



*LNC MINUTES
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LEGEND FOR AMENDMENTS: Existing unchanged text, [Text to be inserted](#), ~~Text to be deleted~~

CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. (all times Eastern) in the Residence Inn at 1456 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair - arrived following the call to order), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Doug Craig, Sam Goldstein, Gary Johnson, Guy McLendon, Bill Redpath

Regional Representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Marc Feldman (Region 3), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), Roland Riemers (Region 6), Kevin Ludlow (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), Joshua Katz (Region 8)

Staff present included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus, and Political Director Carla Howell (portions of Saturday).

Not present were: Vicki Kirkland (Region 2 Representative), Ron Windeler (Region 1 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate)

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

CREDENTIALS & PAPERWORK CHECK

Ms. Mattson reported that Region 6 notified her on 4/17/15 that Roland Riemers (ND) had been selected as their regional representative. Sean O'Toole remains as their regional alternate.

Region 7 Representative Jay Estrada resigned on 6/21/15. The Region 7 state chairs have appointed Kevin Ludlow (TX) as his replacement. Daniel Hayes remains as their regional alternate.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Starting from the Chair's proposed agenda, there was no objection to the following agenda amendments:

Mr. Olsen requested 30 minutes during the working lunch to make a NationBuilder presentation.

Mr. Sarwark requested filling the vacancy on the Advertising and Publications Review Committee be the first agenda item under "Reports of Standing Committees."

Mr. Hagan requested that under "New Business without Previous Notice" we conduct a 30-minute review of our progress on goals for the term.

Mr. Tomasso requested to move the IT Committee report to be the last item under "Reports of Standing Committees".

Dr. Feldman requested a 5-minute item under "New Business without Previous Notice" to consider Ken Moellman's request that the LNC sign onto a petitioning lawsuit in KY.

Mr. Sarwark requested as the last item of "New Business without Previous Notice" a 30-minute discussion of our financial situation and membership numbers.

Mr. Sarwark requested an executive session just before the Saturday evening adjournment.

Ms. Mattson requested that the time for the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee report be increased to 15 minutes.

Ms. Mattson requested to add a 5-minute item in "New Business without Previous Notice" for considering addition of a new Policy Manual Section 2.02.1 titled "Committee Reports".

Ms. Mattson requested to add a 5-minute item in "New Business without Previous Notice" to consider deletion of Policy Manual Section 2.07.5.

There was no objection to adopting the agenda as amended, as shown below:

Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	3 minutes
Officer Reports	
Chair's Report (Sarwark)	15 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	15 minutes
Staff Reports	45 minutes

Counsel Search Report and Selection of General Counsel	30 minutes
Reports of Standing Committees	
Fill APRC Vacancy	
Audit Committee (Starr)	30 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (McLendon)	10 minutes
Awards Committee (Lark)	5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (Mattson)	15 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Lark)	15 minutes
Platform Committee (Mattson)	10 minutes
Bylaws and Rules Committee (Carling)	10 minutes
Credentials Committee (Johnson)	10 minutes
IT Committee (Goldstein/Tomasso)	10 minutes
NationBuilder Presentation (Olsen)	30 minutes
Ballot Access Report (Redpath)	10 minutes
Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)	5 minutes each
Reports of Special Committees	
Logo Committee	30 minutes
New Business with Previous Notice	
Electronic Meeting Minutes (Mattson)	5 minutes
New Business without Previous Notice	
Contract between LNC and Presidential Campaign (Wiener)	30 minutes
Review and Update Goals (Hagan)	30 minutes
Kentucky Petitioning Lawsuit (Feldman)	5 minutes
Membership and Finances (Sarwark)	30 minutes
Add Policy Manual Section 2.02.1 "Committee Reports"	5 minutes
Remove Policy Manual Section 2.07.5	5 minutes
Announcements	10 minutes
Public Comment	10 minutes
Special Orders	
Executive Session	end-of-day Saturday

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms. Mattson reported that since the previous meeting, the following potential conflicts of interest were submitted:

Brett Bittner is no longer employed by The Englehart Group, but he is now the Executive Director of the Advocates for Self Government

Sam Goldstein is a candidate for Indianapolis City and County Council.

Roland Riemers is the Chair of the Libertarian Party of North Dakota.

Bill Redpath has previously been serving on the board of both Citizens in Charge and the Citizens in Charge Foundation, and he is now the Treasurer of both organizations.

Doug Craig verbally reported that he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, and that he is the Georgia State Director for Our America Initiative.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report (see Appendix A), and he supplemented with an oral report. He noted that Andy Burns has been brought on as an hourly, full-time contractor to do affiliate development. The fundraising efforts for a ballot access petition drive in Oklahoma have so far have raised around \$18,500 towards the goal of \$30,000. The LNC took no action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Written financial reports had been provided. Mr. Hagan summarized highlights, and he then moved to amend the budget by changing:

- Line 36-Ballot Access Fundraising Expenses from \$3,000 to \$15,764
- Line 55-Brand Development / Promotional Materials from \$13,200 to \$20,000
- Line 32-Fundraising Costs from \$160,965.10 to \$141,401

Following some debate, Ms. Mattson moved a substitute to instead amend the budget by changing:

- Line 36-Ballot Access Fundraising Expenses from \$3,000 to \$15,764
- Line 55-Brand Development / Promotional Materials from \$13,200 to \$20,000

Following additional debate, the Mattson motion to substitute passed by show of hands and became the main motion. The main motion was then adopted without objection.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson had submitted a written report (see Appendix B) and supplemented with a brief oral report. The LNC took no action.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Benedict had submitted a written staff report (see Appendix C), and he supplemented with an oral report. Lauren Daugherty will be replacing Art DiBianca as a contractor to assist with written communications. Following questions by Ms. Mattson about the Operation Director's report regarding when committed/targeted funds should be listed as restricted funds, Mr. Kraus indicated that in the next set of financials he will segregate committed/targeted funds from the other unrestricted funds. The LNC took no action.

COUNSEL SEARCH REPORT & SELECTION OF GENERAL COUNSEL

The General Counsel Search Committee had submitted a written report in advance, in which they provided a ranking of 4 potential candidates to be the new LNC general counsel. As a member of the committee, Mr. Redpath gave a brief oral report to summarize the candidates.

Ms. Mattson moved to select Oliver Hall as our next general counsel, with a retainer agreement to be executed to commence in approximately September 2015, and to thank the General Counsel Search Committee for their thorough efforts to advise us on this matter.

Mr. Olsen moved a substitute motion to instead choose the identity of the general counsel with approval voting by a show of hands. The Olsen substitute motion failed 2-12 on a show of hands.

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the main motion to change “approximately September 2015” to “no sooner than September 2015”. The Hagan amendment passed 8-7 on a show of hands.

The main motion as amended is to select Oliver Hall as our next general counsel, with a retainer agreement to be executed to commence no sooner than September 2015, and to thank the General Counsel Search Committee for their thorough efforts to advise us on this matter.

Voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Craig, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Mattson, McLendon, Redpath, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “no”: Olsen, Riemers

Abstaining: Tomasso, Sarwark

The main motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-2.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FILL APRC VACANCY

Mr. Estrada’s resignation created a vacancy on the Advertising & Publications Review Committee (APRC).

The floor was opened for nominations to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Johnson nominated Alicia Mattson.

Mr. Olsen nominated Doug Craig.

Dr. Feldman nominated Brett Bittner.

Without objection the LNC agreed to use approval voting by ballot. Mr. Katz and Mr. Hayes were appointed as tellers. Without objection the LNC proceeded to hear the Audit Committee report while the ballots were tallied.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Chair Aaron Starr presented an oral report. The outside auditing firm has completed the field work and produced draft 2014 financials. The Audit Committee has submitted questions that require staff to provide additional data for review. The Committee does not yet have this information, which it expected to receive on July 17.

The restructuring of the chart of accounts (so as to permit reporting of a functional allocation of expenses) is a work-in-progress. Mr. Starr hopes the task will be finished by the November LNC meeting, which will allow staff to implement it for the 2016 fiscal year.

The LNC took no action.

RESULTS ON APRC VACANCY

The results from the vote to fill the APRC vacancy were as follows:

With 17 ballots submitted (but only 16 ballots casting votes for a candidate), each candidate received the following number of approval votes:

Mattson - 9
Craig - 7
Bittner - 7
Abstaining - 1

With approval from a majority of the 16 ballots cast, Ms. Mattson was elected to the APRC.

The LNC adjourned briefly at 12:15 p.m. to obtain lunch.

NATIONBUILDER PRESENTATION

The LNC reconvened at 12:35 p.m. to conduct a “working lunch.” Mr. Olsen gave a presentation on NationBuilder and the feasibility of using it to assist affiliates with their membership database management needs.

Following the presentation, Mr. Olsen moved that the Chair shall direct staff to consult with NationBuilder and prepare a complete proposal for NationBuilder service at a modest level for 10 small-to-medium size affiliates, optionally with a national participation; the proposal is to be presented at the November LNC meeting.

Mr. Tomasso moved a substitute motion (which with amendment without objection to add “a proposal” became) to direct the IT Committee to investigate NationBuilder for feasibility and costs as a solution for the national party with potential use by affiliates, and to report back a proposal at or before the November LNC meeting.

During debate, the IT Committee members present committed to Mr. Olsen that the Committee will bring the LNC such a proposal; the requirement to bring this proposal was added to the Tomasso motion. Mr. Olsen agreed (with unanimous consent of the LNC) to withdraw his main motion and let the Tomasso motion as amended be the main motion.

The Tomasso motion was adopted without objection.

Without objection the LNC took up the agenda item for the IT Committee report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONT...)

IT COMMITTEE

The IT Committee distributed a written draft Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new website. Mr. Goldstein provided an oral report. The committee has already started discussing the potential of NationBuilder to combine a database project with a website redesign project, since NationBuilder can offer both. The IT Committee is planning to have NationBuilder do a demo for them soon. The LNC took no action.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE (ASC)

ASC Chair Guy McLendon presented an oral report. The ASC and the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance have decided to have joint teleconferences for convenience, due to the overlap of their membership and purposes. The ASC has emailed each state chair their portion of a ballot access report that had been compiled by Bob Johnston. The LNC took no action.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Dr. Lark had submitted a written report (see Appendix D), and indicated that he would be happy to entertain questions; there were no questions regarding his report. The LNC took no action.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (COC)

On behalf of the COC, Ms. Mattson provided an oral report. BetteRose Ryan has been designated as the COC Chair for this term. The COC has decided to engage Helms Briscoe for the 2018 site selection process, and they hope to bring options to the LNC for a final decision at the November LNC meeting. Ms. Ryan has created a very rough draft convention budget, using comparison data from the convention archive.

At Ms. Mattson's request, Mr. Kraus explained to the LNC the regulation changes that now allow the LNC to create a convention fund, and allow donors to give up to \$100,200 per year to that fund without it counting against their donation limits to the general fund.

Mr. Estrada's resignation had also created a vacancy on the COC. Nominations were opened to fill the position. Ms. Mattson nominated Ed Marsh. There were no other nominations. Mr. Marsh was elected without objection.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

The EPCC had submitted a written report (see Appendix E); Dr. Lark (EPCC chair) indicated that the EPCC would be happy to entertain questions. Regarding the policy concern in the report, Mr. Sarwark stated that Ms. Howell's contract had been submitted to Bill Hall for review, and Mr. Hall reviewed it as a favor to us. That fact had not been relayed to the EPCC or to the Executive Committee where the issue had earlier been raised.

To address the recommendation made in the EPCC report regarding the approval process for director-level contracts, Ms. Mattson moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

Section 2.04.3, Contracts and Contract Approval

All contracts or modifications thereto shall be in writing and shall document the nature of the products or services to be provided and the terms and conditions with respect to the amount of compensation/reimbursement or other consideration to be paid.

The Chair shall approve any contract in excess of \$7,500.

All contracts of more than one year in duration or for more than \$25,000 shall be reviewed and approved by General Counsel prior to signing by the Chair.

No agreement involving a financial transaction with a related party shall be executed unless first approved by the LNC. Any such agreement shall be disclosed in a conflict of interest statement.

Independent contractors doing business with the LNC are required to sign formal contracts that clearly set forth the parties' intention that they be treated as independent contractors.

Each contract for director-level employment [and any related advice from General Counsel](#) must be circulated to the LNC on a strictly confidential basis ~~after it has been reviewed by Counsel and the EPCC~~ [following EPCC approval and no later than 7 days prior to the Chair signing the contract.](#)

Section 2.02.6, Employment Policy & Compensation Committee:

The Employment Policy and Compensation Committee shall develop documents, procedures, and guidelines for the effective administration, supervision and development of Staff, including but not limited to job descriptions, compensation ranges, hiring, training, performance reviews, promotion, progressive discipline and termination. The LNC may supersede any such documents, procedures and guidelines by adopting a replacement.

The Employment Policy and Compensation Committee shall also be available to Staff to discuss on a confidential basis the working environment or observed violations of the Policy Manual.

~~The EPCC shall also complete a review of any contract for director-level employment no less than 10 days prior to the Chair signing it. Following General Counsel's review of a director-level employment contract, the EPCC shall review the proposed contract and any related advice from General Counsel. No such contract may be signed by the Chair without having first obtained EPCC approval of the contract at least 10 days prior.~~

Mr. Vohra assumed the gavel for the debate of this motion.

