



LNC MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 27-28, 2010, AUSTIN, TX

To: Libertarian National Committee

From: Bob Sullentrup

CC: Wes Benedict

Date: 4/19/2010

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* AUTOMATIC APPROVAL DATES RELATIVE TO FEBRUARY 28 MEETING

The meeting commenced at 1:02pm on February 27, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel in Austin, TX.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Chair Bill Redpath called for a moment of reflection, a practice at LNC meetings.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Lark thanked Robert Butler and Pat Dixon of the LP of Texas for their hospitality and hard work in planning the LSLA Conference¹.

PAPERWORK CHECK

Chair Bill Redpath asked the Secretary to confirm the binder's contents. The Donor Disclosure Recommendation, carried over from the previous meeting, was a part of the Nashville minutes.

ATTENDANCE AND CREDENTIALS

Attending the February 27-28, 2010 LNC meeting in Austin were:

Officers: Chair Bill Redpath, Vice-Chair Michael Jingoian, Treasurer Aaron Starr, Secretary Bob Sullentrup.

Parliamentarian: M Carling was involved with the LSLA and would not be on hand.

At-Large Representatives: Pat Dixon, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Alicia Mattson. Admiral Michael Colley, having fallen in the shower and being on the mend, was available by phone.

Regional Representatives: Tony Ryan (1), Rebecca Sink-Burris (3), Stewart Flood (4), Dr. James Lark (5-S), Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox (6) and Rachel Hawkridge (7). Due to a prior commitment, newly appointed Region 2 rep Dan Weiner did not attend.

Regional Alternates: Scott Lieberman (2), filling in for Daniel Weiner.

Alternates not attending included Rob Latham (1), Bob Jackson (3), Heather Scott (4), Berlie Etzel (5-S), Jake Porter (6) and Steve LaBianca (7)

LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski attended by phone at 3pm.

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Director of Operations Robert Kraus and Staff Assistant Art DiBianca.

¹ During the weekend, none of the LNC members followed through with any threats to mess with Texas or its citizenry. This is an important local practice that most foreigners have the good sense to abide by.

The gallery included Mark Hinkle, Vicki Kirkland, Chuck Moulton, Paul Frankel, Robert Butler, Rhys Blavier, Scott Williamson, and Gene Hawkrige. On Sunday Mike Seebeck, Kevin Knedler, Dr. Roxanne Sweeney, James Oaksun, Carolyn Marbry, BetteRose Ryan, George Phillies, Rick Tomasso, Glenn Nielsen, Nick Sarwark, Dave Mason, Roger Gary, Ed Tidwell, Andrew Wolf, Tim Hagan, Joe Silvestri, Kevin Takenaga and John Roland. Some others from the LSLA attended that the Secretary was unable to catch.

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the May 26, 2008 meeting. Hardy Macia resigned in November 2008 as Region 5 North alternate with Carl Vassar replacing him. George Squyres resigned as Region 1 alternate in December 2008. Rob Latham (UT) became the Region 1 alternate on March 17, 2009. Daniel Wiener (CA) replaced Mark Hinkle as Region 2 rep February 19, 2010².

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
Region 1	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming	Tony Ryan ³ (AZ)	Rob Latham
Region 2	California	Daniel Wiener (CA)	Scott Lieberman (CA)
Region 3	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana	Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)	Bob Jackson (MI)
Region 4	Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas	Stewart Flood (SC)	Heather Scott (TN)
Region 5 - South	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	James W. Lark, III (VA)	Berlie Etzel (PA)
Region 5 - North	Connecticut, Maine,	Dan Karlan (NJ)	Carl Vassar (CT)

² The Secretary was notified on February 19.

³ Mr. Ryan also has a residence in SD. He serves on the LNC as a resident of AZ.

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
	New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont		
Region 6	Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin	Julie Fox (IL)	Jake Porter (MO)
Region 7	Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	Rachel Hawkrigde (WA)	Steve LaBianca (FL)
Orphans	Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Arkansas		

NASHVILLE MINUTES

Bob Sullentrup moved to approve the version of the minutes found in the binder.

Alicia Mattson moved to strike any references and comments attributed to Roger Gary. In as much as no comments by Roger Gary were in the minutes, the issue was moot.

Mary Ruwart moved to change the minutes on page 26 in the section covering the Donor Disclosure Committee recommendation.

Replace:

No written minority report was presented at the meeting. As the committee fulfilled its requirement to study the issue and bring it to the body by December, the committee was deemed discharged.

With:

After time was up on this issue Aaron Starr stated that the committee had fulfilled its requirement to study the issue and bring it to the body by December. He indicated that the committee was deemed discharged. Mary Ruwart and others objected and pointed out the committee had been asked to revisit the Table by some LNC members during discussion of this issue.

The amendment passed 8-6.

