth
12-Jul-14	the journal	Republicans who eat their own	lp growth
10-Jul-14	Examiner	New poll shows bad news for GOP in November electi	lp growth
08-Jul-14	PJ Media	LP: War on Drugs Causing Mass Illegal Immigration	drug policy
08-Jul-14	Bennington Banner	Letters: Bring back Hawks Woods	candidates
07-Jul-14	Germantown Now	You Don't Have To Settle	voter outreach
04-Jul-14	Washington Times	Libertarians to voters: Declare your independence fro	LP growth
03-Jul-14	Westmoreland Times	No employer should be forced to provide any health co	LP policy
03-Jul-14	Westmoreland Times	LP elects new leadership	convention/committee elec
01-Jul-14	August Free Press	LP Perspective on HL Ruling	LP policy
01-Jul-14	Media PJ	Libertarian Party: Hobby Lobby Not That Great a Victo	LP policy
01-Jul-14	The Citizen	LP responds to HL ruling	LP policy
30-Jun-14	Washington Times	Inside the Beltway: Libertarians shift into aggressive m	LP growth
28-Jun-14	Cherokee Tribune	British crown or American bureaucracy? What's the dif	big government
27-Jun-14	Idea Stream	Ohio Lands at Least One National Political Party Conv	convention
26-Jun-14	WKSU.com	National Libertarians gather in Columbus	convention
26-Jun-14	The Washington Times	Turf war brewing: Libertarian Party proclaims they're th	LP growing
25-Jun-14	Jacksonville.com	Lead Letter: LP is better alternative to GOP	LP comparison to GOP
23-Jun-14	the columbus dispatch	Libertarians Coming to Columbus	convention
22-Jun-14	The Durango Herald	Libertarian: Trim state to core functions	General LP policy
19-Jun-14	Augusta Free Press	Libertarian Party to build on record increases in suppor	convention
19-Jun-14	Voice of America		
18-Jun-14	Mangino Show Newsradio 1020	LP on Iraq	foreign policy

Director of Operation's Report

by Robert Kraus

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

We continue to do various on going clean ups of emails and other items in the dumps. The new membership levels have been reported to the state chair's list and will appear in the Sept Dump.

Building (Office Acquisition) Fund

As mentioned in the June meeting our move went very well with only the normally expected hiccups. We still need to do some minor work and improvements which we will accomplish over time as more funds become available. Thank you to Dr. Lark for a generous transfer of \$5000 to the building fund which has allowed us to mostly pay off our contractor for the renovations made prior to move-in.

FEC Filing

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

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

Help with LNC Committees

We provided requested information to the Convention Committee so they may make their final report for the 2014 convention. In addition staff participated on a conference call with the IT Committee and provided requested information such as inventory and expenses as well as assisted in putting together a survey of state chairs.

Financial

Finances remain very tight due to Ballot Access petitioning, costs associated with moving, and the convention expenses being over budget by \$10,936.

We still remain in a hole in terms of being under the reserve requirement (which is now \$56,499 per month down from \$59,488 due to the building purchase). We were -\$12,871 at the end of July and expect about the same or worse for Aug.

At the end of July our a/p was at \$45,376 (bulk of which was/is Hyatt plus our contractor HBW). Our current a/p is now at \$25,000 so we are making some progress with Hyatt being the biggest chunk still to pay off.

In terms of where we are today, we have about \$20,000 in unrestricted funds available as of 09/05/14.

We would have had a very serious issue paying our bills if it wasn't for a max donation solicited by Mark Hinkle. Staff wants to thank Mark again for all his efforts raising major funds over the last several years and encourages other board members to contact me about doing the same. As of end of July Board Solicitation / Major Gifts was running under budget by \$31,767 (the largest deficit of any income area).

Thank you!

Robert

Employee Tasks & Duties
Wes Benedict: Executive Director
Primary fundraiser
Writing and preparation of fundraising letters & emails
Staff hiring, evaluation, assignment of tasks, supervision
LNC/Chair interface
Brand development
Assist with LP News
Affiliate support
Membership support
Campaign and candidate support
Help setup new LPHQ office
Special projects oversight: wikis, promotional items, legal, membership plans
Carla Howell: Political Director
Writing/Editing - blog, press releases, videos, LP News, other web content
Media inquiry responses, interviews, travel to interview
Giving speeches, travel (State Events)
Candidate recruitment, coaching, support, support literature, LP solutions, talking points
Creation of LP literature (e.g. new tri-fold brochure)
General promotion of LP candidates (e.g., new radio show)
Track media hits and contacts
Miscellaneous meetings with, and inquires from, outside organizations
Miscellaneous issues concerning members, candidates, affiliates, donors
Robert Kraus: Operations Director
Help with overall maintenance of LP.org
Customer service - internal and external
Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)
Assist with mem database troubleshooting and cleanup
Supervision of Mem support Specialist
Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers
Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC
Managing lawsuits and other legal matters with the chair & treasurer
Managing our ballot access matters & petitioning w-treasurer
Affiliate support - working w-states on various things
Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ
Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee & other conv duties
Staff liaison to the Building Fund & Other Committees
Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)
Preparation of financial and membership reports
Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing
Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
General purchasing and procurement
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues & audit
Record & Attend LNC meetings (12 hrs every 4 months)
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff

Create and maintain Employee Manual
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)
Process & manage monthly gifts for direct account draft
Assist Casey with processing and entering contributions into RE
Assist in general office upkeep, organization, and ordering of supplies
Re-check of daily deposits and cash audits
Miscellaneous: Filing, research, member correspondence
Nick Dunbar: Membership and Pledge Programs. Special Projects
Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals (gets fundraise letters printed)
Work with vendors for LP News printing and mailing
Sends monthly renewal email blasts
Data pulls for donor acknowledgments (thank you notes)
Update Board Report (Standard report which shows appeal results)
In house IT support for servers, PC's & phones
Process monthly gifts for members & get updated info plus Pledge News
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments for lists
Orders LP stationery, letterhead, envelopes
Bob Johnston: Member, Candidate and Affiliate Support
Call Libertarian candidates to find out the information they need to run for office
Keep track of our current ballot access in each state
Compile LP candidate data and update LP.org web site
Monthly Donors: call and email those whose cards expire
Miscellaneous projects, e.g., compiling filing requirements for affiliates
Renewals: call, email and send letters to lapsed members to renew
Compile LP elected officials data and update LP.org web site
Compile election results for LP candidates
Address general questions and complaints from members
Provides customer service to state and local affiliates
Casey Hansen: Member Services & Affiliate Relations
Maintain Events Listing on LP.org
Create new records for people who ask for information packets
Prepare data for new memberships and print letters for membership cards
Prepare information packets for new inquires
Print and mail special mail projects (annual reports, Christmas cards, etc)
Print and send membership cards to monthly pledgers
Update and maintain records in RE
Design website for state affiliates
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists
Convention and LNC Meeting Prep
Photocopy checks before deposit
Prepare daily reports and do daily cash audits
Process and cage all checks, credit cards and cash received via mail into RE
Process and cage all web transactions into RE (varies greatly)
Process refunds and contribution returns
Print and send acknowledgements of donations
Prepares email updates lists

Each month, import website recurring gift transactions into Raiser's Edge
Import new inquiries and volunteers into RE
Greet visitors to the office
Produce and mail LP information packets
Generate weekly inquiries list
Put together and mail merchandise orders
Produce and mail LP membership card packets
Sort and tag physical monetary contributions (checks, cc, and cash)
Address general questions and complaints from members
Answer and direct incoming phone calls
Monitor and sort incoming email to LP email addresses
Maintain address and contact information for members
Accept, open, and deliver courier packages
Accept, open, and sort mail from USPS
Deposit checks at bank after they have been processed & verified
Eric Dixon: Editor & Technology Developer
LP News editor, designer, and contributing reporter
Primary contributor, maintainer and tech support for LP.org
Post blog entries, press releases, poll and other information on LP.org
Monitoring the LP.org Traffic and Analytics
Social Media Management: Facebook, twitter, etc.
Create and monitor Facebook Ads
Design and maintain convention website LPCon2014.org
Design and maintain LPStore.org
Help with outreach events
Manage email broadcast system
Prepare email blasts
Produce Video Content
Liberty Pledge newsletter
Genral graphic design
General tech support
Brochure design (The Libertarian Party)
Builds wiki websites like LP.org/support
Help I.T. committee & others with survey system