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

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Tomasso, Wiener

Voting "no": Craig, Feldman, Johnson, Riemers, Sarwark, Vohra

Abstaining: Lark, Ludlow, Marsh, Redpath

With a final vote tally of 7-6, the motion failed as it did not receive either a 2/3 vote or a majority of the entire LNC (9) as required to amend a standing rule without previous notice.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Platform Committee Chair Alicia Mattson reported that the committee is still waiting for the rest of the affiliates to appoint their representatives before they can begin work. The LNC took no action.

BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair M Carling noted that the committee has selected Mr. Carling as its Chair and Mr. Katz as its Secretary. The members are actively discussing proposals. The LNC took no action.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Mr. Johnson reported that the committee is still waiting for the rest of the affiliates to appoint their representatives. The LNC took no action.

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ballot Access Committee Chair Bill Redpath had submitted a written report (see Appendix F), and he supplemented with an oral report. We could be petitioning in South Dakota, but we are waiting to see how the Oklahoma fundraising goes, and waiting because of pending litigation regarding the South Dakota filing deadline. If we meet the Oklahoma fundraising target, the petitioners there will be offered \$2 per signature with no expense reimbursements.

Mr. Estrada's resignation had created a vacancy on the Ballot Access Committee. Nominations were opened for that position. Mr. Redpath nominated Gary Johnson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Johnson was elected without objection.

The LNC took no action.

REGIONAL REPORTS (SUPPLEMENTS TO PRINTED REPORTS)

Region 1 Representative Norm Olsen had submitted a written report (see Appendix G), and he supplemented with an oral summary.

Region 2 Representative Vicki Kirkland had submitted a written report (see Appendix H), and Region 2 Alternate Ed Marsh supplemented with an oral summary.

Region 3 Representative Marc Feldman had submitted a written report (see Appendix I), and he supplemented with an oral summary.

Dr. Feldman explained that there is a law in Kentucky which prohibits a registered voter from being able to sign two competing-candidate petitions in the same election cycle. Attorney Chris Weist is willing to file a lawsuit to challenge this law if the plaintiffs merely pay the \$400 filing fees. There are expected to be 4 plaintiffs.

Dr. Feldman moved that we join this lawsuit and pay \$100 toward the filing fees. Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

Region 4 Representative Dan Wiener and Region 4 Alternate Scott Lieberman had submitted written reports (see Appendix J). Mr. Wiener supplemented with an oral summary.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report (see Appendix K) and fielded questions about ballot access plans in his region. He had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix L) and his International Representative Report (see Appendix M).

Region 6 Representative Roland Riemers presented an oral report regarding North Dakota. The LP North Dakota are working hard on recruiting candidates and have some funds so that they plan to donate \$1,000 to each candidate for local office who makes it through the primary. They are also networking with other organizations.

Region 7 Representative Kevin Ludlow presented an oral report. There will likely be litigation in Arkansas, where the 2016 candidate identification deadline has been moved back to November of this year. The Oklahoma affiliate is working on collecting volunteer ballot access petition signatures. Texas is interested in getting legal advice regarding whether the LNC could offer a single-site-signup point for both the national and state parties. Due to a small legal change in Texas, it is likely there will be many more 3-way races, and the Texas affiliate depends on their judicial races to retain ballot access. With 3-way races there is a concern that our candidates might not do as well. Mr. Hayes noted that the Louisiana affiliate was effective in getting the governor to veto an automatic license plate reader bill.

Region 8 Representative Rich Tomasso had submitted a written report (see Appendix N) and supplemented with an oral report to note that the New Hampshire lawsuit had its trial day, and they are hoping the case will be over before the election.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

LOGO COMMITTEE

Mr. Bittner replaced Dr. Feldman at the table for this agenda item.

Following discussion, the LNC took up the motion postponed from the May 3, 2015 electronic meeting, to adopt the "Torch Eagle" design as our new logo. During debate it was clarified that the logo is just the graphic representation of the torch handle and the eagle-like flame, regardless of any words that might be placed with it.

Mr. Hagan raised a point of order that Policy Manual Section 2.06.2 requires that we use the Statue of Liberty as our graphic symbol, and this will have to be addressed if we change the logo.

During debate it was revealed that we may have to pay up to \$5,000 to buy the "Torch Eagle" logo. That amount could vary downward, but Mr. Sarwark made a handshake agreement on that number with the artist.

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

Voting "aye": Bittner, Craig, Hagan, Marsh, McLendon, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "no": Goldstein, Johnson, Lark, Mattson, Olsen, Riemers

Abstaining: Ludlow, Tomasso

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

Mr. Johnson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.06.02 as follows:

2) ~~Statue Of Liberty~~ Graphic Symbols

The Statue of Liberty graphic and the Torch Eagle graphic ~~is~~ are considered the appropriate graphic symbols to be used on Party materials.

The motion was adopted without objection.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES

Mattson moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

1.02.6, Meeting Minutes:

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Meeting minutes for ~~face-to-face or electronic~~ LNC electronic meetings or face-to-face meetings involving travel to a single site may be promoted from draft status to official during the time between LNC meetings as follows:

- Draft minutes ~~for LNC meetings scheduled as face-to-face meetings involving travel to a single site~~ shall be mailed or emailed to all LNC Members not more than 15 days after each meeting.
- Attendees may submit corrections, clarifications and changes to the draft minutes for the Secretary's consideration for a period of 15 days following the distribution of the draft minutes. The Secretary shall distribute an updated version of the draft minutes not later than 7 days following the end of that submission period.
- The updated version shall be deemed official if no LNC Member challenges the content to the Secretary within 7 days of the distribution of the updated version. These provisions are void if the Secretary fails to distribute the draft minutes of a meeting within 15 days after that meeting, or fails to distribute an updated version as described above.
- The Secretary shall send an official copy of meeting minutes to staff within 7 days of the promotion of those minutes from draft to official status.

[...snip...]

The motion was adopted without objection.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

CONTRACT BETWEEN LNC AND PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Wiener explained that we usually spend 2 months after the presidential ticket is nominated negotiating a contract with them for use of mailing lists, fundraising, other cooperation, etc. He suggested that we get a head start and draft a contract in advance. He and former LNC member Dan Karlan had provided to LNC members copies of some of the past contracts that have been used. There was general discussion of potential topics for the contract to address, and there was general agreement that this should be a task for our new general counsel. The LNC took no action.

Mr. Redpath moved to amend the agenda to take up the two remaining 5-minute policy manual amendment motions; there was no objection.

ADD COMMITTEE REPORTS POLICY

Ms. Mattson moved to insert a new Policy Manual Section 2.02.1:

1) Committee Reports

At each regular LNC meeting, each committee created by the LNC will at minimum provide a written report noting the dates and attendance rosters for each of their meetings since the previous regular LNC meeting.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

DELETE POLICY MANUAL SECTION 2.07.5

Ms. Mattson moved to delete Policy Manual Section 2.07.5, since all LNC meetings are already covered by the minutes procedures specified in Section 1.02.6:

~~5) Minutes of Conference Calls~~

~~Meeting minutes for conference calls may be promoted from draft status to official as follows:~~

- ~~• The Secretary shall draft minutes for conference calls (or meetings by video conference or other technology that permits remote access) that shall be mailed or e-mailed to all LNC Members not more than 10 days after each meeting.~~
- ~~• Assuming the Secretary mails or e-mails minutes from a conference call within 10 days of the conference call to LNC Members as prescribed above, members shall have until 15 days after the conference call to submit requests to the Secretary for changes, alterations and corrections to the minutes.~~
- ~~• If the Secretary then resubmits a version to the LNC by 20 days after the conference call, that version shall be deemed official on the 27th day following the conference call if neither the Secretary nor Chair receives any objection from any member of the LNC.~~

- ~~• The Secretary shall send an official copy of conference call minutes to staff within 14 days of the promotion of those minutes from draft to official status.~~

~~These provisions are void if the Secretary fails to distribute an initial version within 10 days.~~

~~In the event these provisions fail to produce official minutes for conference calls, the following face-to-face LNC meeting will address the minutes in question.~~

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

Without objection, the LNC agreed to proceed with announcements and public comments followed by the executive session agenda item, and to set the time to which to adjourn to be 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Without objection, the LNC entered executive session at approximately 5:50 p.m. to discuss the status of some lawsuits and to address questions on personnel matters. Mr. Benedict was present for the executive session.

The LNC arose from executive session at 6:12 p.m. and adjourned until Sunday morning.

The session was called back to order on July 19, 2015 at 9:08 a.m. in the basement of LP headquarters at 1444 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT...)

REVIEW & UPDATE OF GOALS

Mr. Hagan noted that in September 2014 we had established six goals for the term and asked the LNC to discuss progress on them. Following general discussion, it became clear that the LNC has established no clear definition of what constitutes an “operational affiliate” for purposes of one of the goals. Mr. Olsen moved that the Affiliate Support Committee be tasked to provide us 3 metrics for identifying an “operational affiliate”; there was no objection.

MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

The LNC had a general discussion on potential causes of our declines in membership levels and financial support. The LNC took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements and public comments, Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted at 11:03 a.m.

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

Chair's Report - 3/28/15 - 7/18/15

- Gave a number of interviews, including the Paul Molloy show, Lions of Liberty podcast with Marc Clair, Press TV, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, Spectrum magazine, Sputnik news, the LAVA Flow podcast, UPI, and others.
- Calls, meetings, and written correspondence with major donors.
- Wrote columns in LP News.
- Spoke at North Carolina, Colorado, Arkansas, and Washington Libertarian Party conventions.
- Attended Freedom Fest on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.
- Signed on to Level the Playing Field's debate lawsuit on behalf of the Libertarian Party.

Secretary's Report For July 18-19, 2015 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session:

- March 28-29, 2015 LNC session – auto-approved on April 26, 2015
- April 15, 2015 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on April 30, 2015
- May 3, 2015 LNC electronic meeting – auto-approved on May 29, 2015
- June 17, 2015 LNC Executive Committee teleconference meeting – auto-approved on July 3, 2015

The Policy Manual has been updated to reflect the changes made by the LNC on March 28, 2015.

These records are being promptly posted to the website by our staff.

Changes in the membership of the LNC will be addressed in my verbal report during the session.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- Following the March LNC session, I contacted the applicants for the Bylaws and Rules, Platform, and Credentials Committees to inform them about who had been elected.
- Following the March LNC session, I contacted the chairs of the affiliates that get to make appointments to the Platform or Credentials Committees to make sure they knew of their right to appoint and of the appointment deadlines.
- VA has appointed Juanita Billings as their representative to the Credentials Committee. Four other states have not yet made their appointments, to my knowledge.
- The following state appointments have been made to the Platform Committee: M Carling (WA), Roy Minet (PA), Christian Padgett (NY), Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN), Aaron Starr (CA). Ten other states have not yet made their appointments, to my knowledge.
- The LNC appointed an interim chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee. The committee has since selected M Carling as their permanent chair.
- The non-LNC members of the Convention Oversight Committee were appointed, those being: Audrey Capozzi (FL), J.J. McCurry (FL), and BetteRose Ryan (AZ). On 5/27/15 Mr. Sarwark designated BetteRose Ryan as Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee.
- Jay Estrada's June 21, 2015 resignation from the LNC created vacancies on the Advertising & Publications Review Committee, the Convention Oversight Committee, and the Ballot Access Committee.

Besides the special LNC electronic meeting in May, I have hosted 6 other Adobe Connect meetings for two committees.

While reviewing monthly data dumps sent to the affiliates, I noticed some deceased people were still mistakenly being reported as sustaining members. Mr. Kraus reviewed the queries used to reset the sustaining member flags each month and found that the flag was never being cleared from "Dropped" records. As a result, any person who was a sustaining member at the time they were marked as deceased perpetually stayed in the sustaining membership counts, even years later. The last gift dates

on some of these records suggest this problem did not develop recently, but has been there unnoticed for years. The error in the query has been remedied, and beginning with May 2015 our sustaining membership counts no longer include those deceased persons. My extrapolation estimate is that there were likely 100-150 such records in our system.

The following 6 email ballots were completed since the March 28-29 LNC session:

Motion: To sustain the Chair's ruling that a person's purchase of a convention package in the prior twelve months meets the requirement of Bylaws Article 5.3 that a sustaining member must have "given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months".

Sponsors: Mattson, Olsen, Wiener, Hagan

Started: 4/28/15

Ended: 5/8/15

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Johnson, Kirkland, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Estrada, Feldman, Hagan, Katz, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Wiener

Illegal vote: Craig (aye)

With a final vote tally of 5-11, there are a majority in the negative, and the chair's ruling is overturned.

Motion: To elect Doug Craig to the at-large vacancy

Sponsors: Mattson, Olsen, Wiener, Hagan

Started: 4/28/15

Ended: 5/8/15

Voting "aye": Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Riemers, Sarwark, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": (none)

Illegal vote: Craig (aye)

Express Abstentions: Mattson, Feldman

The motion PASSED with a final vote tally of 14-0.

Motion: To designate Dr. James Lark as our representative to the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 6/18/15

Ended: 6/28/15

Voting "aye": Bittner, Craig, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, O'Toole, Sarwark, Wiener, Windeler

Voting "nay": (none)

The motion PASSED with a final vote tally of 13-0.

Motion: Increase the Ballot Access Expense line item by \$65,000, from \$57,500 to \$122,500, contingent on the LNC receiving cash receipts, not reduced by any associated fundraising expenses, that are earmarked for a 2015 Libertarian Party of Oklahoma petition drive, of at least \$60,000.

Sponsor: Sarwark

On 6/19/15 Mr. Sarwark requested to withdraw this motion, and there was no objection from the LNC.