There was no objection to the resulting version of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The LP entered the meeting with the following agenda:

February 27-28, 2010 Meeting Agenda Austin, TX - Preliminary

Call to Order	1:00 pm (minutes)
Moment of Reflection	1
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Credentials Report and Paperwork Check (Secretary)	5
Approval of the Nashville Minutes (Secretary)	5
Approval of the Agenda	5
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5
Standing Reports	
Chair's Report	15
Treasurer's Report	30
Secretary's Report	10
Staff Report	
Staff	60
Counsel's Report	30
Reports of Standing Committees	
Convention Committee (Colley)	20
Affiliate Support Committee (Jingoian)	10
Bylaws Committee Report (Karlan)	5
Platform Committee Report (Mattson)	5
Items Postponed from Previous Meeting	
Donor Disclosure Committee Recommendations & Amendment (Hinkle)	20
New Business without Previous Notice	
Convention Floor Fees (Dixon)	30
Conventions Speakers (Ruwart)	15
Ballot Access Report (Redpath)	15
Campus Organizing Report (Lark)	5
Various Regions	5 per

Opportunity for Public Comment

10

Adjournment

The chair noted phone calls were scheduled for Saturday:

- 3:00pm with LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski
- 3:30pm with Admiral Colley

Pat Dixon moved to reschedule the Convention Fees item to the first thing Sunday. With no objection, it passed.

Michael Jingoian moved to change the Affiliate Support Committee item to the second item on Sunday. With no objection, it passed.

Mark Hinkle's name was still on the item 'Donor Disclosure Committee Recommendations & Amendment'. The group agreed to not name a substitute at this time, but to address the matter when the time came. There was no objection.

There was no objection to the adoption of the resulting agenda as follows:

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Counsel's Report, (Sinawski) 3:00pm	30
Reports of Standing Committees	

Convention Committee (Colley), 3:30pm	20
Affiliate Support Committee (Jingozian), Second item Sunday	10
Bylaws Committee Report (Karlan)	5
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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Mary Ruwart noted she was elected chair of the Board of Directors of the individual Society for Individual Liberty
- Rachel Hawkrigde noted she is working with other third parties in Washington to organize CapFest.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Redpath provided an oral report summarizing what he had done the following since the Nashville meeting:

- He has been talking to Wes Benedict several times per week.
- He has attended a board meeting for Citizens in Charge an organization headed by Paul Jacob.
- He has attended a board meeting of FairVote where he serves as Treasurer.

- He has worked with Libertarian Party of Virginia chairman Jeff Bowles to recruit congressional candidates (including Matt Mosley in the 11th District). He mentioned that he intends to run for Congress in the 10th District.
- On January 13 he spoke with former NM governor Gary Johnson, now of 'Our America Initiative'. Mr. Johnson may create an exploratory committee in 2011 to run for the Republican nomination for president in 2012.
- The Chair purchased five seats at a January 13 dinner for the Marijuana Policy Project; the Chair's guests included his wife Melinda, Wes Benedict, and Chuck Moulton.
- On January 20 he spoke with Jeffrey Lawrence, the Global Director of Intellectual Property Rights at Intel who is running for the US House in Oregon.
- He was on KDKA for an hour long interview on the Pittsburgh radio station.
- He worked the response to the State of the Union Address and noted the release made several papers, including his photo along with the release in the Anderson (Indiana) newspaper.
- He has been talking with Angelia O'Dell of the Oklahoma Ballot Access Reform group, and has donated his discretionary fund to that initiative.
- He noted the Green Party has closed office in San Francisco. Relative to other third parties, we are well off.
- He is on the Bylaws Committee and attended the February 26 meeting.
- He is in discussion with Howard Keating of Michigan, who is interested in building a cable channel for small business.
- He noted that Charlie Earl, the farm director at WFIN radio in the mid-70's with whom he worked, is running as the LP candidate for Secretary of State in Ohio.
- He noted the progress in Costa Rica of election reform. Otto Gueverra the 2002 Convention keynoter ran for president in Costa Rica, came in third with 21% of vote. In addition, Momemto Libertario has garnered one, six, six and now ten seats in the Costa Rican congress in successive elections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aaron Starr presented information by quarter, rather than by month, and noted the highlights that for a change are solid.

- We have \$55k in the bank

- Payables are roughly zero
- We had a surplus of \$61k in the fourth quarter, up from \$23k earlier in 2009
- Cash flow in 2009 was +\$51k
- January will be another great month, expected to improve our cash position by \$40k, exclusive of the Barrington bequest and pre-paid convention fees

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Sullentrup noted LNC region formation for the 2010-2012 term begins February 28 and extends through May 30 at the St. Louis Convention.

With the passing of John Famularo, we had attempted to recover historical LP minutes and other items from Alex Famularo. Wes Benedict committed to follow up with Mr. Famularo.