Libertarian National Committee

Region I Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen & Ron Windeler

September 18, 2014

Overview

- The nine affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- All of the nine states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2014.
- Consider the words of Gandhi: "First they ignore you, then they ridicule you, then they fight you, then you win." In several of the Region 1 states, we have advanced to the stage where the Republicans have given up ridiculing us and are now strenuously fighting us. We're making progress in Region I.
- There are two, maybe three, partisan races in Region I which would have been realistically winnable had sufficient financial resources been available to the candidates and their supporting affiliate.
- Keen Umbehr is polling at 9% (Rasmussen) in Kansas. A 5% result will gain the Kansas LP major party status in 2016.
- 2014 election results will determine 2016 ballot access in Alaska, Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming.
- While they have not survived challenges which kept them off the 2014 ballot; Top Two measures are alive and well in Arizona and Montana. It is quite likely that these measures will resurrect themselves in future legislative sessions in these states. Republicans will likely be proposing measures of this sort again. We need to be prepared.
- 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

Michael Chambers, State Chair
Brad Leavitt, Acting Chair
Alternate Ron Windeler Reporting

The Alaskan Libertarian Party has narrowed its focus to the November elections. Past Chairman Mark Fish, stepped down to run for US Senate. New Chairman, Michael Chambers, stepped down temporarily to manage the State House campaign of Cean Stevens. Vice Chairman Brad Leavitt is now our acting chairman. Meanwhile, our Secretary, Carolyn "Care" Clift, is running for Governor.

Most of our activists are working hard to support these candidates and our others: US House Jim McDermott, Lt. Governor Andrew Lee, Ketchikan City Council Amanda Mitchell, and Valdez Assembly David Lyle. Our candidates did quite well in Alaska's split Primary elections. (Closed Republican primary with everybody else on a separate ballot.) Several races had interesting twists develop.

Because the State, not the Party controls ballot access, we had three candidates running for US Senate as Libertarians. Former Chairman Mark Fish was the choice of most activists. Another former chairman, Scott Kolhass, was running independently (not a problem). The problem was an unknown character named Thom Walker, who showed up on the ballot out of nowhere.

Most unknown candidates would have been harmless, but this one had the same last name as Bill Walker, a well known politician running for Governor as an independent, who wasn't on either Primary ballot. His signs were up all over the state though, and he was actively campaigning for the General Election.

Thom, of course, won the Primary and was going to be the Libertarian standard bearer. He worked at a remote site and wasn't able to campaign at all. With nobody representing us in the debates or actively campaigning anywhere, and all the name recognition votes going to the real Walker, it is doubtful that he would have received many votes in the General election. The Republicans would have appreciated that very much because the race for US Senate is extremely tight and is attracting record amounts of outside money. It is one of the most expensive campaigns in the whole country.

It is, of course, only a coincidence that Thom changed his registration from R to L just before submitting his application. With great difficulty, we tracked him down at his out of town worksite and persuaded him to withdraw. At the last minute, we were able to substitute Mark Fish as the Libertarian candidate to be on the ballot.

For ballot access, we need to get three percent in the Governor's race, which got very interesting. Polls taken after the primary showed that, with the anti-incumbent vote split between the Democrat and the independent, RINO Sean Parnel would win handily. But in a one on one race, he could be defeated by Walker.

Chameleon Republican Bill changed his registration from R to N, the Democratic candidate resigned, the Democrat Central Committee held their nose and endorsed the independent ticket of Bill with their guy as Lt. Governor, both campaigns threw their Lt. Governor candidates under the bus, and the Unity Ticket was born! Few cheers and a lot of moans were heard.

Care received nearly seven percent of the total Primary votes, but we are hoping that she will do far better in the general election. Neither major party voters are very enthusiastic about their choices, but her supporters are.

Jim McDermott, who won us ballot access in 2012, received almost eight percent of the Primary totals in what will be a three way race in the General. Cean Stevens, a very effective campaigner, received 15% in a two way race against a Democrat. If she doesn't win this election, she will be in a strong position to win in 2016.

When the election is over, we will get back to developing our membership and fundraising. For years, we put most of our resources into playing the game the way the major parties wanted us to. 90% of our revenue went into buying registered Libertarians for the state. After housekeeping expenses, we had nothing left over to support candidate to make use of that ballot access.

Our candidates seldom got very many votes. We seldom had more than a hundred dues paying members, and only a dozen activists, but we had over 8,000 registered Libertarians. We never even welcomed them into the party. Few of them voted for our candidates. But we had ballot Access!!!!

At our last state convention, we changed the rules so that anyone can now join ALP by either registering with the state or sending a letter of application to the secretary of ALP. Our membership grew from less than 200 to over 8,000 with a single voice vote!

Now, if we reach out and convince even ten percent of them to become sustaining member, we will finally be able to change Alaska to create more liberty NOW!

Number of Libertarians	7,196
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	3% of register voters, highest statewide election (Governor in 2014)
Number of Candidates in 2014	5
Estimated Budget	\$3,600 / year
Web site current?	No

Arizona

Warren Severin, State Chair

We remain in a fight to the death with the Republican party, which sees us as a significant threat. We're 'stealing their votes'. Heck, they and the Democrats are stealing our votes, for that matter. This has been going on for several years now. This year they knocked three of our candidates of the ballot with signature challenges. We turned around and did it right back to 'em, knocking one of their congressional candidates off the ballot.

Partly due to that and partly due to significant losses of Libertarians to 'Tea Party' groups, we're fielding fewer candidates this year than I'd like, but nevertheless a respectable group of mostly solid Libertarians who can well represent the philosophy of the party.

We held our primary 'open' this year for the first time in the last three election cycles. Way back in about 2001 AZLP sued to be able to hold its primary elections 'closed' – that is we would have the option of excluding 'independent' voters from our primary. The suit was based on constitutional 'freedom of association' principles and after several levels of appeal we finally prevailed. We held our primaries in 2010 and 2012 'closed'. However, the Republicans seized on that to get a court decision to limit our nomination petition signatures to Libertarians-only as well. Given that, and the generally bad PR we were getting for holding our primary 'closed', we re-opened it this year. There do not seem to have been any adverse affects.

Interestingly, the old-school faction of the Republican party is now considering duplicating our action in closing their primary. They see it as a way of blocking the independents who vote in the Republican primary and tend to prefer 'Tea Party' candidates. A reporter for our state politics rag, *Capitol Times*, called me for an interview on the matter two days ago. Fascinating.

Since the general election in 2012 our registrations are up by 4829, or about 22%. In that same time period the Republicans gained only 1731 registrations or 0.2%. At this rate they can keep fighting us all they want. The harder they fight the more people register Libertarian!

As previously reported, in early 2014 the Republican controlled legislature repealed the midnight pseudo top two legislation (ballot access signature requirements which essentially excluded minor parties from the ballot). This was not a gesture of good will. Since the legislation was recalled by a signature drive, the measure was to appear on the 2014 ballot for ratification. If the voters failed to ratify the legislation in this election, the legislature would be statutorily prohibited from passing similar legislation at any time in the future. Thus, to keep their powder dry for another attempt, the Republicans repealed the legislation. The pseudo Top Two issue is still alive and well in Arizona. We should take note and be thankful that we have some time to plan to properly battle the next attempt.

Just in from Chair Severin: Our inside sources tell us that the Republicans are planning another top-two ballot referendum for a state constitution change for the 2016 elections. Have not yet seen any wording or more specifics.

Number of Libertarians	26,915
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 2014	14
Estimated Budget	\$12,000 / year
Web site current	Yes

Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

For Jeffery Orrok, Norm Olsen reports:

LPCO is running 44 candidates in this election cycle. Colorado is host to what many pundits consider the two hottest races in the country: US Senate race and Congressional District 6. LPCO has candidates in both races, but these candidates (one being yours truly) are not active campaigns.

Number of Libertarians	29,602
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1,000 Registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2014	44
Estimated Budget	\$475 / month
Web Site current?	Yes

Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Governor/LG: Davis/Marlin. Davis is included in several debates. Appeals to voters, but not pure LP message. Marlin running a token campaign just to ensure legal requirement for an LG is met.

US Senate: Kokoski. Few resources or attention. Senate race will be a runaway for the Democrat so media attention is low anyway.