Motion: Increase the Ballot Access Expense line item by \$65,000, from \$57,500 to \$122,500, contingent on the LNC receiving cash receipts, that are earmarked for a 2015 Libertarian Party of Oklahoma petition drive, of at least \$60,000, and cash receipts (net of associated fundraising costs) of at least \$55,000.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 6/19/15

Ended: 6/29/15

Voting "aye": Craig, Feldman, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, McLendon, O'Toole, Redpath, Sarwark

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Mattson, Olsen, Wiener

The motion PASSED with a final vote tally of 12-4.

Motion: to set an LNC session to be held November 14-15, 2015 in Orlando

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 6/21/15

Ended: 7/1/15

Voting "aye": Bittner, Craig, Goldstein, Hayes, Kirkland, Olsen, Redpath, Wiener

Voting "nay": McLendon

Express Abstentions: Hagan, Johnson, Lark, Mattson

The motion PASSED with a final vote tally of 8-1.

Alicia Mattson
LNC Secretary

See the following 10 pages for the Staff Report

Staff Reports

July 18-19, 2015 Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Alexandria, Virginia

Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Wes Benedict

Membership and financial reports are submitted separately by Director of Operations Robert Kraus.

Staff

Since the last meeting, part-time contractor Arthur DiBianca left. We added Andy Burns to assist state affiliates, and Lauren Daugherty to help with fundraising and membership growth. Elizabeth Brierly started helping Carla Howell with various publications.

Staff members include:

- Wes Benedict — Executive Director
- Carla Howell — Political Director
- Robert Kraus — Operations Director
- Casey Hansen — Member Services Manager
- Nick Dunbar — Special Projects
- Bob Johnston — Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist
- Andy Burns - State Affiliate Support Specialist
- Lauren Daugherty – Special Projects

Contractors used on a regular basis:

- Paula Edwards – FEC Consultant
- Eric Dixon – LP News layout, website maintenance, and special projects
- Mat Thexton – membership renewal calls
- Denise Luckey – graphic design
- Elizabeth Brierly – helps with various publications
- There are other contractors we use on a semi-regular basis that are not detailed here for things such as cleaning services, HVAC repair, general maintenance, tech support. Plus occasional contracts for legal help, ballot access petitioning, and other things.

Board Reports with detailed fundraising data follow. Please note that the results reported for appeals that are recent are not the final results. Contributions to appeals continue for months beyond the drop (mailing) date.

2014 Appeals as 2015-06-30													
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
2013 Appeals (as of 2014-12-31)													
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House													
1301 HO	1/28/13	Big Opportunity	20,694		\$20,825.00	\$7,115.00	\$13,710.00	213	1.03%	\$97.77	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$33.40
1303 HO	4/2/13	Building fund	13,336		\$54,186.00	\$9,464.00	\$44,722.00	201	1.51%	\$269.58	\$0.17	\$5.73	\$47.08
1303 HO email	4/4/13	Building fund email	130,454		\$2,303.00	\$0.00	\$2,303.00	8	0.01%	\$287.88	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1303 HO 3	4/22/13	Second Notice (bldg fund)	13,337		\$12,550.00	\$5,729.00	\$6,821.00	84	0.63%	\$149.40	\$0.46	\$2.19	\$88.20
1303 HO email	5/8/13	Building fund email	137,609		\$10,689.00	\$0.00	\$10,689.00	17	0.01%	\$628.76	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1305 HO	5/24/13	2012 Annual Report	19,793		\$22,112.00	\$11,820.00	\$10,292.00	282	1.42%	\$78.41	\$0.53	\$1.87	\$41.91
1306 HO	6/11/13	Extremely Time Sens. ARF	19,887		\$16,096.00	\$6,374.00	\$9,722.00	243	1.22%	\$66.24	\$0.40	\$2.53	\$26.23
1307 HO	8/13/13	ballot access	19,000		\$23,142.00	\$9,184.00	\$13,958.00	285	1.50%	\$81.20	\$0.40	\$2.52	\$32.22
1309 HO	9/30/13	corrections and donations	40,000		\$32,712.00	\$8,067.00	\$24,645.00	549	1.37%	\$59.58	\$0.25	\$4.06	\$14.69
1310 HO	10/30/13	Heros	22,840		\$9,669.00	\$6,724.00	\$2,945.00	168	0.74%	\$57.55	\$0.70	\$1.44	\$40.02
1311 HO	11/15/14	Invest in growth	20,188		\$11,382.00	\$6,357.95	\$5,024.05	178	0.88%	\$63.94	\$0.56	\$1.79	\$35.72
1312 Ballot Fund	12/23/14	Special message - Gary Johnson	20,005		\$20,968.20	\$7,157.76	\$13,810.44	272	1.36%	\$77.09	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$26.32
Subtotal House			457,138		\$236,634.20	\$77,992.71	\$158,641.49	\$2,500.00	0.55%	\$94.65	\$0.33	\$3.03	\$31.20
2013 LP NEWS					\$2,935.00			62	#DIV/0!	\$47.34			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			457,138		\$239,569.20	\$77,992.71	\$161,576.49	2,562	0.56%	\$93.51	\$0.33	\$3.07	\$30.44
Renewals													
1301 RE	1/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,228		\$11,571.49	\$2,280.00	\$9,291.49	214	5.06%	\$54.07	\$0.20	\$5.08	\$10.65
1302 RE	2/20/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,694		\$12,733.00	\$1,813.00	\$10,920.00	276	7.47%	\$46.13	\$0.14	\$7.02	\$6.57
1303 RE	3/25/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,305		\$12,815.00	\$1,334.00	\$11,481.00	260	7.87%	\$49.29	\$0.10	\$9.61	\$5.13
1304 RE	4/23/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,803		\$11,675.00	\$1,259.00	\$10,416.00	242	8.63%	\$48.24	\$0.11	\$9.27	\$5.20
1305 RE	6/1/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,685		\$9,440.00	\$1,428.00	\$8,012.00	186	6.93%	\$50.75	\$0.15	\$6.61	\$7.68
1306 RE	6/26/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,081		\$19,865.00	\$1,518.00	\$18,346.00	339	8.31%	\$58.60	\$0.08	\$13.08	\$4.48
1307 RE	7/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,970		\$20,137.00	\$1,478.00	\$18,659.00	384	7.73%	\$52.44	\$0.07	\$13.62	\$3.85
1308 RE	8/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,151		\$13,298.00	\$1,775.68	\$11,522.32	275	5.34%	\$48.36	\$0.13	\$7.49	\$6.46
1309 RE	9/24/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,619		\$16,495.00	\$1,573.00	\$14,922.00	318	5.66%	\$51.87	\$0.10	\$10.49	\$4.95
1310 RE	10/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,346		\$13,660.00	\$1,538.34	\$12,121.66	249	4.66%	\$54.86	\$0.11	\$8.88	\$6.18
1311 RE	11/15/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,075		\$9,379.00	\$1,793.20	\$7,585.80	127	2.50%	\$73.85	\$0.19	\$5.23	\$14.12
1312 RE	12/31/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,453		\$8,685.00	\$1,805.98	\$6,879.02	157	3.53%	\$55.32	\$0.21	\$4.81	\$11.50
Subtotal Renewals			56,561		\$172,851.49	\$21,146.24	\$151,705.25	3297	5.83%	\$52.43	\$0.12	\$8.17	\$6.41
Lapsed													
1308 LA	9/4/13	Please Renew Your Mem	39,057	long term expired	\$17,854.00	\$14,021.00	\$17,309.00	374	0.96%	\$47.74	\$0.79	\$1.27	\$37.49
1312 LA			25,000	long term expired	\$7,645.00		\$1,310.00	181	0.72%	\$42.24	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Lapsed			64,057		\$25,499.00	\$14,021.00	\$11,478.00	555	0.87%	\$45.94	\$0.55	\$1.82	\$25.26
Prospecting													
1311 PR	12/4/13		40,610		\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	-\$2,901.00	152					
Subtotal Prospecting					\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	-\$2,901.00	152	0.37%	\$49.94	\$1.38	\$0.72	\$69.03
WEB													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$31,149.00		\$31,149.00	452		\$68.91			
Web New Members		New Members			\$85,850.00		\$85,850.00	2,394		\$35.86			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$137,101.00		\$137,101.00	2,761		\$49.66			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$45,252.00		\$45,252.00	130		\$348.09			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$11,135.00		\$11,135.00	187		\$59.55			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$310,487.00		\$310,487.00	5,924		\$52.41			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
1310 facebook		online		facebook	\$1,260.00		\$1,260.00	46		\$27.39			
1311 Ballot Fund		piryx		email list	\$28,256.78		\$28,256.78	586		\$48.22			
2013 GRAND TOTAL					\$785,514.47	\$123,651.95	\$661,862.52	13122		\$59.86			

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
2014 Appeals as 2015-06-30													
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House													
1402 HO	2/10/14	urgent yellow	34,992	most recent contributors	\$29,089.00	\$10,714.91	\$18,374.09	509	1.45%	\$57.15	\$0.37	\$2.71	\$21.05
1403 HO	3/21/14	annual report	19,584	stakeholders Jan 01, 2013 - Present	\$28,958.00	\$19,034.62	\$9,923.38	289	1.48%	\$100.20	\$0.66	\$1.52	\$65.86
1405 HO	5/15/2014*	building Fund	800	previous building fund donors (first class)	\$9,458.00	\$1,192.00	\$8,266.00	87	10.88%	\$108.71	\$0.13	\$7.93	\$13.70
1406 HO	6/13/14	Voter Demand	19,998	most recent contributors	\$14,541.00	\$7,573.00	\$6,968.00	243	1.22%	\$59.84	\$0.52	\$1.92	\$31.16
1408 HO	9/3/14	Urgent - Layoff	19,992	most recent contributors	\$27,520.00	\$6,274.00	\$21,246.00	394	1.97%	\$69.85	\$0.23	\$4.39	\$15.92
1411 HO	11/10/14	Porcupine	22,561	most recent contributors	\$20,155.00	\$7,339.00	\$12,816.00	239	1.06%	\$84.33	\$0.36	\$2.75	\$30.71
Subtotal House			117,927		\$129,721.00	\$52,127.53	\$77,593.47	1,761	1.49%	\$73.66	\$0.40	\$2.49	\$29.60
2014 LP NEWS		VARIES							#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			117,927		\$129,721.00	\$52,127.53	\$77,593.47	1,761	1.49%	\$73.66	\$0.40	\$2.49	\$29.60
Renewals													
1401 RE	1/31/14	2012 2013 letter	4,104	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,580.00	\$1,560.11	\$8,019.89	182	4.43%	\$52.64	\$0.16	\$6.14	\$8.57
1402 RE	2/28/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,562	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,149.00	\$1,354.82	\$10,794.18	210	5.90%	\$57.85	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1403 RE	4/6/14	2012 2013 MM letter	4,502	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,194.00	\$1,567.79	\$8,626.21	206	4.58%	\$49.49	\$0.15	\$6.50	\$7.61
1404 RE	4/24/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,976	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,777.00	\$1,386.16	\$8,390.84	196	4.93%	\$49.88	\$0.14	\$7.05	\$7.07
1405 RE	5/31/14	2012 2013 MM letter	2,425	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$8,985.00	\$1,060.91	\$7,924.09	189	7.79%	\$47.54	\$0.12	\$8.47	\$5.61
1406 RE	7/10/14	life member	12,834	current non-life members	\$23,421.00	\$8,213.45	\$15,207.55	55	0.43%	\$425.84	\$0.35	\$2.85	\$149.34
1407 RE	7/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,100	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$15,534.00	\$1,342.00	\$14,192.00	295	9.52%	\$52.66	\$0.09	\$11.58	\$4.55
1408 RE	9/17/14	wes upgrade appeal	3,713	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$18,465.00	\$1,294.00	\$17,171.00	326	8.78%	\$56.64	\$0.07	\$14.27	\$3.97
1409 RE	10/8/14	wes upgrade appeal	4,211	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,814.00	\$1,652.40	\$13,161.60	256	6.08%	\$57.87	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1410 RE	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	2,540	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,695.00	\$783.00	\$9,912.00	190	7.48%	\$4.12	\$0.07	\$13.66	\$4.12
1411 RE	12/12/14	wes upgrade appeal	5,402	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$17,637.00	\$2,026.00	\$15,611.00	285	5.28%	\$61.88	\$0.11	\$8.71	\$7.11
1412 RE	1/12/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,234	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,170.00	\$1,781.00	\$9,389.00	208	3.97%	\$53.70	\$0.16	\$6.27	\$8.56
Subtotal Renewals			55,603		\$162,421.00	\$24,021.64	\$138,399.36	2598	4.67%	\$62.52	\$0.15	\$6.76	\$9.25
Lapsed													
1406 LA	7/7/14	Please Renew Your Mem	31,748	long term expired	\$13,218.00	\$9,056.41	\$4,161.59	246	0.77%	\$53.73	\$0.69	\$1.46	\$36.81
1410 LA	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	12,286	long term expired	\$8,385.00	\$2,856.80	\$5,528.20	135	1.10%	\$62.11	\$0.34	\$2.94	\$21.16
Subtotal Lapsed			44,034		\$21,603.00	\$11,913.21	\$9,689.79	381	0.87%	\$56.70	\$0.55	\$1.81	\$31.27
Prospecting													
1404 PR-0	4/10/14	Reg LP - No premium	29,296	Registered Libertarians	\$2,547.95	\$8,784.41	-\$6,236.46	54	0.18%	\$47.18	\$3.45	\$0.29	\$162.67
1404 PR-1	4/10/14	Reg LP - book , t-shirt	29,295	Registered Libertarians (plus cost of prem)	\$4,539.00	\$8,784.41	-\$4,245.41	122	0.42%	\$37.20	\$1.94	\$0.52	\$72.00
Subtotal Prospecting			58,591		\$7,086.95	\$17,568.82	-\$10,481.87	176	0.30%	\$40.27	\$2.48	\$0.40	\$99.82
WEB													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$63,970.00		\$63,970.00	646		\$99.02			
Web New Members		New Members			\$53,491.00		\$53,491.00	1,556		\$34.38			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$171,774.00		\$171,774.00	2,654		\$64.72			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$30,149.00		\$30,149.00	175		\$172.28			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$14,615.00		\$14,615.00	180		\$81.19			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$333,999.00		\$333,999.00	5,211		\$64.09			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
1404 HO		ballot fund - email		piryx	\$8,285.00		\$8,285.00	153		\$54.15			
2014 GRAND TOTAL					\$663,115.95	#REF!	#REF!	10,280		\$64.51			