Bob Sullentrup noted the mail ballots introduced since the Nashville meeting included:

- Sent 1/3/2010. **Appoint David Jahn (PA) as the next ranked alternate to the Credentials Committee.** Co-sponsors: Dan Karlan, Stewart Flood, Alicia Mattson, Rebecca Sink-Burris. Passed 13-1, 3 abstentions.
 - Voting in favor: Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, Alicia Mattson, Mark Hinkle, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan, Mary Ruwart, Bill Redpath, Lee Wrights, Julie Fox, Tony Ryan, James Lark
 - Opposed: Rachel Hawkridge
 - Abstaining: Michael Jingoian, Pat Dixon, Admiral Colley
- Sent 12/19/2009. **Approve the attached version of the minutes of our Nashville meeting.** Co-sponsors: Bob Sullentrup, Dan Karlan, Aaron Starr, Alicia Mattson. Failed for quorum participation.

STAFF REPORTS

Wes Benedict addressed the body covering the staff report provided in the appendix. He used a PowerPoint presentation covering the graphics.

The number of active donors has grown almost 1000 over the course of a little over a year from 14.2k in October 2009 to 15.1k in January 2010.

Monthly pledge revenue increased 30% in a half year from \$20.9k in June 2009 to \$27.0k in January.

Highlights included his discussion of ongoing fundraising and the creation of candidate websites.

GARY SINAWSKI COUNSEL'S REPORT

LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski attended by phone and fielded a number of questions stemming from his attached counsel's report regarding financial and other items.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

At 3:30pm Admiral Colley was on the speaker phone. His convention report is in the appendix. He fielded a few questions and noted:

- He is still looking for a volunteer to obtain convention ribbons – the items are already in the convention budget.
- He is still looking for a sponsor for 3-ring binders
- Possible 2012 convention sites include Indianapolis (JW Marriott is making a comeback), Pittsburgh (renovations are back on track), Nashville and others
- When asked what would happen if the LNC allowed delegates in with no convention fee, the convention would either 'lose money' or raise fees.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Dan Karlan noted the Bylaws Committee met February 26 and identified a new set of prospective Bylaws changes. He will reopen the survey site which will contain just the new items, and condense the items over March and April.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Alicia Mattson reported the Platform Committee surveys attracted 3800 survey responses. This, of course, is a lot to digest. These items will be used to rank order Platform Planks. The hopper of platform changes is full.

The Platform Committee will meet again right before convention, probably Friday morning. This committee has been much less contentious than the one in 2008. This platform was 'more of an editorial rather than a rewrite'.

DONOR DISCLOSURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & AMENDMENT

With the indulgence of the group for former LNC member Mark Hinkle to lead this section, he began by referencing an item in the binder calling for an amendment to the Policy Manual, section 2.01.2.

Members pointed out that the matter had been postponed with an amendment on the floor from the previous meeting in Nashville. That amendment was to 'add an S to the State Affiliates column, last row (Donation History) of the table (listed on page 28 of what would become the Nashville minutes)'.

Dan Karlan amended the amendment to add an asterisk to the 'S', where the asterisk denotes 'with the donor's permission'. Dan's amendment passed.

The amended amendment, to add 'S*' to the last row under the State Affiliates column, also passed.

Aaron Starr introduced an amendment to include a double asterisk in the column headings of the table to note that 'members and donors are not required to sign a confidentiality agreement to see their own data'.

A suggestion to remove 'as acknowledged by a LNC-approved non-disclosure agreement' from the sentence before the table (see page 28 of the Nashville Minutes) that begins 'Raiser's Edge data shall be available to stakeholders in line with this table, limited to their scope of duties,' was ruled out of order.

Mary Ruwart moved to substitute her policy manual amendment included in the binder. That was ruled out of order.

The 'double asterisk' amendment passed.

The main motion now included the material listed on page 28 of the Nashville minutes, along with the single- and double-asterisk amendments. This would be inserted in the Policy Manual in Section 2.09.6.

The motion failed 0-13

Opposed: Aaron Starr, Tony Ryan, Mary Ruwart, Julie Fox, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Dan Karlan, Lee Wrights, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkridge, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Pat Dixon, Michael Jingoian

Abstaining: Bob Sullentrup, Stewart Flood

Dr. Ruwart moved to suspend the rules to consider an alternative to the failed motion. This passed.

Dr. Ruwart moved to insert into the Policy Manual an amendment in Section 2.01.2:

2) Donation History Confidentiality

The officers, employees, agents, and members of the LNC may disclose donor information in a non-confidential manner in the following instances: a) to meet legal requirements; b) with donor's permission; or c) when acknowledging donor generosity

in a complimentary fashion (e.g., welcoming new members in the *LP News*) that does not conflict with a donor's desire for privacy. Donor information will otherwise be treated as confidential and labeled as such when sharing it with those authorized to receive it.

This motion failed 3-11

In favor: Mary Ruwart, Lee Wrights, MichaelJingoian

Opposed: Aaron Starr, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Julie Fox, Rebecca Sink Burris, Dan Karlan, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkridge, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Pat Dixon

Abstaining: Bob Sullentrup

Dan Karlan thanked Dr. Ruwart for her persistence in this matter and invited her to continue to work on a way to resolve the issues that had been uncovered in donor confidentiality discussions.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING AND REGIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Lark noted his report in the appendix and entertained questions. He noted he was very optimistic about those young people he has met at events where he has recently spoken.