US House: Kent. A great candidate without money in another Democratic landslide.

Of these larger races on Davis is making an impact due to his daily radio show.

State Senate: We have five candidates whose principal aim is ballot access and carrying the LPH flag. In Hawaii County Alain Schiller, Michal Last, and Greg Arianoff-Kobata, are all doing some campaigning, but have few resources to work with. Greg has a bunch of volunteers. Alain is going door to door. On Oahu Raymond Banda is going door to door. On Maui Bronson Kaahui is in a four way race.

State House: We have eight candidates who have various reasons for running. Kai Takayama and Fred Fogel are running minimal campaigns. Kai appeared on a public TV debate that aired statewide and did pretty well. Fred's vote total will rest on the libertarian leanings of his district and the money we are spending on generic vote LP ads in Hawaii County. Eric Weinert is doing some campaigning, but his efforts have been disrupted by the recent hurricane. Jon Lalanne is in a three way race and hasn't reported in on any campaign activities. He has been going back and forth to the mainland for family business. Al Frenzel is active online and has some signs up. He may be doing some active door to door soon. Tom Berg is also active on line. Pat Brock is running on Maui and has recently asked for some door hangers. Anthony Higa remains our most active candidate. He has walked his whole district, set up a phone bank to dial over 5000 voters, and spent most of the 10K raised. Two mailers have gone out and a third is planned.

Bottomline: LPH can elect people to the State Legislature here if we don't have the problem of a GOP in the race with us, we have a good hard working candidate, and adequate funding. An effective House campaign costs in the 20K range and up, but we could win for a little less. State Senate is double. Our priorities are to run competitive campaigns that can win elections and second to maintain ballot access. The Hawaii Republican Party is very weak. I'd like to see us replace them as the second party in Hawaii County within two elections .

Number of Libertarians	64
Method of Membership Determination	National membership BSM
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 2014	16
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	Yes

Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

Keen Umbehr is polling (Rasmussen) at 9% of the vote in the governor's race. In a traditionally hard core red state, the republican incumbent is trailing (slightly) the relatively unknown Democratic candidate. Should Keen garner just 5% of the vote, the LPKS will attain major party status in Kansas. Keen has been excluded from the county fair debates, and has generated much publicity from this action.

Keen, a lawyer, has not been accepting new cases since his nomination in April in order to work full time on the campaign. He has personally funded his campaign with \$50,000 of seed money. Despite concerted fund raising efforts, he has only been able to raise an additional \$16,000 (to date).

In the absence of sufficient funding, Keen is unlikely to prevail in this otherwise winnable race.

"Big Al" Terwelp stepped down from the chair position after four years of excellent leadership. Affiliate growth has been at 10% for three years now, and his three year plan to achieve major party status was implemented and will likely succeed exactly as planned. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Al for great leadership in making Kansas one of the premier affiliates in of the Libertarian Party. (It's easy to identify Big Al, he's 6' 5" tall.)

Number of Libertarians	12,656
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2014	8
Estimated Budget	\$5,000 annually
Web site current?	Yes

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

The fall elections bring debates and endorsements. In the Senate District 33 race, the Montana Shooting Sports Association endorsed Libertarian candidate, Joan Stanley.

Our statewide candidates for the U.S. House and Senate haven't had many debates since the first debate to open the general election. U.S. House candidate Mike Fellows reports there should be 2 debates in October. One in Missoula, the other in Great Falls. The one scheduled for Billings on September 29th was cancelled after the Republican candidate refused to debate all candidates. The Republican called the Fellows campaign of More Liberty and Less Government a distraction. In reality, The Republican looks more like a liberal when debating Libertarians on the issues.

During the summer we had booths at the Gallatin, Ravalli and Missoula County fairs. The Mike Fellows for Montana campaign had entries in several parades including the Ravalli Fair parade, Sanders County Fair Parade, Manhattan Potato Festival Parade, Dillon Labor Day Parade, The Northwest Fair Parade and the Kalipell 4th parade among others. The Missoula County Libertarian Party also had a table at the Missoula Gun Show and the Missoula Hemp Fest. Our next stop is the Belgrade Fall Festival parade, September 20th.

The MTLP also did some outreach on Montana’s two main campuses, collecting names for the UM and MSU College Libertarians. Those schools also have homecoming parades (September 27th) and we will have entries as well.

The MCLP has come out against a 42-million dollar bond issue in Missoula County. The Missoula County Commissioners had placed the bond issue on the November ballot for parks and whatever. The group is in the process of getting yard signs. Property Tax Payers get hit for a lot of things these days and it never ends. That’s why we say stop taxing our property.

If you have any questions just give Mike Fellows a call. He can be reached at 406-721-9020.

The Republican initiated Top Two ballot initiative was removed from the 2014 ballot for technical reasons: the initiative title exceeded the 100 word statutory limit. It would be very naïve to think that the Republicans will not try again in 2016. The Top Two issue is on hold in Montana, but it must not be considered dead.

Number of Libertarians	61
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM
Voters can register as Libertarian	No
Ballot Access Status	Qualified for 2014
Number of Candidates in 2014	9
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	No

Utah

Mark Hilgenberg, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	8,371
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide congressional vote
Number of Candidates in 2014	11
Estimated Budget	
Web site current?	No

Washington

C. Michael Pickens, State Chair

This election season has seen a resurgence in the Libertarian Party of Washington. In 2012 there were no Libertarian state representative candidates, this year we had 12. Of those 12 candidates, only 8 of them made it through the top-two primary to move on to the general election. Here are the official results of our primary election that happened on August 5th:

District 2b

August 5 primary candidates:

R- [J.T. Wilcox](#): 71%

L- [Steven Nielson](#): 19.6%

I- [Rick Payne](#) (Marijuana Party): 9.3%

District 3a

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Marcus Riccelli](#): 57.71%

R- [Tim Benn](#): 34.32%

L- [Randy McGlenn, II](#): 7.97%

District 3b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Timm Ormsby](#) 69.80% - Incumbent Ormsby was first appointed to the chamber in 2003.

L- [Paul Delaney](#) 30.20%

District 7a

August 5 primary candidates:

R- [Shelly Short](#) 80.18% - Incumbent Short was first elected to the chamber in 2008.

L- [James R. Apker](#) 19.82%

District 10a

August 5 primary candidates:

R- [Norma Smith](#) 79.56%

L- [Michael Scott](#) 20.44%

District 17b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Richard McCluskey](#): 39.1%

R- [Paul Harris](#): 50.8%

L- [Chris Rockhold](#): 10.1%

District 19a

August 5 primary candidates:

R- [Dean Takko](#) 71.45%

L- [David A. Steenson](#) 28.55%

District 24b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Steve Tharinger](#): 57.1%

R- [Thomas W. Greisamer](#): 35.3%

L- [Stafford A. Conway](#): 7.6%

District 36b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Gael Tarleton](#) 86.35%

L- [Paul Addis](#) 13.65%

District 38b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Mike Sells](#) 69.08%

L- [Elijah Olson](#) 30.92%

District 42a

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Satpal Sidhu](#): 38.8%

R- [Bill Knutzen](#): 23%

R- [Luanne Van Werven](#): 34.3%

L- [Nicholas Kunkel](#): 4%

District 48b

August 5 primary candidates:

D- [Joan McBride](#) 69.14%

L- [Tim Turner](#) 30.36%

Number of Libertarians	368
Method of Membership Determination	National membership BSM
Voters can register as Libertarian	No
Ballot Access Status	1,000 signatures
Number of Candidates in 2014	12 Primary 8 General Election
Estimated Budget	24 monthly pledges
Web site current?	Yes

[Ed Note] Washington is a Top Two primary state. Having 8 candidates on the general election ballot is a major achievement. Also note: Libertarian candidates are getting up 30% of the vote in the primaries. WOW!!!

Wyoming

Richard Brubaker, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	1,870
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2014	4
Estimated Budget	\$100 / month
Web site current?	No

LNC Region 2 Report State Activity September 2014

TENNESSEE

Below is a list of Independent Candidates endorsed at our Tennessee Convention.

As you know Libertarians must run as Independents in our State.