Costs, Dates, and Revenue from Direct Mail Projects 2008 through 2015

2015 Appeals as 2015-06-30

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1501 HO	1/5/15	PSD&C	20,471	most recent contributors	\$22,187.00	\$6,665.00	\$15,522.00	382	1.87%	\$58.08	\$0.30	\$3.33	\$17.45
1502 HO	2/23/15	4 carrier test	19,998	most recent contributors	\$9,372.00	\$7,841.00	\$1,531.00	167	0.84%	\$56.12	\$0.84	\$1.20	\$46.95
1504 HO	4/20/15	yellow urgent - BA	19,987	most recent contributors	\$12,378.00	\$6,364.00	\$6,014.00	225	1.13%	\$55.01	\$0.51	\$1.95	\$28.28
1505 HO	6/1/15	Annual Report	18,068	stakeholders Jan 01, 2014 - Present	\$9,953.00	\$13,876.00	-\$3,923.00	129	0.71%	\$77.16	\$1.39	\$0.72	\$107.57
1506 HO	6/29/15	logo survey	19,986	most recent contributors		\$8,561.00	-\$8,561.00		0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Subtotal House			121,071		\$70,553.00	\$50,646.00	\$19,907.00	1,104	0.91%	\$63.91	\$0.72	\$1.39	\$45.88
2015 LP NEWS	VARIES								#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Renewals													
1501 RE	1/29/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,226	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,944.00	\$1,516.00	\$11,428.00	240	4.59%	\$53.93	\$0.12	\$8.54	\$6.32
1502 RE	3/6/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,585	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,615.00	\$1,521.00	\$10,094.00	207	4.51%	\$56.11	\$0.13	\$7.64	\$7.35
1503 RE	3/26/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,046	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,837.00	\$1,444.00	\$10,393.00	220	5.44%	\$53.80	\$0.12	\$8.20	\$6.56
1505 RE	6/3/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,394	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$3,315.00	\$1,227.00	\$2,088.00	49	1.44%	\$67.65	\$0.37	\$2.70	\$25.04
Subtotal Renewals			20,099		\$105,830.00	\$14,055.40	\$91,774.60	1916	9.53%	\$55.23	\$0.13	\$7.53	\$7.34
Lapsed													
1502 LA	2/9/15	Please Renew Your Mem	29,989	long term expired	\$5,281.00	\$9,580.00	-\$4,299.00	244	0.81%	\$21.64	\$1.81	\$0.55	\$39.26
Subtotal Lapsed			51,214		\$5,281.00	\$9,580.00	-\$4,299.00	359	0.70%	\$14.71	\$1.81	\$0.55	\$26.69
Prospecting													
Subtotal Prospecting			0		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$13,802.00		\$13,802.00	149		\$92.63			
Web New Members		New Members			\$17,050.00		\$17,050.00	485		\$35.15			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$43,466.00		\$43,466.00	755		\$57.57			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$36,664.00		\$36,664.00	49		\$748.24			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$6,001.00		\$6,001.00	74		\$81.09			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$116,983.00		\$116,983.00	1,512		\$77.37			
2015 GRAND TOTAL					\$228,094.00	\$23,635.40	\$204,458.60	3,787		\$60.23			

LNC Political Director & LP Communications Report

March 20 – July 12, 2015

Projects and one-time activities:

- Wrote articles for and edited *LP News* June issue; September issue in progress
- Compiled, edited April, May, June, July issues of *Liberty Pledge*
- Recruited part-time new-hire Elizabeth Brierly – she helped with June, July Pledge and July LP News; starting to take on media admin tasks.
- Released campaign guide *16 Common Mistakes of Libertarian Campaigns*
- Solicited input from state chairs on their policies for supporting candidates; in particular, sharing of data, website support, other services
- Assisted with LP participation in CPD lawsuits – OAI's Change the Rules (not yet filed) and Level the Playing Field (Peter Ackerman group).
- Spoke at LP Florida convention – two events
- Supporting Pat Ford (new chair) working to revive LP Rhode Island
- Took Leadership Institute workshop on social media and webinar on running for office
- Attended meetings of DC-based Fourth A coalition; organized encryption workshop for coalition leaders

Regular activities:

- Support state chairs and key state activists in candidate recruitment; recruit individual candidates when opportunities arise
- Research and develop talking points for candidates and media interviews
- Coach candidates and lead sessions of Who's Driving
- Edit and write blogs. With Bob Johnston, have maintained frequency of blogs at approximately five per week.
- Write news releases
- TV, radio and print interviews – help arrange and do interviews that Nick Sarwark doesn't do
- Oversee posting of Facebook memes to LP.org
- Assist with state ballot access, lawsuits, petitioning issues as needed.
- Attend DC-area events and keep in contact with key libertarian organizations

- Correspond with elected Libertarians
- Write, format emails via iContact, usually compilations of recent news
- Miscellaneous admin: e.g. update/create iContacts lists, ensure cross-posting content to FB/Twitter; help maintain candidate contacts spreadsheet and list of candidates to cover
- Take miscellaneous phone calls and occasionally meet with walk-in visitors at headquarters

Correspondence with candidates/affiliates

Political Director made contact with the following Libertarian campaigns, affiliate officers and prospects this period (in addition to frequent contacts made by Bob Johnston). This involved responding to inquiries and questions; giving advice on general campaigning, messaging, media relations and fundraising; candidate and volunteer recruitment, and LP coverage of their activities:

Various state chairs, plus Holly Ryan - VA, Paul Preste – FL, several other Florida candidates, Michael Anderson-VA, Alex Snitker-FL, Danielle Alexandre-FL, Amanda Swafford – GA, Jeff Carson – VA, Bridget Ulrich – VA, Matt Cholko-VA, Chris Brookover-VA, Carl Loser – VA, Tyler Brown – VA, Andy Bakker – VA, Ruth Witt – VA, Matt Shutter – PA, Care Clift – AK, Mark Fish AK, Lily Williams-CO, Ken Moellman-KY, , Sam Goldstein-IN Bruce Majors – DC, Andy Bakker-VA, Jack Woehr - CO LP, Ben Smith - GA LP, Kyle Markley - OR, Wes Wagner - OR, Charlie Bennett-VA, Brian Suojanen-VA, Matt Schutter - PA, Shawn Felty - PA, Will Hammer - VA, Antonio Merrick-VA, Dustin Howard- VA, Jeff Steinberg - FL, Pat Ford - RI, Damien Caillault-NJ, Emmett Reistroffer- SD, Ken Santema - SD, Mark Fish - AK, Augustus Invictus-FL, Roger Stone-FL, Ted Brown-CA, Elizabeth Dahl-MN, Casey Peak-MN, Olga Parsons-MN, Boyd Kendall-MS

Press Releases this period

- Why the Republican Party is equally guilty of Obamacare; Libertarians explain
- Libertarian Party four-decade advocacy for marriage equality pays off with US Supreme Court decision
- Libertarian Party joins lawsuit to open presidential debates
- Secretive Trans-Pacific Partnership trade bill lets foreign governments and foreign special interests control American medical care, banking, the Internet, and even civil liberties
- Call now and urge your U.S. Senators to let the ‘Patriot’ Act die
- LP: Republican-controlled U.S. House votes to jack up military spending, skirt the sequester
- Texas Republican attacks Libertarian voting rights
- Libertarian National Committee Chair Nicholas Sarwark says murder charge against Walter Scott's killer is only first step

Blogs this period

- LNC Meeting July 18-19, 2015 in Alexandria, VA
Libertarians Sarwark and Johnson slam Trump
- New Hampshire Libertarians testify in ballot access trial
- 26 Libertarians on the ballot in Indiana this November
- LPHQ anniversary party on July 18; see video from last year!
- New release: Video of campaign song "Nice: Libertarian Theme"
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Jason Weinman, Damien Caillault, Beth Vest, and Boyd Kendall
- Lily Williams, LP CO state chair, to appear on two panels at Freedom Fest this week
- New Jersey LP will have six candidates on the November ballot
- Libertarians Working For You Show, with Charles Saucier
- Virginia LP will have eight candidates on the November ballot
- 'Banned from pride event for being a gay libertarian'
- Poll Results: Libertarians say there are multiple important impacts of Libertarian campaigns
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Wendy Adams, Carl Loser, Mark Anderson, and Joshua Hardy
- LNC member Lark interviewed on 10th anniversary of the Kelo - City of New London Supreme Court decision
- LP Chair Nicholas Sarwark interviewed on the Paul Malloy show
- Arkansas LP back on the ballot
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Carla Howell and Dr. Jim Lark
- My favorite Libertarian activism ever?
- NPR report highlights more difficult ballot access requirements in Pennsylvania for alternative parties
- Libertarians Working For You Show: educational freedom, pardoning heroes of freedom, and using your vote for a change
- Take the Poll: What's the most important impact of Libertarian campaigns?
- The Dollar Vigilante running for office as a Libertarian in Canada
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Mark Anderson and Brian Suojanen
- Show up, be nice, and win! LNC chair's speech at the LPNC convention now online
- Arkansas Governor Signs Bill Moving Primary and Petition Deadlines
- Arkansas passes bill moving up primaries and candidate nominations
- LPEX this weekend
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Michael Pakko and G. Todd Rice
- Orange County Register: Trying to break through the political glass ceiling
- Campaign filing suggests GOP chairman lied in court about involvement in challenge that knocked Libertarian off Ohio ballot
- Libertarians Working For You Show, with Chris Dock and Joe Hauptmann
- 2015 State Conventions (updated)

- Libertarians helping libertarians
- Libertarians Working For You show features Joseph Kexel and J. J. Summerell
- OK lowers signature requirement by tens of thousands to become a recognized party
- Important Google Hangout May 13 on Presidential Debate Lawsuit
- Libertarian elected to Aubrey, TX City Council
- LP of Schuylkill County, PA running ten candidates this November
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Mark Glogowski and Marty Swinney
- Statement on Baltimore riots
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Will Hammer
- Re: please help us with ballot access
- LNC chair interview: Controversial Patriot Act 'Harmful' to US Security
- Robert Sarvis on debate exclusion
- Rob Sarvis contrasts running with the old parties versus as a Libertarian in Collegiate Times
- Bills in AL and OK to lower signature amounts to be voted on this week
- Libertarian Party Expo
- Libertarians Working For You Show, with Dr. Cisse Spragins and Russ Monchil
- Mississippi LP running eight candidates this November
- Florida ballot initiative for two-only general elections begins to circulate
- Sputnik features Chair Nicholas Sarwark's comments on Clinton Foundation
- LNC and LPNC Chairs on Capital Tonight TV news show
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Damien Caillault
- LNC Chair Nicholas Sarwark makes case for Libertarian Party on C-SPAN
- Arizona Governor signs bill making ballot access more difficult for Libertarians
- Former Republican-turned-Libertarian elected to school board in Illinois
- Libertarian elected to school board in Illinois
- LNC Meeting Saturday and Sunday in Phoenix
- LNC Chair on Washington Journal this Sunday
- Libertarians Working For You show features Craig Young and Kyler Dineen
- Big Business's Powerful Wingman
- Illinois LP has nine candidates on the ballot Tuesday
- New Spanish brochure plus price cuts
- Alabama ballot access bill passes rules committee, may get vote on senate floor today
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Elizabeth Dahl and Brian Pizza
- IVN: Even in Third Place, Libertarian Party Has Significant Impact in Elections
- LNC Chair comments on weekend's LNC meeting
- Please help us with ballot access
- Libertarians Working For You show, with Elizabeth Dahl and Andy Bakker
- LNC Chair interviewed by Sputnik News on Chicago black site
- Neither Big Government Party Cracks 40% Favorability in Latest Poll

LP Media coverage

Below is a partial list of national LP media interviews (does not include several not logged, candidate-specific coverage, or LP mentions where we were not interviewed).:

4/17 Sputnik interview

4/29 Sputnik interview

5/6 Sputnik interview

4/27 S. Florida gay news stmt,

4/7 Politico

4/9 Daily Dot

4/10 Nick Sarwark on US Press

4/14 Nick Sarwark on Press TV

6/15 – provided statement for National Conference of State Legislators

April - Nick on C-SPAN

March - Nick Sarwark on Independent Hour

March - Nick Sarwark on Russia Today TV

3/2 - Wes Benedict on Paul Molloy show

6/3 - Sputnik

Additional interviews where outlet not logged on 6/23, 5/19, 3/29, and 4/1, plus an interview with Slant news

Director of Operation's Report – July 2015

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. As part of our effort to have accurate data – Casey tests all emails on new and renewed memberships by sending them all a quick “thank you, your membership card has been mailed” email every Monday. Bad emails are then removed from the database.