He stated that more and more the "creme de la creme" of bright young people are libertarian in disposition." He also noted his approval of a comment at the Students For Liberty conference that the attendees are not the future leaders of the liberty movement, but rather they are the leaders of the liberty movement. None asked any questions of him.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Several regional reports are provided to the LNC in the binder and as appendices to these minutes. Of particular note:

- North Dakota has produced 'another warm body' who wants to run for office. This increases involvement in the Peace Garden State by 50%.
- Dr. Lark noted in the Wisconsin report, the correct spelling was 'Maltsev', who was an advisor to Gorbachev before his escape.
- A number of Region 4 state conventions are coming up, alleged to be the 'most fun in the nation'.

CORRECTION TO THE ST. LOUIS MINUTES

Alicia Mattson noted Roger Gary had requested his comments in the St. Louis, not Nashville, minutes be removed. That comment was

Roger Gary thanked the LNC for its participation and hard work.

With no objection, the motion was entertained and passed.

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE POLICY MANUAL

On page 48, a bullet item was split into two. Under Communications > Reports, the new items read:

- Monthly, provide a Membership Report.
- Monthly, a Financial Report to the LNC (upon approval by the Treasurer).

The parenthetic phrase was to refer to the Financial Report, not Membership.

ADJOURNMENT

The LNC moved to adjourn and reconvene Sunday at 8:30am

SUNDAY

The Sunday session commenced at 8:34. Bill Redpath dialed Admiral Colley on the speaker phone.

CONVENTION FLOOR FEE

Pat Dixon moved:

No delegates will be denied entrance to the convention floor during business session of the 2010 LP national convention in St. Louis based upon payment of fees.

After some discussion, Aaron Starr moved a substitute motion:

For the 2010 convention, section 2.02.3 of the Policy Manual is party overridden as follows: An online system of sponsorship shall be implemented to facilitate matching those wanting to pay another's registration fee with those requesting sponsorship.

After more discussion and after an extension of time, the amendment finally came to a vote.

The chair ruled that since the convention fee was something the LNC had previously adopted, albeit by way of delegating its authority to the Convention Oversight Committee to make such decisions, the measure would take nine votes, a majority of the entire committee, or a two-thirds

majority of those present and voting. Mary Ruwart appealed the ruling of the Chair. The body sustained the Chair's ruling.

The amendment to substitute failed by a vote of 6-8.

The motion introduced by Pat Dixon passed 10-5

Voting in favor:

Mary Ruwart, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Julie Fox, Dan Karlan, Lee Wrights, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkridge, Pat Dixon, Michael Jingoian

Opposed

Aaron Starr, Rebecca Sink Burris, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Bob Sullentrup

Admiral Colley who was not present could not vote.

Subsequent to the vote, Admiral Colley reiterated the intention of the Convention Committee, which was to "not intent to freeze anybody out, but simply to pay for the Convention."

Pat Dixon, maker of the main motion, thanked his colleagues, and encouraged them to "go out and sell packages".

Stewart Flood indicated he will incorporate the "Missouri Compromise" into the registration process. The Missouri Compromise is facility whereby individuals could request a convention subsidy from other convention goers, and others could voluntarily contribute some or all of the fees for other delegates.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Mary Ruwart introduced a motion suggested by David Nolan:

No person who is a declared candidate for LNC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary shall be given a speaking slot as Keynote Speaker, or at a Breakfast or Lunch event, at the 2010 national convention unless all candidates for the same office are given an equal opportunity to address all delegates for the same amount of time.

Again, this motion was one to amend something previously adopted, and thus required either nine votes for passage or two-thirds. The motion failed 2-12

Voting in favor:

Mary Ruwart, Rachel Hawkridge

Opposed:

Aaron Starr, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Julie Fox, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Dan Karlan, Dr. Lark, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Pat Dixon, Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup

Abstaining:

Lee Wrights

CONVENTION PACKAGE REFUND

The LNC suspended the rules and changed the agenda to consider the following.

In as much as sixteen people have already purchased basic convention packages, Rebecca Sink-Burris moved that:

As a gesture of good faith that those who have already paid for the basic package be given the opportunity request a refund

Aaron Starr moved to amend to have the measure read:

As a gesture of good faith that those who have already paid for the basic Convention package, such registrants will be informed that they may request a refund

There was no objection to the amendment. The measure passed 15-0

Voting in favor:

Aaron Starr, Mary Ruwart, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Julie Fox, Rebecca Sink Burris, Dan Karlan, Lee Wrights, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkrige, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Pat Dixon, Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Michael Jingoian introduced a motion taking the form of a project plan produced by the Affiliate Support Committee.