U.S. Senate--Joshua James

Governor--Daniel Lewis

U.S. House 7--Leonard Ladner

U.S. House 1--Michael Salyer

Tennessee House of Representatives 13--Vinnie Vineyard

Tennessee House of Representatives 2--J.R. Enfield

Joshua James, as part of his campaign, walked across the State in August {with some gaps}

Daniel Lewis filed suit to get all our above listed candidates placed on the ballot as Libertarians.

We are waiting to have an Injunction hearing which should be any day now.

GEORGIA

Georgia is running five statewide candidates...Andrew Hunt for Gov. Amanda Swafford for US senate..Ted Metz for ins. Commissioner. .Aaron Gilmer for PSC...and John Monds for PSC also...the John Monds race is a two way state wide race.. should get close to a million votes on that one....we have produced a TV ad for our governor's race...we will be running it across the state including CNN in downtown Atlanta...we are earning a ton of press including the front page of Georgia's biggest newspaper...We are doing on average three interviews a week with major media...Our governor race is polling 6.2 %and the senate race is also polling near 7 %....Ted Metz Seeking Office Of: Insurance Commissioner Election Date: November 4, 2014 Term Expires: 2020

FLORIDA

We have exciting news. In an election for Hampton City Council in Bradford County, Crystal S. Turner, a registered Libertarian was elected. This was the first election they

have had in Hampton in years, as the corrupt City Council members wanted lifetime positions, but they were removed from office, and a brand new group was elected. Our two statewide candidates continue to run very active campaigns. Gubernatorial candidate, Adrian Wyllie has just completed a month long tour of breweries in the state. He has chosen his running mate, Greg Roe, a small business owner.

Bill Wohlsifer, our candidate for Attorney General, is pushing the issue of medical marijuana. This will be on the ballot in November as Amendment 2 to the Florida Constitution.

Florida also has a wide number of downline candidates.

See the following 6 pages for the Region 3 report



Region 3 Report

(Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

Indiana

I (Dan Drexler) personally remain committed to the BEST proposal items (<http://bestlp.org>) that were floated prior to the convention. I want our region to stay out of the Oregon mess. I want the IT committee fast-tracked so states making decisions on technology will have some direction. I would still like to see more in terms of national political positions more than national attempting to help individual candidates. Leave the bulk of the candidate support to the states and LNCC, instruct the national party to provide us the position tools, news releases and policy narratives to better equip our candidates in our races. We're in this to win elections, not serve as a political think tank.

Karl Tatgenhorst, candidate for Indiana Secretary of State has been traveling the state every moment he can, all corners. His campaign is focusing now on fundraising phone calls and candidate forum/media follow up. Mike Jasper, candidate for Indiana Treasurer is also on the road -- last week in Fort Wayne and scheduled stops in Indianapolis and Lake County coming soon.

Our federal lawsuit moves forward. The D.C. District Court rejected our request for a three judge panel and sent the case en banc to all circuit judges for consideration. We are appealing that decision, but are comfortable with the merits of the lawsuit whichever way it is heard. **The first victory was the judge determined there was merit in the case to be heard and did not dismiss it.** Bypassing the three judge panel means we do not have an immediate appeal trek to the US Supreme Court. The FEC or we would need to petition the high court depending upon how the district court rules.

We are preparing for a late September/early October newspaper mailer to go out to members and lapsed members, complete with candidate, party and membership information. We would like to see Indiana climb into the top seven membership states by spring 2015.

I have announced to our SCC that I will not be seeking another term as state chairman. While it has not been publicized much, we will begin work on possible transition leadership after the November election.

Kentucky

Republicans are trying to sue away our candidates. One successful so far, another went to hearing on 8/29 (no report of outcome) and they're trying to get county clerks to search through voter registration files even though that onus is on THEM not the clerks. I hope the clerks say no. First case lost pro se, second case using lawyer and quasi-optimistic.

Public TV created new (and shifting, and "secret") criteria for inclusion in their debate. Intention to keep to D and R only seems clear. New threshold would have eliminated every non-D/R candidate for at least the past decade. They tried to create a hurdle that would have been surmounted once, in theory, for PR purposes, but failed at that too. Oops. Lawyers involved. Not sure where this is going (campaign decision not party decision).

Ken Moellman requested assistance on a matter that will be covered during executive session on Sunday, per the Chair's draft agenda.

Michigan

I (Mary Buzuma) would like to see the IT committee fast tracked. The LPM will be changing our webmaster team in a few months and I would like to be able to give them some direction.

Michigan currently has 34 candidates on the ballot in the Nov 4 General Election. Two races mine (governor) and Jim Fulner's (US Senate) are getting some attention. A Public Policy Poll had me at 3% and with only a 1% difference between the Republican (Snyder) and the Democrat (Schauer) I maybe cast as the "spoiler." Tea Party groups are very interested in me and I have been making a lot of personal appearances at meetings over the past 2 weeks.

On October 4th the Kalamazoo affiliate of the LPM will be hosting a candidate event with former Governor Gary Johnson at the Fetzer Center. This promises to be a big media event and hopefully will add to our membership numbers.

Ohio

The Libertarian Party of Ohio drafted and adopted a resolution to define their position on the selection of Regional Representation on the Libertarian National Committee for Region 3. See image below:



July 15 2014

DIRECTIVE from Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio Kevin Knedler, Chair

The Libertarian Party National bylaw Rule 8, Section 4 addresses the election of Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, but is still open for interpretation. Therefore, the Ohio affiliate of the Libertarian Party confirms this Directive to clarify the election of the Regional Representative and Alternate.

To clarify, the Ohio LP requests a Region meeting during the LP National Convention where credentialed delegates of the Region will discuss, nominate, and vote for a Region Representative and up to two Alternates. It would be the responsibility of the Delegation leadership to advise the time and place of the meeting to all credentialed delegates of the Region.

Credentialed Ohio delegates would require a basic membership in the National Libertarian Party (LP Pledge) and the Ohio LP (per Ohio Revised Code, when party is ballot qualified).

We request that the nominated Regional Reps and Alternates also be a member of the National Libertarian Party and their home state in the Region.

This Directive will be initiated at the 2016 National LP Convention.

Chairman Kevin Knedler echoed the comments in the first paragraph of the report from the LPIN Chairman Dan Drexler.

A discussion during Saturday's Executive Session regarding ballot access issues may include experiences and actions from Ohio.

The Libertarian Party of Ohio is proud to announce its endorsement of Chad Monnin, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives, District 19.

Monnin has been a life member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio since 2010, and his campaign represents the best chance that a Libertarian will be elected to a state office this year.

A 12-year Army Veteran and business owner, Monnin has committed at least \$250,000 to his own campaign to represent the cities of Gahanna, Westerville, and New Albany (and surrounding areas).

The Monnin campaign has become aware of a recent poll that showed him a closely contested race against a Democrat and an incumbent Republican—so this is definitely a winnable race.

Monnin's race has already garnered attention from the Columbus Dispatch, which has printed articles about the unsuccessful attempt by the Republican Party to remove him from the ballot (similar to the Charlie Earl case, which is still pending in federal court) and to convince him to withdraw from the race.

Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (9/6/2014)

The Libertarian Party of California' registration total continues to grow, with the most recent count at 116,733. This was already enough to maintain the LPC's ballot status under the existing requirement that the number of registrants equal at least 1% of the votes cast for governor in the most recent election. The other procedure by which we had traditionally maintained our ballot status – receiving at least 2% of the vote for any statewide constitutional office – was effectively eliminated by the Top-Two system, since none of our statewide candidates can get into the November general election. However, AB2351, which has passed the legislature and is on the Governor's desk waiting for his likely signature, would greatly ease both requirements. AB2351 would cut the first requirement from 1% to 0.33%. It would also change the second requirement such that the 2% will apply to the June primary election (where we can have statewide candidates on the ballot) rather than the November general election. Consequently, if AB2351 is signed into law, the LPC's status as a qualified minor party will be permanently locked in, since we can easily remain qualified under either option. We're still screwed out of having more than a handful of candidates on the November ballot, but at least our Presidential candidate will be guaranteed a spot every four years.

The list of LPC-endorsed candidates for various local offices in California is still being assembled, and will soon be sent to the national office for listing on the LP.ORG web site. The LPC will also be announcing its support/opposition for state-wide ballot measures. The San Diego Libertarian Party has endorsed Prop F in Encinitas and Prop J in La Mesa which would authorize medical marijuana dispensaries in those cities. The Libertarian Party of San Francisco endorsed local measures F, H, and L while opposing A thru E, G, and I thru K.