We are also having Mellissa Data run a test on what I-Contact has determined are bad emails to see if they really are bad – and if not then we will re-load those emails back into the system.

There are still a number of states that use the old formatted dump which is very cumbersome. We continue to reach out to those states to switch to the updated format which is much easier and simpler to use.

Building Fund

There is \$1,218 in the restricted building fund account as of 07/16/15. Year to date we’ve made \$22,500 in additional principle payments and the balance owed is now at \$467,860 (the original mortgage amount was \$500,000).

In terms of maintenance, we had some electrical related HVAC problems that prevented our a/c from working properly. This required some re-wiring at a cost of \$1,706. Other than that we have not had any other unexpected issues.

We also have finished the installation of our sprinkler pipe flow alarm system.

FEC Filing

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

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

Financial

Finances remain VERY tight. The EOM report for Jun-15 (in your binders) shows that at end of the month we had an actual reserve of only \$1,515 vs. target of \$50,460. HOWEVER in June we had a number of one time expenses including the HVAC repair above, \$12,700 (to date) for the audit, \$2,246 to the Watergate for 2014 share of real estate taxes, \$4,421 to City of Alexandria for 1/2 yearly real estate taxes and \$5,000 for the FEC Lawsuit.

Thus, as of 06/30/15, we only had \$9,515 in unrestricted cash on hand. As of 07/16 we now have \$45,120 unrestricted of which \$20k is committed for Affiliate Support and \$12k for LPOK ballot access. So in reality we only have about \$13.1k net cash available to fund on going operations and we expect cash to remain very tight for the remainder of the summer which is normal for us.

Thank you!

Robert

COMMENTS CONCERNING 2016 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 13, 2015

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
Chair, 2014 Awards Committee

The following is a list of comments and suggestions concerning the 2016 Libertarian Party Awards Committee.

- 1) During the LNC meeting in March 2015, I volunteered to prepare a draft notice to encourage applications for service on the 2016 Awards Committee. The draft is enclosed below as an appendix.
- 2) The 2014 Awards Committee was assisted greatly by the work of Eric Dixon, who served as the Editor and Technology Developer at LPHQ. In particular, he assembled the video presentations shown during the 2014 national convention to honor Samuel Adams Award winner Hardy Macia and Hall of Liberty inductees Harry Browne and Richard Winger.

At this time, I am not aware of any staff member who already has the expertise to provide the same type of assistance to the 2016 Awards Committee. This matter should be kept in mind as preparations proceed for the 2016 national convention.

- 3) In its report to the LNC on June 23, 2014, the 2014 Awards Committee noted that there is very little information about LP award winners on LP.org. In addition, those seeking to find such information must conduct a search of the website.

The report indicated that since the Adams, Paine, Henry, Jefferson, and Hall of Liberty awards represent the highest honors presented for service to the Libertarian Party, Committee members recommended that LP.org feature a webpage listing the names of the award recipients, along with their photographs and brief biographies. As chair of the 2014 Awards Committee, allow me to reiterate that recommendation.

In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am a recipient of the 2004 Adams Award, the 2008 Jefferson Award, and the 2012 Paine Award.

- 4) Allow me to mention an issue that the LNC may wish to consider before the end of 2015.

In advance of the 2012 national convention the 2012 Awards Committee instituted a new award (the Patrick Henry Award) to recognize very effective Libertarian Party candidates and campaigns. In addition, the Committee instituted the Hall of Liberty, induction into which “... is to honor lifetime or significant achievement that has made a lasting impact on the Libertarian Party and/or libertarian movement.”

In a related action the Committee changed the purpose of the Jefferson Award. Specifically, the Committee provided the following description of the Jefferson Award as follows:

Thomas Jefferson Leadership Award with recognition of outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.

The description is in contrast to the description given by the organizers of the 1996 national convention, who instituted the Adams, Paine, and Jefferson Awards. The Jefferson Award was instituted to serve as the award for lifetime achievement, and thus to serve as the highest honor the Libertarian Party could bestow.

By instituting the Hall of Liberty awards and changing the purpose of the Jefferson Award from lifetime achievement to “outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party,” the Committee inadvertently created what may reasonably be considered a discontinuity in the awards.

That is, prior to 2012, the Jefferson Award was given for lifetime achievement. As of the 2012 national convention, induction into the Hall of Liberty is to honor lifetime or significant achievement, whereas the Jefferson Award has been given for outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.

As the chair of the 2014 Awards Committee, allow me to suggest that the LNC (or some subcommittee thereof) consider ways to deal with this discontinuity. Once again, in the interest of full disclosure please note that I am a recipient (along with Ruth Bennett) of the 2008 Jefferson Award.

APPENDIX:

DRAFT NOTICE FOR AWARDS COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

Applications to serve as a member of the 2016 Libertarian Party Awards Committee will be accepted until XXXX, 2015. The Libertarian National Committee will select the members of the Awards Committee no later than Nov. 15, 2015.

Applicants must be sustaining members of the Libertarian Party. Members who have the following qualifications are especially encouraged to apply:

- * Sustaining membership in the Libertarian Party for at least ten years
- * Life membership status
- * Service as a Libertarian Party officer at local, state, and national levels.
- * Service as a Libertarian Party candidate (especially for statewide or national office)
- * Previous service as a member of the Awards Committee

Applications should include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, along with a list of your accomplishments in the Libertarian Party. In addition, please include a statement that lists the reasons you wish to serve on the Awards Committee and the benefits your service would bring. Please send the application to XXXXXX

The following information about the Awards Committee appears in the LNC Policy Manual:

Section 2.02 (Committee Scope and Responsibilities)

4) Awards Committee

For the convention awards described below, the Awards Committee shall set the budget, manage the nomination process, select the award winners by committee vote, secure the awards, and present the awards at the convention.

The award descriptions are:

Thomas Jefferson Leadership Award with recognition of outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.

Patrick Henry Candidate Award with recognition of a very effective campaign for public office at the state or federal level, while communicating Libertarian ideas, principles, and values.

Thomas Paine Communication Award with recognition of outstanding communication of Libertarian ideas, principles, and values through written, published, or spoken communication.

Samuel Adams Activism Award with recognition of effective activism by building Party membership, organizing community outreach, or communicating Libertarian principles.

The Hall of Liberty induction is to honor lifetime or significant achievement that has made a lasting impact on the Libertarian Party and/or libertarian movement.

With a majority vote the committee may select recipients of the Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine, and Patrick Henry awards. While the committee has discretion as to the frequency of such convention awards, it is hoped that at least one recipient will be found worthy for each award at each regular convention.

With a unanimous vote the committee may select recipients of the Hall of Liberty award, with up to 3 inductees per convention. While the committee has discretion as to the frequency of this convention award, it is hoped that at least one recipient will be found worthy for each presidential nominating convention.

Libertarian Party National Award Recipients and Hall of Liberty Members

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: Rob Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger
1998: Steve Dasbach
2000: Richard Rider
2002: Bruce Baechler
2004: Jim Lark
2006: Michael Badnarik
2008: Bill Hall
2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler
2012: Clyde Garland
2014: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger
1998: Harry Browne
2000: Michael Cloud
2002: Richard Pearl
2004: Mary Ruwart
2006: John Stossel
2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg
2010: Rex Bell
2012: Jim Lark
2014: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan
1998: David Bergland
2000: Ed Clark
2002: John Perry
2004: Ron Crickenberger
2006: Harry Browne
2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark
2010: Bill Redpath
2012: Sharon Harris
2014: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 13, 2015

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

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Brett Bittner, Joshua Katz, and Jim Lark. The members were appointed to the Committee by Nick Sarwark on Nov. 15, 2014.

1) On April 30, Mr. Sarwark sent a proposed contract for the position of Political Director to Dr. Lark, and requested that the EPCC review the document. EPCC members provided their comments to Mr. Sarwark, who distributed a modified version of the contract to the Executive Committee on May 17.

Several EC members provided comments regarding the proposed contract to Mr. Sarwark. On May 27 Mr. Sarwark sent a PDF of what he designated the “final copy” of the contract to the EC. He noted that he had signed the contract, and that he expected Carla Howell to countersign in acceptance of the contract.

On June 20 Mr. Sarwark informed the LNC that he had executed the contract with Ms. Howell, and that the contract is available for review by LNC members, with the understanding that the contract is confidential.

2) Pursuant to item (1) above, the EPCC is required to report the following item to the LNC:

According to Section 2.04 (“Legal Matters”), subsection 3 (“Contracts and Contract Approval”), paragraph 3 of the LNC Policy Manual, all contracts of more than one year in duration or for more than \$25,000 shall be reviewed and approved by General Counsel prior to signing by the chair.

Since the position of General Counsel has been unfilled for several months, Mr. Sarwark did not obtain the aforementioned review and approval of General Counsel prior to signing the contract with Ms. Howell.

In a message to the Executive Committee on May 27, Mr. Sarwark indicated that he did not intend to incur the expense of obtaining a review of the contract by an outside attorney prior to signing the contract. He also indicated that if it was the sense of the LNC that funds should be expended to obtain a review of the contract by an outside attorney, he would defer to the body. (He did not indicate in what manner he intended to seek the sense of the LNC in this matter.)

3) Pursuant to item (1) above, the EPCC requests that the LNC consider the following matter.

Section 2.04 (“Legal Matters”), subsection 3 (“Contracts and Contract Approval”), paragraph 6 of the LNC Policy Manual reads as follows:

Each contract for director-level employment must be circulated to the LNC on a strictly confidential basis after it has been reviewed by Counsel and the EPCC.

In the view of the EPCC, it is not clear whether this provision is intended to require that these contracts be circulated to the LNC prior to their signing, or whether the provision is intended to ensure only that LNC members have the right to review contracts.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC amend Section 2.04, subsection 3, paragraph 6 to clarify whether such contracts must be circulated to the LNC prior to their signing. In addition, the EPCC recommends that Section 2.04, subsection 3, paragraph 6 be amended to include a specific time window within which the contracts must be made available to the LNC.

4) Dr. Lark has prepared and distributed a survey to LP staff members to obtain information about the impact of moving the LP headquarters from Washington, D.C. to the current location (the “new office”) in Alexandria, Virginia. In particular, the survey is designed to elicit information as to whether the new office has improved staff productivity, and whether staff members have been negatively impacted by the move. (E.g., are staff members bearing higher costs in terms of money and/or time in traveling to work?)

The purpose of the survey is to assist the LNC in determining the benefits and costs realized in moving LPHQ to the current location, and to determine ways in which the office can be improved. Dr. Lark hopes that survey results will be available by July 18.

5) As of this moment, the EPCC has not been able to obtain a review of the Employee Manual by an attorney who is competent in the area of employment law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The EPCC will continue to pursue the task of obtaining such a review at a reasonable price.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

Alexandria, Virginia

July 18-19, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

The following memo addresses petitioning opportunities for the LNC in 2015 and 2016.

I want to thank Richard Winger and Bob Johnston, LP of Maryland Chair and an Independent Contractor to the LNC, for their assistance in updating this report.

We currently have ballot access for our 2016 Presidential ticket in the following 31 states: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, ND, OR, SC, TX, UT, VT, WV, WI & WY.

I will now address the other 19 states and DC:

AL: The LP can start a party petition anytime (39,975 valid sigs), but I presume that we will do an Independent petition for 5,000 valid sigs in 2016 after the Presidential nomination. I budget \$15,000.

CT: 7,500 valid sigs in 2016 for President. The LPCT is working with the ACLU to possibly litigate the out-of-state petitioner ban in CT. This drive will likely need some subsidization from the LNC. I budget \$25,000.

DC: I estimate a 4,600 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. I budget \$15,000 from the LNC.

IL: 25,000 valid sig petition drive for President & US Senate in 2016. I will budget \$66,500, which was the budgeted amount for 2014.

IA: 1,500 valid sig petition drive for President. This required subsidization in 2012 from the LNC. Hopefully not in 2016.

KY: 5,000 valid sig petition drive for President can start the day after Election Day 2015. I budget \$7,500 in 2015 and \$7,500 in 2016.

ME: The LPME is working with Scott Kohlhaas in a voter registration drive. The LPME needs 5,000 registered voters to become an officially recognized political party in Maine, which would give the LPME ballot access. This registration drive has to conclude by December 2015. Currently, there are about 1,000 voter registrations, with collections proceeding at an average of 225 per week. Scott hopes to increase the pace. He anticipates this registration drive will succeed, with no subsidization from the LNC.

MA: We will need to do a 10,000 valid sig petition drive for President after Memorial Day 2016, unless we receive permission from the Secretary of State to list only our Presidential electors. If we got that permission, the petition drive could start in February 2016. We have filed a request with the MA Sec of State to start this petition drive at any time; we have not yet received a response. Deadline: August 1, 2016.

Please note that if we had party status in MA, we would not have to petition at all to get our Presidential ticket on the ballot there.

MN: A 2,000 valid sig petition drive for President after the Memorial Day 2016 weekend convention. I will plan on this being done by the LPMN.

NH: 1,500 valid sigs in each of two congressional districts (3,000 valid sigs total). I have not seen anything out of the LPNH recently that would indicate that it could handle this petition drive on its own. I budget \$15,000 in 2016.

NJ: 800 valid sigs after Memorial Day 2016. Although the LNC needed to subsidize in 2012, I would hope they could do this on their own in 2016.

NY: We will need 15,000 valid sigs for our Presidential ticket in 2016. I budget \$30,000 from the LNC.

OH: The LPOH is still in court regarding Ohio's ballot access laws. We should see how this litigation plays out before considering what to do with Ohio for 2016. I have budgeted \$10,000 in 2016 to assist the LPOH with an Independent presidential petition that would require 5,000 valid sigs.