The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall consist of all Regional representatives and the LP Vice-Chair, who will be the Chair of the Committee. In addition, for any affiliate not in a region, the Vice-Chair will serve the same intermediary role that Regional Representatives serve for the affiliates in their respective regions.

The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall identify the needs and interests of the various affiliates. In addition, the ASC shall identify those affiliates that are in particular need of assistance that the LNC can provide.

Once each calendar year, at least two months prior to the preparation of the annual budget, the ASC shall deliver a report to the LNC, identifying and prioritizing those

needs and interests of the various affiliates. This ranked list shall be taken into consideration when drawing up the following year's budget, and throughout the year as need. This list will also assist the Executive Director in deciding how to assign tasks to staff, by identifying those services that staff provides to the affiliates that are the most desired.

The ASC shall also, as and when needed, recommend to the LNC measures that will address the particular affiliates that need assistance from the LNC.

The ASC will also establish a process for tracking the progress in meeting those needs.

Dan Karlan moved to reformat the motion by removing removes sentence one and the following two words,

The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall consist of all Regional representatives and the LP Vice-Chair, who will be the Chair of the Committee. In addition,

And at the same time moving sentence one into Policy Manual section 2.02.

There was no objection to the reformatting.

The amended motion passed 14-1.

Voting in favor:

Aaron Starr, Mary Ruwart, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Julie Fox, Rebecca Sink Burris, Dan Karlan, Lee Wrights, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkridge, Scott Lieberman, Alicia Mattson, Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup

Opposed:

Pat Dixon

BALLOT ACCESS REPORT

Bill Redpath called on Ohio State Chair Kevin Knedler to describe the recent success in Ohio. In eight days, Ohio hired petitioners and in eight days managed to collect 15,000 signatures, allowing the number of candidates on the ballot in Ohio going from 8 to 60.

Bill Redpath called on petitioner Paul Frankel who reported the petitioning in New Mexico is just about wrapped up. The LNC provided \$15k and this will provide ballot access for 2010 and 2012.

The Chair reported he had spoken with Gene Siadek of Nebraska, encouraging him to seek candidates. Ballot access is gained with 5100 signatures across three congressional districts.

He noted he will speak with Mik Robertson of Pennsylvania to make plans for initiatives in the Keystone State, improving the process for 2010.

Warren Redlich, a former Republican candidate for congress, is likely to run for governor in New York on the LP ticket and to do so as a fusion candidate.

Crystal Jurczynski of Illinois is working hard to gain ballot access in that state. In earlier elections the Greens have gotten as much as 10%. Illinois is aiming for 5%. With scandals replete in Illinois, Julie Fox believes the time is right to strike. Illinois needs 50k signatures with 25k valid.

Bill Redpath entertained the following motion:

To amend the 2010 LNC budget to increase ballot access expense from \$15k to \$35k and the incremental \$20 be encumbered for the LP of Illinois 2010 petition drive.

The motion passed 11-2.

Voting in favor:

Mary Ruwart, Stewart Flood, Tony Ryan, Rebecca Sink Burris, Dan Karlan, Lee Wrights, Dr. Lark, Rachel Hawkrige, Alicia Mattson, Pat Dixon, Bill Redpath

Opposed:

Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup

Abstaining

Julie Fox, Scott Lieberman, Michael Jingoian (running the meeting at the time)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Missouri Chair Glenn Nielsen thanked the body for rescinding the floor fees.
- Roger Gary welcomed the LNC to Texas, noting that in 1836 shortly before the March 6 assault on the Alamo, Texas had voted for independence rather than trying to get General Santa Ana to follow the constitution and ensure rights. Today, we are in a similar struggle endeavoring to get the federal government to live up to Constitution. What will happen next? Roger Gary also pledged \$2000 should the ballot access expenditures in Illinois require another dip in the well.
- Rich Tomasso of New Hampshire thanked the LNC for its expenditures on ballot access in the Granite State.
- Gene Hawkrige noted the LNC had worked together this weekend and were cordial.
- John Roland announced he is an LP candidate for the Attorney General office in Texas. He recommended the LNC capitalize on the Tea Party movement and others. Kay Bailey

Hutchinson may soon resign, opening up an open ballot with 80 candidates all on an equal footing, and represents an excellent opportunity to have the LP get a senator.

- Jim Lark thanked Pat Dixon and Robert Butler for their efforts as well as LP colleagues who had spent their time with us this weekend.
- Kevin Knedler of Ohio said he'd been studying the LNC and may want to join. Ohio's LP had 'almost been extinct', then imploded, and then they started over. Organization building is Kevin's expertise, and is devoting himself to having America 'leave Generation Y with something' rather than plundering their future earnings.
- Julie Fox thanked the LNC for its support of ballot access in Illinois.
- Mike Seebeck advised the group that the function of LP leadership is service.

NEXT MEETING

The LNC will meet at the St. Louis Convention in St. Louis on May 28.