There will be a Bay Area Liberty Summit on Saturday, September 27th in San Leandro from 11 am to 6 pm. Admission is \$20 (see <http://tinyurl.com/oxjehck>) which includes lunch, and confirmed speakers include Brian Holtz, Mark De Paula, Doug Radke, Joe Salama, and Brian Thiemer. Topics will include voter registration, candidate recruitment, coalitions, shared campaign volunteers, coordinated fundraising activities, regional strategy, and campaigns on regional issues such as water, infrastructure, and Plan Bay Area. There will be a High Sierra / Jefferson Liberty Summit on October 10th (see <http://tinyurl.com/lqy7q7z>). The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (<http://lplac.org>) has a number of meetings scheduled in September and October. The Libertarian Party of Ventura County is hosting an evening with Gary Johnson on September 25th at 7pm in Thousand Oaks (see <http://tinyurl.com/pry8r5d>) with tickets at \$35 or a special \$150 VIP package, at which Gary will talk about his efforts to open up the Presidential debates.

Region 4 Report -- Nevada and New Mexico

For the Sept 20-21, 2014 LNC Session

by Scott Lieberman Region 4 Alternate

Nevada:

From: <http://lpnevada.org/back2basics>

“Legislation:

LPNevada is currently drafting legislation to introduce to the State Assembly and State Senate. For more information, please visit www.LPNevada.org/legislation. LPNevada is drafting the following three legislation(s) and identifying sponsors:

- **[Legalization of Recreational Use of Marijuana](#)**. LPNevada is drafting legislation similar to Colorado, and trying to push it through the State Legislature and get it signed into law.
- **[Nevada Jobs and Entrepreneur Diversity Act](#)**. Nevada should set a precedent to the rest of the country on by allowing easy access to capital for businesses which require investments to launch or further develop their business model. Strict laws make it very challenging for companies to successfully raise capital. This act will enable Nevada companies to easily raise money from Nevada residents via intrastate offerings. This will also encourage new job growth by incentivizing companies to relocate to Nevada. Additionally, one of the goals will be to create a niche banking industry in Nevada with an influx of venture capital firms, venture capital funds, hedge funds, investment banks and traditional banks who wish to participate in these offerings
- **[Nevada Alternative Currency Act](#)**. LPNevada will be working closely with members of the digital currency community to provide leadership on legislation which will recognize alternative currencies such as digital currencies, gold and silver as legal tender in Nevada. Currently there are not any laws in the Nevada Revised Statutes which prohibit the use of alternative currencies, however, we would like to be proactive in lieu of reactive to legislation. Additionally, we would like to include the ability for Nevada to pay bills to the state (taxes, licenses or other expenses) in alternative currencies to include silver. After all, we are the silver state!”

Their Back to Basics page also lists several other projects and goals.

The events page on their web site lists 5 social and political events for October – and that is just in the Las Vegas area. LP Nevada Chair Brett Pojunis is quite proud of their Candidate endorsement event: “Speed Dating”.

“The Libertarian Party of Nevada is hosting "Speed Dating" for endorsements over 3 days at different venues in Las Vegas. The goal is to get to meet as many candidates as possible in a format similar to speed dating. The Libertarian Party of Nevada will endorse Candidates in non-partisan races and

grade Candidates in partisan races for the 2014 General Elections. Our Candidate endorsements and grades will be published in our 2014 Libertarian Voters Guide. The 2014 Libertarian Voter Guide will be distributed far and wide to Libertarians and Nevada voters.”

<http://lpnevada.org/about/endorsements/candidates>

New Mexico

Their events calendar lists 2 events for September in the Albuquerque area.

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Sept. 13, 2014

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 since the LNC meeting on June 29, 2014. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Alexandria 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).

Delaware

Scott Gesty (gesty4congress@aol.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware, reports that the list of LPD candidates for the 2014 cycle is available at <http://www.lpdconvention.com/home/2014-minutes/candidate-nominations>.

He indicated that a couple of races of note are the campaigns for State Representative by Steve Newton and Bob Wilson. He noted that Mr. Newton has raised “quite a bit of money” and will be very competitive in his race. Mr. Newton participated in a debate on Sept. 2; Mr. Gesty said he had received reports that Mr. Newton performed did very well. He noted that Mr. Wilson’s campaign is a two-way race against the incumbent Democrat.

District of Columbia

Ryan Sabot (ryan.sabot@dclibertarians.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. I did not receive a report from him.

Maryland

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

The voter registration for the MDLP as of August, 2014 is 14,373. The MDLP is the only political party in the state that has increased voter registrations in the last year.

Gubernatorial candidate Shawn Quinn was shown polling 4% in a recent poll conducted by the Maryland Republican Party. As the race between the Democrat and Republican candidates has tightened to within four points, Mr. Quinn should generate more attention than usual.

The Baltimore *Sun* published a nice article on Mr. Quinn several weeks ago:

http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-08-09/news/bs-md-libertarian-governor-20140808_1_libertarian-party-maryland-association-libertarian-candidate

The *Sun* generally has been hostile to the LP and Libertarianism in general.

The MDLP held their annual summer picnic in North East, MD at the home of former chair Dave Sten and his wife Renee on July 26. LNC regional representative Dr. Jim Lark and alternate rep Scott Spencer were in attendance.

Bob Johnston
Chairman, MDLP

North Carolina

J.J. Summerell (jjsummerell@worksitesight.net) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. He did not receive a report from him.

Pennsylvania

Steve Scheetz (cz85b@cz85b.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, indicated that he has called a board meeting to plan for the next four years. He noted that he is planning to run for state representative in 2016. He mentioned that the LPPA will have a new Media Relations committee chair who is interested in working on press releases, MEMEs and other press relation material.

Virginia

Bill Redpath (wredpath2@yahoo.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, provided the following report:

The LPVA is running Robert Sarvis for US Senate (<http://www.robertsarvis.com>) and seven candidates for US House this year. This is the highest number of candidates the LPVA has ever had in any given year, as far as I recall, and certainly is the highest number of US House candidates in any given year in its history. Robert Sarvis worked hard to recruit US House candidates and help in the effort to get them on the ballot. We attempted to get candidates on the ballot in all 11 US House districts. But, 1,000 valid signatures were needed in each district, and four of our eleven candidates fell short. The seven US House candidates are:

District 4: Bo Brown (<http://www.bobrownforcongress.com>)
District 5: Paul Jones (<http://www.pauljonesforcongress.com>)
District 6: Will Hammer (<http://www.wmhammer.com>)

District 7: James Carr (<http://www.jamescarrforcongress.org>)
District 8: Jeffrey Carson (<http://www.jeffreycarson.com>)
District 10: Bill Redpath (<http://www.billredpath.com>)
District 11: Marc Harrold (<http://www.marcharrold4congress.com>)

The LPVA will have a State Fair booth from Sept 26 through Oct 5. It is being organized by Donna Grebas (Thank You, Donna!), as it was last year.

The LPVA does not have a State Issues Platform. Although not everyone agrees with me, I would like to see the LPVA adopt a State Platform. Subsequent to Election Day 2014, I intend to work with others on the LPVA Platform Committee to propose a draft platform, then have the platform amended and adopted at a Special Convention (if called by the LPVA State Central Committee) sometime before March 1, 2015. It is also my intent to use the Special Convention as a candidate recruiting tool and the possible future platform as something that future state legislature candidates can easily use in their campaigns.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

The Libertarian Party of West Virginia is pleased to announce four aggressive campaigns for office:

John Buckley: U.S. Senate

Davy Jones: U.S. House, 2nd District

Michael Ray: WV House of Delegates 50th district

Ed Olesh: WV House of Delegates 51st district

The campaign of John Buckley is proving to be a huge gain for the LPWV. Our collaborative efforts between the LPWV and Buckley for Senate are proving to pull “I” and “L” libertarian minded individuals out of the woodwork from all across the state! Through these efforts, and a modification to our membership requirements, the LPWV projects growth in membership by over 400% in 2014.

In addition to John’s continuous travel across the state on a daily basis, he is also receiving a tremendous amount of media coverage for a third party candidate in WV – more than any LP candidate in our state to date. Some of the notable appearances have been on Fox Business Channel’s “The Independents” and on WV’s largest talk radio program "TalkLine" with Hoppy Kercheval.