OK: After years of lobbying by the LP and a coalition of ballot access reformers, the Oklahoma legislature finally passed a law this year that reduces the number of signatures of needed to qualify a political party for the ballot from 41,242 to 24,745. That's a 40% reduction in the number of valid signatures needed to get on the ballot in Oklahoma.

If we can raise at least \$60,000 earmarked for OK (and at least \$55,000 net of fundraising expenses), we will proceed with this drive. Including Richard Winger's \$30,000 pledge, we are at at least \$41,500 now.

PA: We are looking at probably about a 25,000 valid sig petition drive in PA starting in February 2016. We are probably looking at an expenditure of \$70,000.

There is a ballot access bill (SB 495) in a P A Senate Committee that would base party ballot access on the number of party voter registrations. The LPP A would qualify for the ballot based on the criteria in this bill. The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Mike Fulmer, is Chair of that committee.

RI: A 1,000 valid sig petition drive. I don't think the LPRI can do this themselves. We are probably looking at an LNC expenditure of \$2,500.

SD: A party petition for 6,936 valid sigs would get us two elections (2016 & 2018), with a possibility of retaining ballot status if we get 2.5% for Governor in 2018. I budget \$20,000 of LNC funds in 2015. We would like to get this drive started ASAP.

TN: 275 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. The LPTN should handle this itself. The LPTN needs to work to get this done well ahead of the deadline in 2016, and not let it go to a last day fire drill, as in 2012.

The US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently agreed with the US District Court that the TN law on how a party stays on the ballot is unconstitutional. The LPTN has a lawsuit pending in TN, and it seems likely (in Richard Winger's opinion) that it will win. The LPTN might then get on as a party in TN with no petition, something the Green Party and the Constitution Party have done in both 2012 and 2014.

VA: 5,000 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. The LPV A should handle this itself.

WA: 1,000 valid sig petition drive for President in 2016. The LPW A should handle this itself.

Jay Estrada has resigned from the LNC and the Ballot Access Committee. The LNC needs to replace him on the Ballot Access Committee. The other committee members are Richard Winger, Paul Frankel, Ed Marsh & me.

Bill Redpath
Chair
Ballot Access Committee

APPENDIX F
BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

William Redpath <wredpath2@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Inc-business@hq.lp.org
To: Inc-business@hq.lp.org

Fri, Jul 17, 2015 at 9:49 AM

I forgot to include this in my Ballot Access Committee report, but the Ballot Access Committee met telephonically once since the March 2015 LNC meeting, on April 12, 2015. Paul Frankel submitted the following notes from the call. Bill Redpath

One addition. I can't remember if we mentioned it on the call or not.

Top Two Only has reared its ugly head in Florida and is paying for signatures. They have wealthy backers, so they have the resources to make the ballot.

Early heads up to start fighting against them there.

On Sun, Apr 12, 2015 at 2:55 PM, <travellingcircus@gmail.com> wrote:

Not sure if anyone took notes, here are a few from me. ...

Alabama: late breaking news, from our state team working on passing the ballot access bill, there may still be a chance to pass the bill if we get a lot of people to contact AL House on April 23 and 28. Provided it passes the senate, which it did in 2012, ran out the clock in the house which seems likely again but maybe not if we bring enough pressure. contacted our FB team, lp blog, and hq to see if we can have a coordinated effort with FB, twitter, email blast and blog post to get people to contact the legislature. My previous info from my state list was that it probably too late to get thru the house but I got some different opinions from that list subsequent to the call.

Arkansas: I emailed my state contacts here, most of you were copied except for the Oklahoma folks that joined the call. One thing that could help avoid conflict between petitioners over locations is if there was a more concerted effort to open up locations IE with legal letters to government buildings and maybe some calls to stores to line up permission. Nevertheless I still think Andy and Darryl are both acting like two fishermen fighting over the biggest fish in the river when there is a whole river full of fish swimming by. I thought it was especially galling to see them have a loud public argument in front of the location as I walked up, as that could cause complaints and give them a reason to kick us all out permanently if we are "creating a disturbance." I pulled Andy away and got him out of there as fast as I could. But the positive thing we could do as a committee is help petition drives plan ahead by opening up as many locations as possible so petitioners don't compete over them as much.

Oklahoma: If we manage to get a petition drive going, it would be awesome if there is any way to get it started soon - ideally right after Arkansas as we are right next door - as opposed to in the fall. One thing I did not mention on the call, fall will have more petition drives to compete with, particularly multiple initiatives in Mass (where Andy and Darryl will probably be and many others) and some other places. Not much else going on soon, though, as far as I know, so sooner would be better, although I do understand that there has to be time for fundraising also. On the lobbying side, what are the chances that the lobbyist would succeed if the LP hires him, in the opinion of the OK folks?

Motion creating the committee: Bill read it during the call. Written version is on pages 10-11 of

http://hq.lp.org/pipermail/lnc-business_hq.lp.org/attachments/20150403/b5921302/attachment-0001.pdf

Draft minutes of the most recent LNC meeting. Interesting that according to these minutes, of the two full LNC members of this ballot access committee, one voted against creating it and one abstained.

Regarding the institutional knowledge portion of our scope, here is a video you may want to watch and share: Bill Redpath, Mark Axinn (state chair LPNY) and myself taught a class on petitioning and managing petition drives at the last LP national convention. I was sick that day but it could be useful to some people. My portion is the last and is on actually personally gathering signatures, the previous two parts with Bill and Mark are more concerned with managing petitioners and motivating volunteers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEdcCtn1Rhc>

More videos on other "nuts and bolts" LP management topics are at <http://sla.org/resources> or check out <http://libertarianmajority.net/tools> and <http://www.lp.org/campaign-resources> for similarly but mostly older (1990s) resources in print format.

We can create better versions of this presentation and similar ones in the future. Also, an updated written guide from the quarter century old versions found among the written materials links above; other suggestions welcome.

I don't see fundraising for ballot access drives or actually helping with volunteer recruitment, motivation and training as part of the committee's official scope, but I am suggesting informally that they should be.

Thanks everyone,

Paul Frankel

Libertarian National Committee

Region I Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen & Ron Windeler

July 13, 2015

Overview

- The nine affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Aggressive election activity has produced continued ballot access for the 2016 general election in eight (AK, AZ, CO, HI, KS, MT, UT, WY) of the nine states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2016.
- Ballot access in Washington State requires 1,000 valid signatures; a rather reasonable threshold compared to other states. Over the years, the Washington State affiliate has routinely obtained ballot access without assistance from the national committee.
- Significant increases in voters registering as Libertarian have been experienced in several of the states in the Region. This trend of several years remains strong in the region.
- 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.
- Region statistic update appears on the next page in landscape orientation.

APPENDIX G
REGION 1 REPORT

Affiliate	Libertarians	How Determined	Register as	Ballot Access	Candidates 2014	Qualified 2015	Web Site Current	BSM	Cash Flow	Comment
AK	7,358	Registered Voters	Yes	3% of Registered Voters	7 Yes	No	60	\$3,000	1.460%	
AZ	26,651	Registered Voters	Yes	0.65% of active registered voters	15 Yes	Yes	292	\$10,000	0.823%	
CO	32,189	Registered Voters	Yes	1,000 Registered voters	46 Yes	Yes	377	\$6,000		
HI	56	National Membership BSM	No	10% of statewide race, or ~750 signatures	18 Yes	Yes	56	\$10,000		
KS	12,656	Registered Voters	Yes	1% statewide race	10 Yes	Yes	128	\$5,000		
MT	54	National Membership BSM	No	3% of statewide race	7 Yes	No	54	N/A		
UT	8,754	Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide congressional vote	11 Yes	No	79	\$5,000	1.547%	
WA	333	National Membership BSM	No	1,000 signatures	13 Not yet	Yes	333	\$80,000		
WY	946	Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide race	4 Yes	No	25	\$400		
	88,997		6 of 9		131 8 of 9	5 of 9	1,404	\$119,400		
					16.88%		11.95%			

Alaska

Rob Clift, State Chair

Arizona

Michael Kielsky, State Chair

Colorado

Lily Tang Williams, State Chair

Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

On the 4th of July we traveled up north to the Kalispell 4th parade. Next week we'll have a booth at the Gallatin County fair in Bozeman. Other events include the Missoula Gun Show, the Western Montana Fair and the Ravalli County Fair. Along the way we'll do some parades and such. Parades, for the most part don't cost much except transportation costs and do give us some PR. We just need a better parade vehicle.

One of the concerns we have as a state is getting liability or event insurance. These fairs asking for liability insurance even for non-profits. In haven't found a policy cheap enough to afford. Have you run across this problem? This effects all state groups and it would be nice if we had a reasonable place to go to purchase this insurance for these events.

Utah

Mark Hilgenberg, State Chair

Washington

Steven Nielson, State Chair

Wyoming

Lawrence Strumpf, State Chair

Region 2 Report

By Vicki Kirkland

FLORIDA: The LPF had their State Convention the first weekend in June. Adrian Wyllie was elected Chair and Lynn House was elected Vice Chair. Augustus Invictus has officially filed to run for U. S. Senate in 2016. Nationally known political consultant, Roger Stone has expressed an interest in running but has not officially filed. There have been a few state house candidates who have filed to run in 2016, 2 in one district so there may be a primary in that district. The LPF is still working on registering voters to reach 5% in order to become a major party.

GEORGIA: (Submitted by Doug Craig)

Georgia has been hard at work on their Social Media. Their Facebook is now the most active and only slightly behind Indiana and Florida in total likes. They have again reserved their float and booth at Pride in Atlanta. It is the second largest pride with a quarter million people on the parade route.

TENNESSEE: (Submitted by Ed Marsh)

The Libertarian State Convention was held in Murfreesboro, April 25, 2015.

All current officers were reelected to another two-year term:

Chair: Jim Tomasik (Memphis)

Vice-Chair: Donn James (Memphis)

Treasurer: Mary Phelps (Memphis)

Secretary: Daniel Lewis (Nashville)

Our ballot access lawsuit should be ruled on in the next few months.

Jim Tomasik is a candidate on October 8th for the Memphis City Council (non-partisan),
At this time the incumbent has not filed (deadline is July 16th).

Daniel Lewis is a candidate for the Nashville Metro Council. This is a non-partisan election in which the incumbent is term-limited (he will not be in the race). The incumbent in the last election won with 654 votes.

Please send donations for these campaigns to:

Committee to elect Jim Tomasik
229 Norseman Dr.
Cordova, TN 38018

Committee to elect Daniel Lewis
1127 Ransom Way
Nashville, TN 37217

Vicki Kirkland
Region 2 Rep

Region 3 Report (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

Indiana

Libertarian Party of Indiana State Chairman Joe Hauptmann had called for the governor's veto of HB 1432, a bill that put in place strict regulations targeting small businesses in the manufacturing and sale of e-liquids used in the emerging vaping industry. Indiana Governor Pence signed HB 1432 and it took effect July 1st, 2015. July 1 is also the date that Indiana's RFRA legislation took effect. Also notable is that the Mayor of South Bend came out as the states highest openly gay elected official.

Chairman: Joe Hauptmann, Boone County
Contact: chair@lpin.org

Vice Chairman:
Karl Tatgenhorst, Porter County
Contact: vicechair@lpin.org

Treasurer:
Michael Schultheiss, Marion County
Contact: treasurer@lpin.org

Secretary:
Frank Rossa, Johnson County
Contact: secretary@lpin.org2015

Kentucky

State Chair: Dave Capano – dave.capano@LPKY.org
State Vice-Chair: Bryan Shumate Short – bryan.short@LPKY.org
State Secretary: Cyrus Eckenberg – cyrus.eckenberg@LPKY.org
State Treasurer: James Bozman – james.bozman@LPKY.org

LPKY and CPKY are looking to file a lawsuit against Kentucky against the recent addition of a "can't sign two petitions" provision to the petitioning process. Both LPKY and CPKY are asking their national organizations to join in this suit, as well. The attorney feels very good about this case and is offering to do this case for the filing fees (and the 88 fees after a win). They are looking to get \$100 from each organization and have them sign-on as well.

There has been a motion and several responses filed to switch the KET lawsuit over to a civil trial. The judge hasn't ruled on that motion yet, even though it was filed in December. There are several options being considered.

Michigan

Kimberly Moore, Chair: chair@michiganlp.org
Karl Jackson, Vice Chair: vicechair@michiganlp.org
Mary Buzuma, Secretary: secretary@michiganlp.org
Jonathan Osment, Treasurer: treasurer@michiganlp.org

Incoming Chair Kimberly Moore has proposed structural changes to state party leadership to improve organization, increase communication, and enhance public image.

Ohio

Due to family issues Sarah Bevins has stepped down from LPO Chair.
Paul Hugenberg III has assumed the duties of Chair.
paul.hugenberg@lpo.org
chair@lpo.org.

Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (7/12/2015)

The Libertarian Party of California elected all new officers and eight members of the 10-person Executive Committee at its annual convention which was held on May 31st in Las Vegas. No other significant business was conducted except for the elections. Ted Brown is the new Chair, with Brian Thiemer as Northern Vice Chair, Jonathan Jaech as Southern Vice Chair, Kevin Duewel as Secretary, and Emily Tilford as Treasurer. The Executive Committee members are Boomer Shannon, Mark Hinkle, Mike Sertic, Jeff Hewitt, Ray Fostore, Eric Vaughnes, Jason Alvin Wu, Jarrett Tilford, Jim Hoerricks, and Leon Weinstein, with David Bowers and Gale Morgan as alternates. Their biographical summaries are available at <http://ca.lp.org/blog/archives/5539>.