To: Libertarian National Committee, February 24, 2010
From: LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski

MEMORANDUM

Introduction

This report summarizes my work as general counsel to the LNC since December 1, 2009, the date of my last report. The report is not privileged and confidential, as it simply relates facts and does not constitute legal advice. It may be disclosed to other members of the Libertarian Party, in your discretion.

General

Convention Registration Fee - Researched and prepared memo to Chairman Redpath on possible impact of *Morse v. Republican Party of Virginia*, 517 U.S. 186 (1996) on the LNC's decision to charge a registration fee to delegates at the LP national convention in St. Louis.

Burrington Estate - Reviewed pertinent documents and correspondence and drafted simple proposed amendment to escrow agreement to provide for wire transfer of payments to LP.

Keating Network LLC - Reviewed proposed nondisclosure agreement and other documents and made recommendation to Chairman Redpath.

LP Website - Reviewed proposed change to disclosure language on LP website regarding contributions from foreign nationals.

Citizens United v. FEC - Reviewed Supreme Court's decision; analyzing same re. possible implications for LP.

Litigation

Libertarian Party of Ohio, et al. v. Brunner - This action was commenced in March 2008 in federal district court in Ohio for declaratory and injunctive relief from certain restrictive ballot access regulations promulgated by the Ohio secretary of state. I represent the

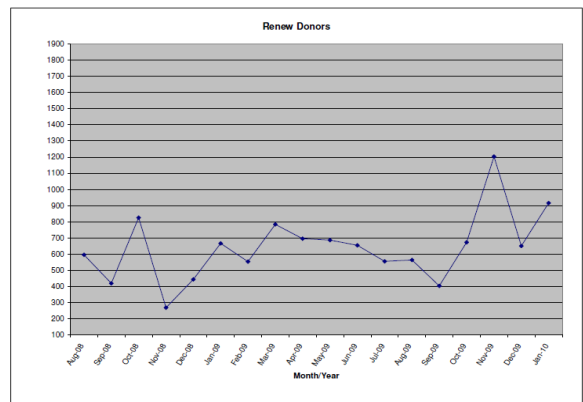
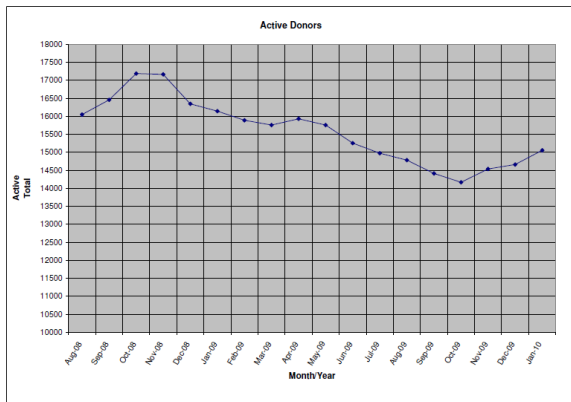
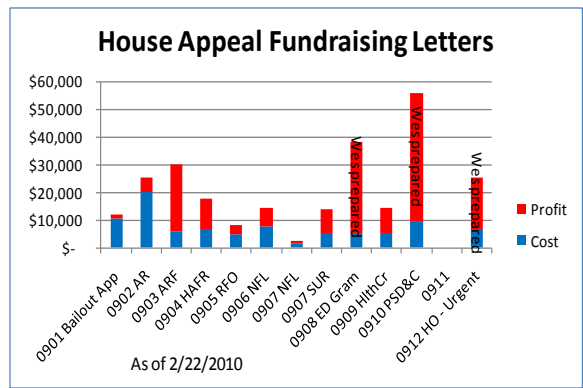
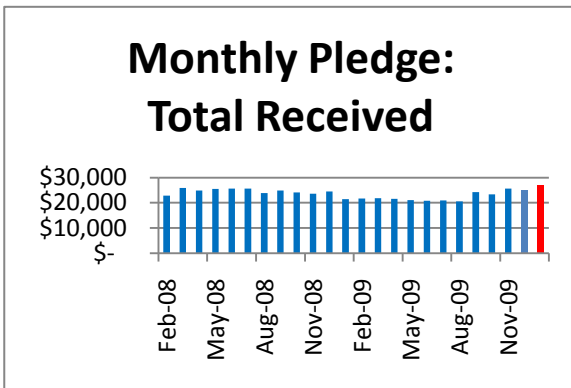
plaintiffs. The plaintiffs were granted a preliminary injunction declaring the challenged regulations unconstitutional and ordering that the LP candidates for president, vice president and local offices be listed on the November 2008 ballot. A consent decree terminating the litigation was negotiated with the defendant's attorneys and signed by the judge. The court has, at last, issued a decision on my application for attorney's fees. Upon payment of those fees, I shall make a refund to the LP of the monies I was paid to pursue the litigation.