Today, we met in Weston, WV to distribute Buckley for Senate promotional materials. To date, there are over 3,500 Buckley for Senate Yard Signs; 1,500 Buckley for Senate Bumper Stickers; 200 Buckley for Senate T-Shirts; and, 15,000 Buckley for Senate Rack Cards in circulation throughout the Mountain

State. We have just ordered another round of T-Shirts and Bumper Stickers to carry us through September.

As of today, the other campaigns all report great reception from their activities and we are pleased to report that West Virginia is becoming much more aware of the Libertarian Party and the libertarian movement. We are making progress! And we are creating awareness.

On another note, the LPWV is finally developing enough interest to begin creating regional affiliates of the LPWV. We have recently established the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter of the LPWV. Within our first month we have grown from the two establishing members (Michael Wilson and Brent West) to over twenty active and participating members (our initial focus is sharing Buckley for Senate information and distribution of campaign materials).

It is an exciting time in West Virginia for liberty! We hope to present even greater progress in the next report.

Region 6 Report

Compiled by Rob Oates

9/15/2014

Idaho

We have four candidates running for legislative seats and one running for governor. Our “Philosophical Libertarian Brunch” continues going strong into its seventh or eighth year – memories are foggy on just how long we’ve been at it. One to two dozen ‘seekers of liberty’ have gathered to break bread and discuss the philosophical roots of libertarianism with prepared presentations on the second Saturday of every month. It’s been one of the most successful activities we’ve ever attempted.

Iowa

I'm guessing our State Chair, Keith Laube, will be Iowa's primary respondent to this.. I'm scrambling to Campaign for US House, Iowa #3.. just got excluded from IPTV debate as my qualifying Poll was insufficiently "independent" (I paid for it).. definition /usage of terms were not provided.. a battle to be engaged for debate inclusion. I'll have a Debate Watch Party, hopefully get a little attention. www.wright2014.org After 6 years as Chair, this is my first Candidacy. Our candidate for Iowa Governor, Dr. Lee Hieb, is actively campaigning..I think she'll get well over the 2% required for recognition as a "Party" in Iowa. We have 10 very active campaigns, the most active campaigns I've seen here in Iowa. About 4,000 Iowans are now registered to vote as Libertarian, up more than 35% over last year.

Yours in liberty,
Ed Wright Vice Chair, LPIA

We have 12 candidates this year in Iowa, which is the most in more than a decade. Candidates have been busy with parades, radio shows, campaign events, and distributing signs. Many candidates are working together to use available resources to coordinate events. Iowa has lots of towns and lots of parades. It is great to be in parades where there are parade entries by 2 Libertarian candidates. We are getting respect from voters and voters are responding to something besides D or R. Lee Hieb is our governor candidate and

she is getting good name recognition statewide. She has been a guest on radio shows that air statewide. I am very confident that she will easily get 2% of the vote so the Libertarian Party of Iowa could become a major political party.

Our only setback has been that we have not been invited to debates. I am not sure what percentage of the voting population views these TV debates or read the newspaper articles afterwards.

The number of registered Libertarians in Iowa keep increasing, as noted by Ed. We now have over 4,000 registered "L" which has steadily increased from the 1,600 we had two years ago. It would be wonderful to keep doubling the number of registered L's every 2 years. I think the candidates in 2014 will help a lot.

Keith Laube
State Chair, LPIA

North Dakota

As for North Dakota, we have been busy work on this Fall's election. We expect to receive a record number of Libertarian votes and to easily get more than the 5% minimum we need to keep ballot status. I have also noticed a very large increase in the number of invites our candidates are getting from candidate forums. In the past they were fairly minimal and we were often resented for showing up and taking away talk time from the "real candidates."

Roland Riemers
ND Chm

Region 7 Report – 20th of September 2014

Region 7 is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Reports are as follows:

Alabama: (As reported by Mr. LaChine)

Current number of statewide LP candidates. Zero, 14 local candidates

<http://www.ballot-access.org/2014/08/eleventh-circuit-will-hear-oral-arguments-in-alabama-ballot-access-case-in-mid-november/>

Arkansas:

(No data submitted)

Mississippi: (As reported by Mr. Barnes)

Hey folks,

I know we all have issues with funding and support. I wouldn't normally chime in here but I feel like I owe it to our candidates. There is a major schism in Mississippi's Republican party. It is so bad, we believe that if Thad Cochran does not pull out of the race (after his questionable defeat of Chris McDaniel), the Republicans are going to lose that senate seat. The TEA Party is publicly 'supporting' both of our congressional candidates. The Secretary of State has created a group of 51 to discuss changing primary procedures in the state, which to me also means ballot access restrictions for us. They are already using the term 'fringe candidates'. We don't have to spend money and time collecting signatures like many of you do. I feel if I don't reach out now, I may be wasting a golden opportunity. Below is a link for Joey Robinson speaking to a TEA Party group. They are his largest donors as well-which still isn't enough. My point is, Joey is a golden ticket for our Party. He is a phenomenal candidate. I could be wrong, that's why I attached the video. It's very short, but you can see him interacting with the crowd. People love him. If we can't find a way to support candidates like him, and I mean substantially, we are only making it harder on ourselves to field this caliber of candidate in the future. I know we have members in our state that donate to out of state candidates. I'm asking you to share Joey with your donors. I've been having high quality potential LP candidates asking for meetings trying to feel us out and see what type of support we can offer. This country is ready for us, I know many of you feel it. The opportunity in MS is a fleeting one given the new panel of 51. This state is at a tipping point. The party lines have been blurred and the voters are lost. We have raised a few thousand dollars for commercials-not much at all. I feel that we are letting Joey down with our young and inexperienced executive committee and our lack of funds. Sorry for the long email, frustration has gotten the better of me.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9ybdWtYNrQ&feature=youtu.be>

Louisiana:

(No data submitted)

Oklahoma: (as reported by Mr. Long)

In Oklahoma, as you probably already know, the ballot access laws do not allow candidates to run as Libertarians.

There are, however, a couple of libertarians running for offices here in Oklahoma as Independents.

Richard Prawdzienski is running for Governor. Here is his website where you can find out more about him:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Richard-Prawdzienski-for-Governor-of-Oklahoma/721657864519266>

Also, Robert T. Murphy is running for U.S. House of Representatives, District 5. Here is his website:

<https://www.facebook.com/roberttmurphyOklahomaUSRepDistrict5>

Texas: (Reported by Mr. Hildebrand)

Current number of Texas LP candidates: **135**

(Three net new candidates added since the national convention as we took advantage of redistricting in two counties to actually *add* candidates to the ballot. We have also lost a couple of candidates from the ballot that have withdrawn or been found ineligible)

[Any news worth sharing with the LNC](#)

Candidates that are excelling:

Texas has several extremely exciting candidates and races in play for 2014. These include:

- Kevin Ludlow for Texas House District 46

Kevin is in a one-on-one race with Democrat Dawnna Dukes and we believe the race may be competitive, although there are no reliable poll numbers at this time. Kevin has a campaign team of over 20 staff, has raised over \$40,000 in mostly small donations, has engaged in an extremely creative and successful social media campaign, has placed full-size billboards on several major freeways in Austin, and has been gathering an impressive amount of local support – especially on his focus issues of LGBT rights, ending the drug war, and civil liberties.

- Rocky Palmquist for Texas Agriculture Commissioner polling at **46%**

Rocky has thrown himself into the campaign and took a creative but extremely savvy approach of funding an independent poll for his race after being excluded from early polls. When the privately funded independent results showed him polling at 30+% his campaign began to accelerate.

- Jamie Balagia for Texas Attorney General polling at **41%**

Jamie has been running an active campaign including creative print advertisements where he has cast himself as a cartoon superhero. Jamie is focusing on core issues of civil liberties, police militarization and ending the drug war which are resonating strongly in the state.

- Ben Sanders for Texas Comptroller polling at **35%**

Ben has been running a strong traditional campaign and leveraging media attention and standard campaigning techniques. Additionally he has been a leader in terms of coordination of efforts among candidates to accelerate all their efforts through mutual support.

- Mark Miller for Texas Railroad Commissioner polling at **35%**

Mark Miller has been running a very positive and active campaign and has been granted an unusual amount of credibility by the media, probably due to his extremely impressive resume in oil, gas, and science.