Chair Ted Brown outlined some of his plans for the coming year at <http://ca.lp.org/blog/archives/5527>. An Executive Committee meeting is being held on July 18th in El Segundo, on the same day as the LNC meeting. [Though torn between which meeting to go to, the LNC Region 4 Representative ultimately chose to attend the LNC meeting. Besides, I already had non-refundable plane tickets...] The ExCom will be picking a newsletter editor and a location for the 2016 state convention. Janine Kloss will be the new Executive Director of the LPC.

Libertarian Party county organizations continue to be active. Sacramento will hold a county-wide mixer on July 24th (tinyurl.com/ps2bznm). Ventura County (LPVC.org) held its quarterly business meeting on June 18th, and had an LP booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair in May (which draws huge crowds). San Diego will hold its regular Supper Club meeting on July 22nd to discuss California's mandatory vaccination law (tinyurl.com/o3qtkvs). Los Angeles County (LPLAC.org) held its annual convention in Culver City on June 27th, will be having a mixer/supper club meeting in Downey on August 8th (tinyurl.com/p7dyfpb) and will have another one in Pasadena on August 12th (tinyurl.com/p4rjvov). Orange County (LPOC.org) had its monthly meeting on June 30th, and had Judge Jim Gray speak at its previous meeting on May 31st. San Bernardino will hold its next meeting in Rancho Cucamonga on September 8th (tinyurl.com/nfpsusc). Santa Clara (SCCLP.org) will have a meeting in San Jose on July 23rd. Contra Costa will meet in Concord on August 6th (tinyurl.com/q6s6xbk).

The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County has an electronic newsletter (lanewsrag.com). Also, California College Libertarians, the official student arm of the Libertarian Party of California, has its own electronic newsletter (tinyurl.com/pwnnges).

Libertarian National Committee

Region 4 Report -- Nevada and New Mexico

For the July 18-19, 2015 LNC Session

By Scott Lieberman Region 4 Alternate

New Mexico:

1. New LPNM Chair Marty Swinney is calling the prospects he receives from the National LP within 3 days of receiving them.
2. LPNM is considering having some State Central Committee meetings via Skype because of the large distances between the members of the Committee.
3. Chairman Swinney really enjoyed attending LPEX in Las Vegas in May.
4. New Officers and Central Committee members were elected at their State Convention, which was held on April 18 in Albuquerque:

Central Committee

Chair [Marty Swinney](#)
Vice Chair [Elizabeth Honce](#)
Treasurer [Allen Cogbill](#)
Secretary [Sherry Heim](#)
District 1 Representative [Mike Blessing](#)
District 2 Representative [Kat Hodgkinson](#)
District 3 Representative [Ron Bjornstad](#)

At-Large Represent. [Elisheva Levin](#) Seat A
At-Large " [Bruce Levin](#) Seat B

Nevada:

1. During the first week of July they had a meeting at their office with about 30-35 leaders in the party. The purpose of the meeting was to present a 2015-16 game plan and get all of their leaders together in an informal setting to discuss the future of the LP of Nevada.

As a result of this meeting they now have 9 different Libertarian groups working in unison on their respective projects. They have secured booths at different events, and raised money based on some projects.

2. Dennis Hof - legal brothel mogul, HBO-TV star, best-selling author, and successful business entrepreneur has joined the Libertarian Party of Nevada, and has organized an exploratory committee to run for U.S. Senate. On that committee is Tucker Carlson(1), John Stossel, and Ron Jeremy(2).
1. The Wikipedia bio for Mr. Carlson reads “[he] is an American political news correspondent and [conservative pundit](#) for the [Fox News Channel](#). He is co-founder and editor-in-chief of [The Daily Caller](#)^[2] and formerly co-hosted [CNN](#)'s [Crossfire](#) and [MSNBC](#)'s [Tucker](#).”
2. The Wikipedia bio for Mr. Jeremy reads: “Ronald Jeremy Hyatt, known by the stage name Ron Jeremy, is an [American pornographic actor](#) and [filmmaker](#). Nicknamed "The Hedgehog",^[1] he was ranked by [AVN](#) at number one in their "The 50 Top Porn Stars of All Time" list.”

I thank Mr. Swinney for the NM update, and Mr. Pojunis for the NV update.

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 13, 2015

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 in March. 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) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He informed me that the LPD participated in the Independence Day parade in Dover on July 4. He also indicated that the LPD convention will take place in Dover on Aug. 8.

District of Columbia

Ryan Sabot is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. I did not receive a report from him. Please note that the most recent message I sent to Mr. Sabot at ryan.sabot@dclibertarians.org bounced.

Maryland

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

David Moon, freshman Democrat member of the House of Delegates 20th district and member of FairVote (of which Bill Redpath is also a member), met with the Maryland LP on June 18 at the home of Stu Simms. Delegate Moon spent over two hours discussing issues regarding ballot access and civil liberties.

Delegate Moon had sponsored a bill in the General Assembly session earlier this year, HB 626, which would have allowed any party with at least 10,000 registered voters to become a recognized party. If the bill had been voted on and passed by the legislature, the MDLP would not have to worry about ballot access, since we have over 15,000 registered voters. While the bill was well-received by the committee, it was never brought up for a vote.

As the law stands now, the state party needs the 2016 Presidential candidate to obtain at least 1% to

maintain ballot access. 2012 Presidential candidate Gary Johnson received 1.1%. If the Presidential candidate doesn't get 1%, the party will have to get 10,000 signatures to get back on the ballot.

Delegate Moon will re-introduce the ballot access bill again in next year's legislative session.

Robin Grammer, freshman Republican member of the House of Delegates 6th district, will address the Maryland LP on July 29 at the North Point library in Dundalk, MD.

The Maryland LP annual summer picnic will take place on August 8 at the home of Dave and Renee Sten, in North East, MD.

Vice-chair Eric Blitz worked tirelessly with other groups on marijuana decriminalization, civil forfeiture, and police misconduct bills during the recent General Assembly session.

Mr. Blitz also compiled a list of bills and results from the session on issues important to Libertarians:

<http://lpmaryland.org/2015-legislative-review/>

The Maryland LP has 15,715 registered voters, and 61 members as of mid-June.

Bob Johnston
Chair
Maryland Libertarian Party

North Carolina

J.J. Summerell (jjsummerell@worksitesight.net) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. He provided the following report (which I have edited slightly):

Guilford and Johnston counties had successful organizational meetings and elected officers. Watauga County, a major LPNC target, has an organizational meeting scheduled for 7/7.

Our Executive Director, Brad Hessel, has become IT Director for the LPNC and we are searching for a new ED. Unfortunately, this was necessitated for financial reasons.

We have divided the state into three regions for managerial efficiency. Windy McKinney is western NC, Jeremy Hussey central NC and Brian Irving eastern NC. They will work for more county organizations.

The 2016 LPNC Convention is scheduled for 22-24 April in Raleigh, exact location TBA.

We have been only modestly successful in fundraising. To date, we have focused on past contributors. However, we have 150-200 new L registrants per month and we will begin contacting them with three different approaches: a simple letter or postcard, a membership card and welcome letter and a bumper sticker and welcome letter. It will be interesting to see which is most successful.

J.J. Summerell, Chair, attended LPEX and was quite impressed with the content. We will encourage more members to attend next year.

Pennsylvania

Shawn Felty (snkfelty@netzero.net) was elected to serve as the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania during the party's convention on June 6. He suggests that those interested in the activities of the LPPA view the party's webpage, Facebook page, and list of candidates on LP.org.

Virginia

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

Candidates: We have eight LPVA candidates for public office in 2015. They are:

Carl Richard Loser, Virginia Senate, 10th District
William M. Hammer, Virginia House of Delegates, 20th District
Mark Anderson, Virginia House of Delegates, 33rd District
Andrew Bakker, Virginia House of Delegates, 46th District
Brian T. Suojanen, Virginia House of Delegates, 87th District
Gregory Todd Rice, Powhatan County Board of Supervisors, 4th District
Charlie Bennett, Powhatan County Board of Supervisors, 5th District
Alvin Scott Bandy, Charlottesville City Council

The Communications Committee is working to improve the current website (lpva.com). Improvements will be forthcoming soon. The new Committee chair is Hollie Ryan of Norfolk, whom the LNC elected to the Platform Committee in March 2015.

LP Platform Committee: As of this time no one has sought election to serve as the LPVA's designated member of the Platform Committee.

LP Credentials Committee: Juanita Billings was appointed to the Credentials Committee by the State Central Committee at its meeting on June 20.

LPVA Chairman and LNC member Bill Redpath had the honor of being the Keynote Speaker at the Libertarian Party of Ohio Conference on Saturday, May 2. He spoke on the need for proportional representation in the United States for the LP, or any other third party, to be an electoral success.

The State Central Committee recognized the Libertarian Party of Loudoun County as an official local affiliate committee during the SCC meeting on April 25.

The LP of Northern Virginia (LPNOVA) had a booth at Celebrate Fairfax (essentially the Fairfax County Fair) on June 6 - 7.

While a date has not been formally set for the 2016 LPVA Convention, we are primarily looking at a one-day event on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to take place in or near Richmond.

West Virginia

Michael Wilson (michael.wilson@lpwv.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia. He informed me that the LPWV is attempting to run a statewide "Vote Libertarian" style campaign next year. He noted that the LPWV has already secured candidates for the following offices next year:

- Governor
- Secretary of State
- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- Attorney General
- President
- U.S. House of Representative - 1st District
- U.S. House of Representative - 2nd District
- U.S. House of Representative - 3rd District

He also noted that the LPWV may have candidates in several State House races.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 13, 2015

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

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

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

LP executive director Wes Benedict deserves recognition for his rapid responses to my requests for LPHQ assistance. For example, on June 29 I responded to a request for LP posters and/or pamphlets from a high school teacher in North Ft. Myers, Florida. I copied Mr. Benedict (and LP Florida chair Adrian Wyllie) with my response to her. Within ten minutes Mr. Benedict contacted the teacher to inform her that LPHQ would send material to her.

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

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

4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL’s 501c(3) status.

I am pleased to report that I shall address the Students For Liberty regional conference at the University of Florida in October. I have been invited to address European Students For Liberty regional conferences this fall in Paris, Sarajevo, Sofia, Copenhagen, and Wroclaw; I anticipate receiving at least two additional invitations. I should know soon which invitations I can accept.

5) I continue to receive invitations to speak at high schools, colleges, and universities. I anticipate that I shall have several speaking engagements at such institutions during the 2015-2016 school year.

I am pleased to report that once again I was invited in my capacity as LNC member and former national LP chairman to address students participating in the “Model Congress” program, which takes place in Washington, D.C. each summer. Indeed, my address to the program on June 21 was sufficiently well received that I have been invited to deliver another address on July 26.

- 6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest. While the details have not been confirmed, I anticipate addressing the YAL national convention next month.

- 7) I am working with Mr. Benedict and Robert Kraus to find and utilize more college Libertarian volunteers.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 13, 2015

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
International Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning my efforts as International Representative to assist the work of libertarian political parties and activists throughout the world.

1) On June 29 the LNC approved a motion to appoint me as the LNC's representative to the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP). I am greatly honored to receive this appointment.

Upon my receiving the appointment, Geoff Neale's resignation as International Representative became effective. Mr. Neale serves as chair of the IALP.

2) I addressed the European Students For Liberty Conference in Berlin, Germany on April 12. Unfortunately, due to travel difficulties resulting from inclement weather, I was unable to spend as much time as I had hoped with Libertarian party representatives from various countries. I was able to speak at some length with Jean-Francois Nimsgern, the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties member who organized an IALP booth at the conference.

3) I am pleased to report that I have been invited to deliver addresses at the European Students For Liberty regional conferences in Paris (France), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Sofia (Bulgaria), Copenhagen (Denmark), and Wroclaw (Poland) this fall. At this time I anticipate receiving invitations to address at least two additional ESFL conferences.

I am in the process of determining which invitations I can accept. (Due to the LNC's decision to hold its fall meeting on Nov. 14-15, I shall decline the invitation to address the Copenhagen conference.) I shall endeavor to meet with representatives of Libertarian Party organizations while attending these conferences.

I have been invited to address attendees at an annual "summer camp" next month for young Swedish libertarians. Due to the date of the event, it appeared that I would not be able to accept the invitation. However, I may be able to arrange my schedule so that I can participate.

4) As noted in my previous report, I was invited to address the International Society for Individual Liberty conference that took place in Bali in late June/early July. Unfortunately, due to my faculty duties at the University of Virginia I was unable to participate in the conference.

I am still trying to arrange my affairs so that I can visit Brazil this year (or perhaps early next year) to assist the student libertarian movement there. If I am able to accept the invitation, I shall endeavor to meet with several libertarian political activists during the visit.

At this moment, I consider unlikely that I shall travel to Australia this year. However, I may be invited to speak at a south Asian conference of libertarian students within the next twelve months. (I believe the conference will be in India.)

See the following 8 pages for the Region 8 Report

Region 8 Report

This is the most geographically compact region, but each state has very different politics and processes. Would like more members to subscribe to the *LP_8new* yahoo group.

Heading into 2016 elections, only Vermont has statewide ballot access. Connecticut has partial ballot access. New Jersey is recognized as a minor party and only needs 800 signatures.

Given the timing of the 2016 convention, this lack of ballot access will require resources from either National or the presidential campaign to put our presidential nominee on the ballot in some of the states.