STAFF REPORTS

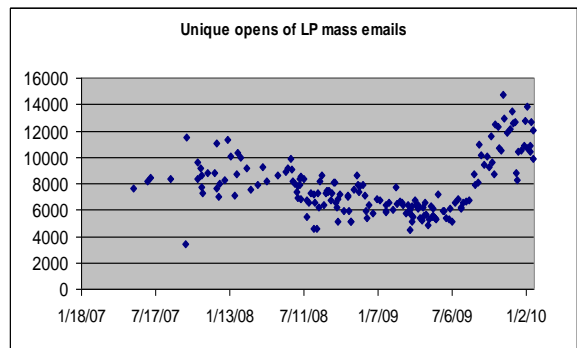
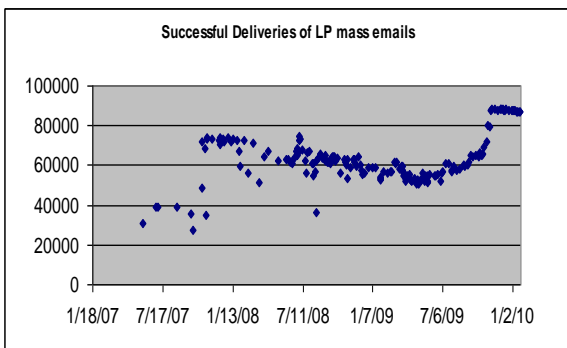
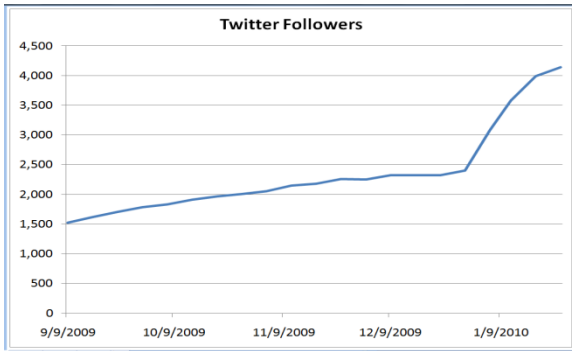
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Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

Austin, Texas



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Executive Director's Report, submitted by Wes Benedict

OVERVIEW

I started as Executive Director on July 17, 2009. My immediate focus has been to improve fundraising, increase membership and cut costs.

Some highlights:

- 2009 Net Surplus: \$85,367
- "Active Donors" bottomed out in October 2009 at 14,170 and has risen since then to 15,059 in January 2010.
- Monthly pledge revenue increased from \$20,854 in June 2009, to \$26,969 in January 2010.

STAFFING

Prior to the last LNC meeting there were four full-time, two part-time, and one 20 hour/week contractor. Since then, we added Kyle Hartz full-time and extended some hours. Kyle was formerly a Fall 2009 LPHQ intern who graduated. Kyle's first priority was phoning monthly pledgers to update credit card information and ask former pledgers to sign up again.

It has been a pleasure working with our current staff, and I am pleased with the focus, productivity, and quality of work of our current staff.

NOTE ON "PERSONAL COMMITMENT" MEASURES

Because a significant portion of my compensation is a potential bonus based on revenue (which has not been high enough to pay out yet), my pay has been far less than previous executive directors. And, while previous executive directors were provided a computer, cell phone, and parking space, I've paid for my own cell phone, do not use a parking space, and have used my own laptop. I rented an apartment two blocks from the office so I could avoid commute time. I've been in the Watergate office working almost every day, seven days a week, including every holiday, since July 21 (except for 4 days at Christmas). While staff took a few "snow days" due to record snowfall in DC and closure of transportation options, I was able to make it to the office each bad weather day. I'm not complaining about these things—on the contrary, I'm hoping to show how seriously I take the goals I've set.

Staff Assignments
2/25/2010
Wes Benedict, Executive Director

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Establish the organizational structure of the staff
Recruit train and assign all staff members
Appoint, employ and terminate staff in consultation with the Chair
Evaluate staff performance
Assure staff is in compliance with party Bylaws and Policy Manual
Maintain frequent and substantive contact with the LNC Chair
Keep members of the LNC informed as appropriate
Develop budget with Treasurer and maintain compliance
Oversee fundraising efforts including fundraising letters, emails, website, telemarketing, and major donor efforts
Oversee membership growth efforts
Write and design fundraising letters or outsource
LP News Editor
Work with the Chair and others to get out a cohesive Libertarian message to the public
Generate press releases
Answer press inquiries and book media appearances for party officials
Generate Monday Message and other email messages to members
Answer questions about the Party and its positions when other staff requests assistance
Create and oversee various initiatives to establish a “cause célèbre” for our donors
Function as the intermediary between the Party and the public
Assure compliance with the Advertising Publications Review Committee (APRC) provisions
Liaison between staff and General Counsel
Direct LP.org website content
Generate blog entries
Generate polls on LP.org
Assist start-up of state affiliates where none exist
Candidate recruitment and training
Manage ballot access activities
Participate in outside conferences
Network with other organizations and politicians in DC to increase the stature and reputation of the party
Robert Kraus, Operations Director
Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)