- Kathie Glass for Texas Governor

The Kathie Glass campaign has employed a creative approach of purchasing a custom painted tour bus (a “rolling billboard”) and taking it on a 254 county whole state bus tour. The bus tour has garnered some attention for the campaign and for the libertarian party.

- Dozens of other interesting races at the County or Local level

See the following 9 pages for the Region 8 report

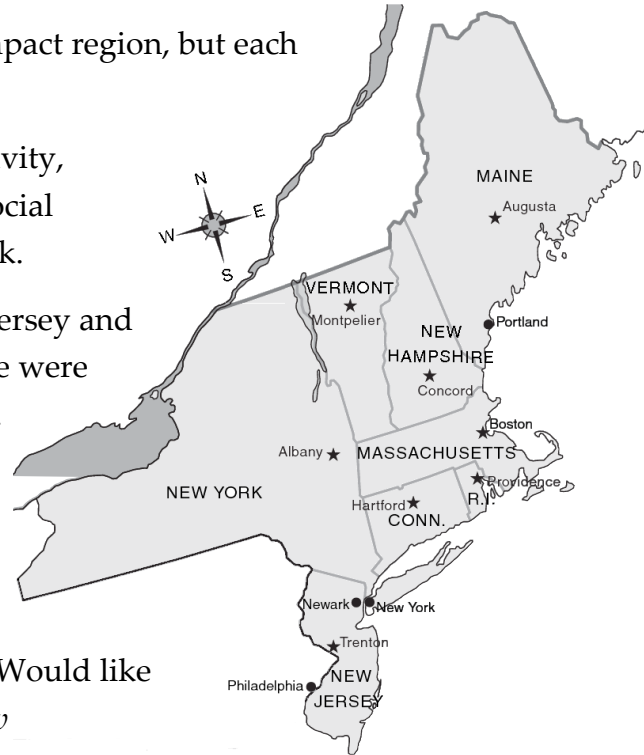
Region 8 Report

This is the most geographically compact region, but each state has very different politics.

Some affiliates are showing less activity, others have renewed activism and more social functions, some engaged in charitable work.

This year, each affiliate (sans New Jersey and Vermont) was busy with petitioning. There were some local elections (mostly non-partisan).

There are always opportunities, the challenge is having the resources (time, money, people) to apply to capitalize on them. We may do another joint event, perhaps a candidate training. Would like more members to subscribe to the *LP_8new* yahoogroup.



Heading into 2014 elections, only Vermont has reliable ballot access. Petitioning would either be eliminated or become easier if party status were obtained come November, except in Massachusetts where it would become more difficult. Given the timing of the 2016 convention, continued lack of ballot access will require resources from either national or the presidential campaign to put our presidential nominee on the ballot in most of the states.

Recent events of interest:

Porcupine Freedom Festival (aka PorcFest) in Lancaster, NH June 22-29.

Several political trainings from C4L and Atlas.

Vermont Freedom & Unity Festival, August 16-17

Freecoast Freedom Festival, this weekend in Portsmouth, NH.

Upcoming conventions:

Massachusetts on October 18th in Worcester.

New Hampshire - TBA



Conventions, Campaigns & Candidates

We held a contentious 2nd Congressional District convention. Marc Guttman was nominated for State Senate, District 20, by acclamation. The nomination for the Congressional race was strongly contested between Dan Reale, our candidate 2 years ago who earned ballot access, and Lori Hopkins-Cavanaugh, the Republican nominee seeking a cross-endorsement (this was basically her running to prevent our running a candidate). We passed a motion to allow the SCC to nominate the highest ranking rejected human candidate if the Secretary of the State turns down our nominee (human to exclude NOTA). The election went to two ballots before being won by Dan Reale. Dan has been invited to a debate to be held by *The Day*, the largest newspaper in the district.

Rich Lion successfully petitioned to run on our party line in Manchester, CT - District 9 - for State Rep.

Other petitioning candidates failed to make their petitioning deadlines, and we declined to nominate candidates for state Constitutional offices requiring petitioning.

We are currently encouraging members and interested people to attend local meetings and consider running in next year's municipal elections.

The party has issued press releases dealing with the Export-Import Bank, Common Core, and the plane shot down over Ukraine.

We have a candidate running against a Democrat head to head, and the Democrat voted for an unpopular gun control bill last year. This is a winnable race.

Ballot Access

LPCT chairman Joshua Katz testified against the cross-endorsement law (PA 13-180).

We are working with LP National, the Green Party and the ACLU to overturn some of the more onerous provisions in state ballot access laws, including restrictions on who can and cannot petition, and challenging the requirement that petitioners live in-state as unconstitutional.

Future Growth

We have plans to launch a major fundraising effort to hire an Executive Director.



Social Media

The LPME Facebook page has more than 765 likes, up from 680 in March.

Healthcare

The issue is coming up again in Maine. Some Maine nursing homes are threatening to close due to inadequate funding from MaineCare, the Maine Medicaid program. Legislators fear a backlash from relatives of nursing home patients and house, senate and Gov. LePage will undoubtedly find funds to add to MaineCare budget. 78% of nursing home care in Maine is funded by MaineCare and Medicare and Maine Nursing Homes are 92% full.

We pointed out four key problems with the current system along with simple pro-market solutions to create greater availability and quality of care.

Andrew Ian Dodge 1967-2014

We are saddened by the untimely passing of Andrew Ian Dodge, Libertarian candidate for US Senate in 2012, this August.

We will always remember his energetic campaign during which he ran against both major party candidates and Angus King. Andrew collected his own signatures to get on the statewide ballot, produced his own campaign materials, and then tirelessly drove his turbocharged Subaru to events all over the state. His dedication to the cause of liberty will not be forgotten and we offer our condolences to his wife Kim and his mother Elizabeth.



You can read his final thoughts at AndrewIanDodge.com

The Future

We will be looking at new party rules in Maine which may ease the way for us to become a recognized party, devil is in the details however.



General Activity and Outreach

We hold monthly meetups in the Boston area and we have five regional meetups established. Our Facebook page reached 2000 Likes this month! (up from 1100 in November) Our Twitter presence grows with regular postings. The newsletter includes items of general interest and practical aspects of Libertarianism.

Libertarians are gathering signatures on an Initiative (officially known as "Petition C") to repeal the automatic inflation adjusted increases of the state gasoline tax that was enacted this summer. All details and reasons for it are at www.TankTheGasTax.org.

If anyone would like to partner or cross-advertise events, email us partners@lpmass.org

We continue to be active on social media, pointing out efforts of our legislature and police to trample more of our rights and calling out stupid regulations that stifle innovation.

We had a table at the 25th Annual *Freedom Rally* on Boston Common last weekend. The Rally draws thousands in support of marijuana re-legalization.

2014 Election Goals

The electoral effort will be focused on the legislature rather than the executive branch. We set a goal to run more LP candidates for state rep than the GOP currently has seats. Recruitment and promotion of this effort started early this year, as well as fund-raising. We have 15 candidates.

We are building up the list of unopposed state legislative races, the best opportunities for Libertarian breakouts. So far the list is rather long. We are also closely tracking what seats will have incumbents retiring, creating open races, that list is also growing.

2014 Convention

The Massachusetts LP State Convention will be on Saturday, October 18 at 10:00am at Tweed's Pub Restaurant in Worcester, Massachusetts



Social Networks and Website

Our Facebook Group has 582 members, our Page has 324 Likes, and we have 1047 Twitter followers (@LPNH). Twitter is our most active network and our Facebook group is next most active. Our website backlog keeps growing, but a recent software upgrade should help. We need a new webmaster to take on several projects. Some people have come forward, but never reply to followups.

The Primary

Several Libertarians ran in the primaries of the other parties. Even though we were asked, we made no endorsements and provided no funds.

Candidates

None of our major candidates made it on the ballot. It was a combination of factors. They are all mounting write-in campaigns. It is a disappointment and ruins several near future plans we had, but we will deal with it. Perhaps with the my predicted results of the GOP Establishment winning their primaries, the liberty community will come back to support us as a useful counterweight to the go-along-to-get-along crowd.

Lawsuit

With the help of the NHCLU we are suing the state over yet another change to the law to make life harder for third party and independent candidates. The latest change wiped out 2/3 of the time we have to complete a party-wide petition with no corresponding reduction in the number of signatures, effectively making the task impossible. We found a very favorable precedent from Rhode Island for nearly the same situation. The case is still in discovery phase.