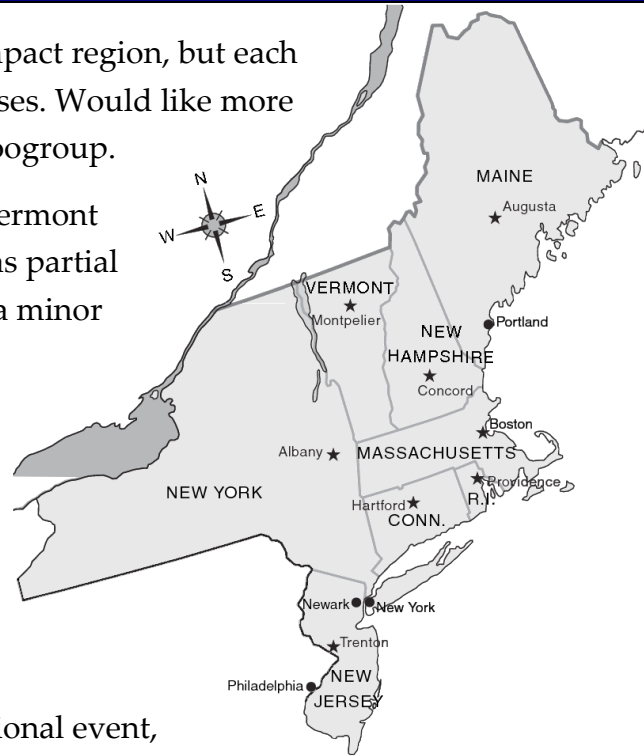
There are preliminary talks of a regional event, location will be determined by which states want to participate. Across the region are local pro-liberty initiatives on many issues.

Recent events of interest:

- » Start of Maine voter registration drive
- » New Jersey convention – March 21, Hightstown
- » New York convention – April 25, Rochester
- » PorcFest – June 21–28, Lancaster, NH
- » NJLP Annual Picnic – July 11

Upcoming events of interest:

- » New Hampshire Liberty Dinner – July 19, Mary Ruwart keynote
- » Liberty Happy Hour – August 25, One Star Bar, Manhattan
- » Connecticut convention – September 19
- » Massachusetts convention – October 17, Nick Sarwark keynote





Ballot Access

The two bills we had introduced and lobbied for - one for better ballot access, and one placing the names of all registration-qualified parties on the voter registration forms, died in committee. The sponsor of both has already committed to reintroducing them at the start of the next session, and so lobbying will continue with the legislature out.

Other Legislation

Efforts by the CCDL and the LPCT successfully led to the legislature allowing the clock to run out on a proposed gun control bill. The bill would have allowed for immediate seizure of all guns held by an individual against whom a preliminary restraining order is issued. Such orders are issued upon a complaint, and the accused has no opportunity to raise a defense.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Another way to become a Libertarian public official is by seeking appointment to a local board or commission. Many towns have vacancies on several boards. If you find a vacancy in your town you are interested in, please contact Joshua Katz to seek a partisan endorsement.

The LPCT, despite a large candidate recruitment drive, will be running only 3 candidates for municipal office (assuming all make their petitioning requirements.) In the future, a different approach will be needed. We also need more members who prioritize running in winnable races.

Appearances

LPCT Chairman Joshua Katz spoke twice at Porcfest, once at the Creating Communities tent, and once at the Alt-Expo tent (so the second was technically not a Porcfest event.) Topics were CPR, voluntary provision of emergency services, mutual aid, and scaling back the role of the state in emergency response. Mr. Katz also ate some barbeque after a year as a vegetarian and found it tasted amazing, and made him feel healthier. This came on the heels of eating a large amount of prime rib in Las Vegas, so it seems his vegetarianism is continuing to slip.

Convention

Our convention will be Sept. 19. Our original keynote speaker, Belle Knox, will be unable to attend since she has decided to study abroad. We still plan to host a candidate forum for the Presidential nomination, and to center the remainder of our speakers on elected officials, current candidates, and campaign techniques.



Social Media

The LPME Facebook page has more than 980 likes, a 50%+ improvement since last year.

Voter Registration Drive

Maine LP submitted a letter of intent to form a political party and it has been accepted by the Secretary of State of Maine. The plan is to get 5000 people to register as Libertarians so we can get official party status.

We have until December 2015 to register 5,000 Maine residents to be on the 2016 ballot. We will need an additional 5,000 for a total of 10,000 to maintain party status. With the help of Scott Kohlhaas we will have the necessary funds to accomplish the short term goal of 5000 if not the entire 10,000. If successful Maine will not require any funds for ballot access on the next nor any other election cycle.

A small set back is that we will not have Libertarian printed on the registration cards since we are a "qualifying party". So we will have to check the other box and write in Libertarian. But once we are a qualified party, we'll have our own line in the cards.

Our Other Initiatives

I am also planning on petitioning for rank choice voting and a state wide marijuana initiative simultaneously. No details yet on these.

Legislative Efforts

On the legislative side we have teamed up with the green party to support LD507 which will open the primary petitioning requirement to unenrolled, making it easier for third party candidates to run for office.



General Efforts

State Committee member Don Graham migrated our state web pages back to their old host and is converting them to the BOLT CMS system. State Committee member Cris Crawford translated our platform trifold into Spanish. We are preparing for the Massachusetts Freedom Rally, held on the Boston Common in mid-September. This, the largest pot legalization rally in North America, will be used for contact recruitment and petitioning for ongoing referenda.

We started fundraising for Presidential ballot access. Response to date has been low.

LPMass Launches Public Issue Messaging

We're between election campaigns. How do we put our party in the public eye? Advertising! We're launching issues-focused ad campaigns. Libertarians have many issues where the public supports us, not those other parties. We just need to show the American people the truth. We have issues where the march of history is on our side. We will bring America to the future, the Libertarian future.

First campaign is No to the Olympics. Future campaigns include Fathers' Rights, Ending the Surveillance State, and Ending All Current Foreign Wars. We're currently getting the bugs out of the system. Once it is up and running we plan a massive fund raising effort in support.

How are we campaigning? Step One is the Facebook Page. Step Two is Facebook advertising. Our ad is getting a 2% "like" return, which is astronomically high for Facebook. Step Three is social and traditional media outreach.

Your donations at LPMass.org, the state PAC, marked "No to Boston Olympics", will be spent on the effort.

Vote Nolympics! Vote Libertarian!

Eminent domain for private gain is the mark of the beast that our federal government has been turned into a proprietary tool of the corporate plutocratic interests who see the purpose of government as to rewrite the rules in their personal favor.

The latest Olympic plan would seize Widett Circle, build on it a 68,000 seat stadium, immediately tear down the stadium, and replace it with parks and buildings.

Let's start with the obvious: If the owners of the Widett Circle land want to build parks and buildings, they don't need to build and tear down a stadium first.

Now the less obvious: Once the Olympics are over, the Olympics Corporation running the event can go broke, dump a useless stadium on Boston...and never build any of those parks and buildings.

Above all, using eminent domain to take land, throw hundreds of people out of work, and hand the land over to private developers as will doubtless in the end happen is unAmerican, indecent, and immoral.

Massachusetts should reject every proposal that it is financially responsible for these “private” Olympics. Massachusetts should reject every proposal to use eminent domain to take private land for these “private” Olympics.

State Convention October 17

Our State Convention is Saturday, October 17, at Tweed’s Restaurant in Worcester. The Keynote Speaker will be National Chair Nick Sarwark. The Libertarian Presidential candidates will debate. We currently have acceptances from Daryl Perry, Marc Feldman and Cecil Ince. The convention will elect delegates to the 2016 National Convention.

Referendums

Massachusetts has public referendums, each needing around 100,000 signatures for the ballot. Several are underway that we voted to help, including (i) legalizing the use of marijuana, (ii) blocking the use of public funds for the Olympics, and (iii) stopping Common Core from dumbing down Massachusetts schools to the level of Mississippi.

We are considering several others, including (i) requiring the Attorney General to maintain a complete public list of persons shot by policemen, (ii) ending surveillance police state tactics, (iii) shall-issue firearms permits to adults with no criminal record, (iv) some of our historical Public Policy Questions, including Protect the right of a patient and her or his physician to purchase a medical drug from any source, so long as the patient's insurance company is not obliged to pay more than the price for which the medical drug is available for sale in Massachusetts.



Lawsuit

With the NHCLU we are suing the state in Federal court over the latest change to the law to make life harder for third party and independent candidates. This one 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.

The case is still not over. Despite our brief demolishing the state's case and the RNC's amicus brief, the judge did not grant a summary judgement and didn't think he had enough information to make a decision. So we have another evidentiary hearing on July 13th to explain again the severe burden the process places on us. We expect a decision by August. This case has taken up a lot of our time and energy and leaves a cloud over our future plans.

General and Future Activity

We established a Platform Committee with the mission to propose a state-level platform for members to consider at our next general convention. A first draft is ready for review.

The legislative session is winding down, with bills on everything from asset forfeiture, ballot access, cutting taxes, school funding and more. A sizeable bi-partisan liberty caucus is in the statehouse now, so we have lots of friendly legislators to work with. The NH House passed simple marijuana decrim, and rejected REAL-ID again. The governor vetoed a constitutional carry bill and continues to drag her feet on medical marijuana.

A few interested candidates for 2016 have come forward.

Plans are in the works the next Seacoast Liberty Expo.

We didn't have a formal presence at *PorcFest* but most of our board and a few candidates were there. Daryl Perry, who has declared for president, earned a few radio interviews. I had productive conversations with the folks running Liberty.me. I made good contacts for future projects and potential speakers for the national convention. In particular, *Muslims for Liberty* made a few amazing presentations. This is a huge outreach opportunity we should embrace. I learned Pakistan now as a Libertarian Party, and a silver-backed "bank".

One rather constant theme I noticed was the larger liberty movement is trending away from politics, especially anything technocratic. One prominent speaker described it as "Less Rothbard, More Rand". So while the international movement very much looks to us for guidance, the American movement isn't so sure. Though I did hear several complements on our improved messaging of the past year.

Social Networks and Website

Coming out of convention we have a team ready to revamp the website! Our Facebook Group has 636 members, our Page has 353 Likes. We have 1146 Twitter followers @LPNH.



2015 NJ Convention and Candidates

Our convention was a great success. We elected new officers and county organizations. We made plans for a fundraising committee to help our candidates. We made substantive changes to our Platform including updates to our Crime, Discrimination, Education, Privacy, Freedom of Communication, Government Secrecy, Taxation and Family Life planks. We added a plank describing the libertarian views on Immigration

In the November 2015 election the NJ Libertarian Party will be running these candidates who have successfully filed petitions to run for office.

- Joseph DeLong - South Bound Brook Mayor ([Facebook.com/JoeDeLongForMayor](https://www.facebook.com/JoeDeLongForMayor))
- Patrick Smith - South Bound Brook Town Council
- Peter Rohrman - Bergen County Freeholder (www.peterrohrman.com)
- Damien Caillault - Assembly 27th District (damienforliberty.com)
- Jeff Hetrick - Assembly 27th District ([Facebook.com/hetrickforliberty](https://www.facebook.com/hetrickforliberty))

In addition, NJLP member Joseph Dunsay will be on the ballot in a non-partisan school board election for the River Dell Regional School District in Bergen County.

Please provide whatever support you can to our candidates!

Thanks to those who tried, but did not succeed: Mike Chadwick of Medford, Brian Pizza of Toms River, and James Marcotullio of Toms River. Mr. Chadwick submitted his petitions to Trenton but the Republicans successfully challenged enough signatures to have his petition deemed invalid.

In Other News

As a result of pressure from the NJLP Preempted Ordinance Repeal project, several towns are looking to rescind or modify their curfew laws. Thanks to NJLP member and project volunteers Jim Tosone and John Paff for their work.

We seek an Editor for the newsletter. We seek an assistant Webmaster to assist with our website. The Bylaws Committee is also forming for the purpose of updating our Bylaws. If interested in any of these positions contact Patrick McKnight at chair@njlp.org

A Passing

The NJ Libertarian Party is sad to announce the passing of Board Member, Barry Auerbacher. Barry was first elected to the board at our convention this past March. We are grateful for the time that we got to know Barry. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.



Looking at The Party

We have 11 active chapters across the state.

Time for a New Direction in New York

Sheldon Silver's career ends in disgrace, but the disgrace is not his alone. Every Democrat who voted for him for Speaker knew what was going on. How things are done in Albany is an open secret. Every Democratic Party elected official who was in a position to do something, and didn't, should resign immediately.

This is the face of not just the Democratic Party in New York State, but the entire political culture. Corruption is endemic and every single voter must now choose to be part of the problem or part of the solution.

State Convention

Our state convention was April 25th in Rochester. Featured speakers include Blair Horner, Director of the NY Public Interest Research Group, and LNC Vice-Chair Arvin Vorha. We'll also have party-building workshops.

After five years as State Chair, I am delighted that the delegates today chose a terrific team to move forward in our mission of promoting freedom-loving candidates to the voters in New York. In particular, the following officers were elected for the 2015/16 term of the LPNY state committee:

Chair--Mark Glogowski

Vice Chairs--Jim Rosenbeck and Chris Padgett

Secretary--Blay Tarnoff

Treasurer--Gary Treistman

At Large--Chris Edes, Phil Ricci, Kevin Wilson, Brian Waddell, Robert Parker

Special thanks to LNC Vice Chair Arvin Vohra and Region 8 Alternate Representative Josh Katz for joining us.

Other News and Events

Manhattan Libertarians had an "Operation Politically Homeless" booth at NYC PrideFest on Sunday June 28.