General Activity

Getting members involved is still more difficult than ever. We will have a convention this fall to build a new leadership team. If members would come forward for some hard and creative work, NH can make a national impact on Libertarian politics. The only question is how many of them want to.

On the general liberty front, we have two court rulings to celebrate. One that affirms the ability of citizens to film public officials and law enforcement. Another kept a new education tax credit on the books.



2014 Candidates

Joe Baratelli of Mercerville for U.S. Senate
Dorit Goikhman of Morganville for U.S. Congress (6th District)
Jim Gawron of Flanders for U.S. Congress (7th District)
Jeff Hetrick for Chatham Town Council
Steve Uccio of East Windsor for Mercer County Freeholder
Brian Pizza of Forked River for Ocean County Freeholder

Democrats and Republicans Lose Ballot Column!

For decades the first columns have been reserved for Democrats and Republicans. This year the Ds and Rs should lose this discriminatory electoral advantage as a result of the failure of the old parties to maintain support with the public.

New Jersey law requires that to have a party column, a political party must “poll at any primary election for a general election of at least 10% of the votes cast in the State for members of the General Assembly at the next preceding general election.”

For the 2013 General Election, 3,726,973 votes for General Assembly were cast. The following primary, fewer than 200,000 votes were cast in the Democratic primary, and only 152,000 votes were cast in the Republican primary. These low numbers mean neither party met the required threshold to have their own column in November 2014 General Election.

However, the 1999 *New Jersey Conservative Party Inc. vs. Farmer* decision by the New Jersey Superior Court interpreted polling at “any primary election” as the number of voters at all the primary elections (including local and county races) combined. This means low primary turnout doesn’t matter. Instead, total votes combined ensure these two parties can never lose their special ballot advantage.

The minor parties in NJ are considering a lawsuit if the SoS doesn't comply with the law.

NJLP State Open Government Activist is 2014 FOI Hall of Famer

Well known for his public advocacy and a frequent panelist and speaker throughout New Jersey, John Paff is the 15th inductee into the *State Open Government Freedom of Information Hall of Fame*. Known as the “Heroes of the Fifty States,” the joint initiative of the National Freedom of Information Coalition (NFOIC) and the Society of Professional Journalists recognizes the recipient’s “long and steady effort to preserve and protect the free flow of information about state and local government that is vital to the public in a democracy.”

Paff’s interest in government transparency began in 2002 after the New Jersey Open Public Records Act was passed. He has taken a lead in the work of the NJLP’s *Open Government Advocacy Project* and has served as Project Chairman since 2003. Paff has won numerous lawsuits against non-compliant public agencies, making a significant contribution to the body of case law giving teeth to the statutes.

“The award judges had a wealth of riches this year in choosing its ‘hero,’ but John Paff stood above the crowd,” said Sarah Nordgren, Director of Content Development for the AP. “John is tireless not only in his support of open government, but also in imparting the deep knowledge he has to others, so that they, too, can work to ensure transparency.”



Petitioning & Candidates

In August, The Libertarian Party of New York submitted more than 35,000 signatures to afford New Yorkers an alternative to the failed policies of the two major parties.

New York's Libertarian ticket will be headed by Long Island realtor **Michael McDermott for Governor**. **Chis Edes for Lt. Governor**, U.S. Navy veteran **John Clifton for Comptroller**, Manhattan defense lawyer Carl Person for Attorney General, Grant Lally for Congressional District 3 (Long Island), Gigi Bowman for Senate District 5 (Long Island) and Mark Glogowski, Assembly District 139 (Western New York). In all, 12 Libertarians filed for public office.



And we did it economically. The LNC allocated \$25,000 to the ballot drive, but we spent less than \$18,000 of that. We had a better than expected volunteer gathering at 13,500. Four other LPNY members each got 500+ and many more came in between 200-500. The drives in 2010 and 2012 each cost around \$43K, so we ended \$7000 under budget.

The Republican lobbyist who filed a general challenge to the Party's statewide slate failed to perfect his challenge. A separate challenge has been made against all 5000 of Gigi Bowman's signatures. Our counsel has agreed to defend the proceeding for a flat fee of \$2000 (not including expenses or any appeal). The next court date is September 23rd.

The next BOE Commissioner's meeting is Sept. 26.

Press Coverage

The challenge to Gigi Bowman's petitions got local press coverage. Gigi and party chair Mark Axinn called out the incumbent for trying to silence his competition and reduce the choices available to the voters and not upset the apple cart of the corrupt nature of NY politics.



Candidates

Rhode Island Libertarians successfully petitioned for a statewide office for the first time in a midterm year in the party's history. The party placed **Tony Jones** of Wickford on the ballot for Lieutenant Governor.

Why Lieutenant Governor? Tony Jones said, "If elected, I would "serve" alone, hire no staff, take no budget, and refuse to accept a salary."

Jones said if elected, he'd spend his time advocating for the elimination of the office of Lt. Governor, which costs taxpayers roughly \$1 million per year. The Lt. Governor does not have much power to wield in state government and many argue the position has long since lived out its usefulness.

Jones is asking for support via his Web page, <http://www.lpri.us/tonyjones.html>



Making the News

LPRI Lt. Governor candidate Tony Jones is getting some nice press coverage. <http://tinyurl.com/GoLocalProvTonyJones>

An article in GoLocal Providence highlighted Tony's positions, including saving the taxpayers \$1Million by not hiring staff or taking a salary and working to eliminate the position of Lt. Governor.

Tony wrote, "in essence, everybody who is seeking or gets elected to this office is simply using it for their own pet projects, while in reality, they have no actual power vested from the office. They are asking the taxpayers to pay them to hang out as they promote their own personal agenda, whatever it might be...on your dime."

Regulate Rhode Island

Tony Jones released a statement calling for Rhode Island to become the next state to tax and regulate marijuana like alcohol. He pointed out the harm reduction and business growth in Colorado and Washington thanks to their recent initiatives.

"As candidate for Lt. Governor, I'm proud to be a member of Regulate Rhode Island, a new organization leading the movement to regulate and tax marijuana like alcohol. In 2015 Rhode Island has the opportunity to become the first state on the East Coast to end the costly and destructive policy of marijuana prohibition."



Vermont Candidates

We nominated candidates like crazy! On June 9, we nominated **Dan Feliciano for Governor**. Dan is a Strategy and Transformation Consultant with 20+ years experience integrating business acquisitions, leading and driving large scale business transformations, and turning around public- and private-sector businesses. Dan also has broad experience and a deep understanding of healthcare. This makes him uniquely qualified to tackle Vermont's healthcare reform.



www.DanFeliciano.com

Dan has already received great press coverage in the *Burlington Free Press* and local talk radio. His campaign is drawing in support from all affiliations. On the eve of the GOP primary, several prominent GOP leaders endorsed Dan as a write-in.

In all, we've nominated 15 candidates for the general election! Travis Spencer, John Cisar, Ben Mayer, Glyn Wilkinson, Christopher Coolidge and Paul Washburn for State Senate; Loyal Ploof, Ray Collette, Varpilah Chase, Lillith Soleil, Dana Rushford and Ted Schaft for State Representative; Owen Mulligan for Sheriff of Chittenden County, Jonathan Stauffer for High Bailiff of Chittenden County; Loyal Ploof and Roy Collette for Justice of the Peace.

Hardy Macia Wins Samuel Adams Activism Award

I'm pleased to announce that Hardy Macia is the recipient of the Libertarian Party's 2014 Samuel Adams award. At the Libertarian Party National Convention the party gives awards to the most deserving volunteers in the Libertarian Party. The Samuel Adams award is for years of service as an activist of which Hardy was very much deserving.



Outreach

Several of our candidates appeared in the Essex Memorial Day parade including John Cisar, Loyal Ploof, Dana Rushford, Roy Collette and Dan Feliciano with a total of 10 volunteers!

We were in the Independence Day parades.

We had candidates, members, volunteers all over the Freedom and Unity Festival. It had everything from Jordan Page to paleo coffee! People from all over New England came. Joshua Katz of Connecticut presented for the LP.

The Vermont LP will be participating in the 2014 Pride Vermont Parade on Sunday September 14th. Several members and candidates will be participating.