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General purchasing and procurement
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues
Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC
Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff
Create and maintain Employee Manual
Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)
Assure Sustaining Memberships, expiration dates, and Life Memberships are accurately calculated and recorded according to the Bylaws and Policy Manual
Send monthly data dumps to state affiliates
Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ
Customer service (internal and external communications with board members, affiliates, donors, etc.)
Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
Preparation of financial and membership reports
Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers
Managing our ballot access lawsuits with the chair
Working with the Chair, state parties and local activists to get ballot access reform bills introduced in state legislatures, and developing lobbying strategies for them
Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee
Primary staff liaison to the Secretary
Maintain backups of LP servers, Raisers Edge, Quickbooks, and personal computer files
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)
Record LNC meetings
Process monthly gifts for direct account drafts
Oversee Member Service Specialists in the sorting incoming mail, updating membership information and caging of donations
Casey Hansen, Member Services & Affiliate Relations Manager
Answer and direct incoming phone calls
Answer questions or refer to others
Handle complaints or refer to others
Accept, open and sort mail, packages, couriers and supplies
Greet visitors
Produce and mail LP Membership Cards

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Produce and mail LP Information Packets
Sort and tag physical monetary contributions sent to the office (checks, money orders, cash)
Deposit checks at PCN bank after deposit verified and cash audited
Re-checking of daily deposits and cash audits
Update member's address and contact information
Assist in general office upkeep, organization and maintain office supplies
Any other extra tasks as assigned by other LNC staff such as general filing, research, and responding to member correspondence
Primary assistant to Robert
Customer service to state and local affiliates
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists (the off-line document, not the ones on LP.org)
Maintain Events Listing on LP.org
Fill order requests, such as requests for free brochures or free LP News
Susan Dickson, Member Services Specialist
Process and cage all checks, credit cards and cash received via mail into RE
Photocopy checks before deposit
Process and cage all web transactions into RE
Process refunds and contribution returns
Update and maintain records in RE
Import new inquiry and volunteers from web and send prepare data for information packets
Prepare data for new memberships and renewals and print letters for membership cards
Prepare daily reports and do daily cash audits
Create new records for people who ask for information packets
Properly sort and file all source material to comply with FEC rules
Mark Meranta, Affiliate Services & New Media Specialist
Recruit and manage interns
Direct intern telemarketing membership renewal effort
Assist with monthly pledge credit card updates

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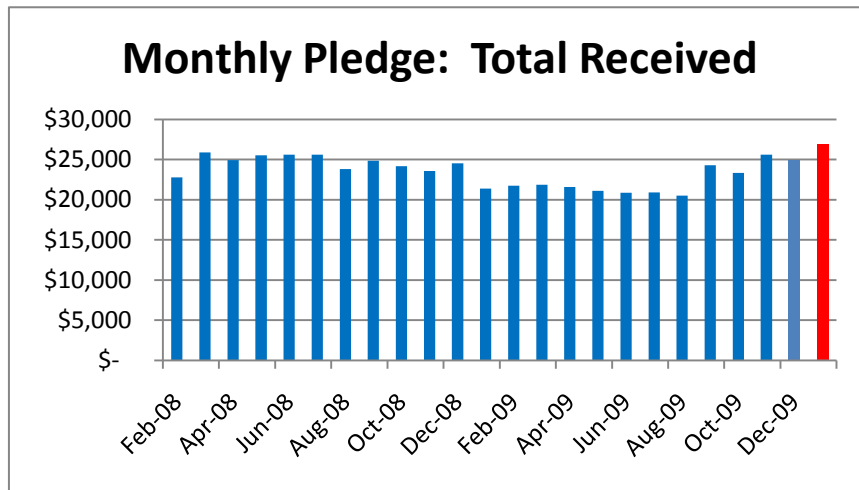
Produce, shoot, edit original videos for the LP. Continue creating infrastructure of permanent online web 2.0 material resources for training, education, inspiration, and recruitment
Work with state affiliates, and volunteers on event ideas, and creating opportunities for locals to be active
Manage social media pages: Facebook, Twitter, Meetup and LinkedIn
Respond to letters and email requests from volunteers
Forward people who express a desire to run for office to their state party
Maintain run for office and volunteer receipt lists
Assist campus organizing
Staff booths at LP events, direct recruitment of volunteers for affiliate events
Participate in outside conferences
Activist training and support
Arthur DiBianca, Staff Assistant
Maintain the list of elected Libertarians (online and a more extensive offline database)
Maintain the list of Libertarian candidates
Assist with database troubleshooting and cleanup
Scan national media for topics for press releases, blog entries, and Email messages
Produce monthly Liberty Pledge Newsletter
Manage Lyris email broadcast system (press list and LP member list): add new subscribers, load and send press releases and general emails
Post blog entries, press releases, polls and other information on LP.org
Help with overall maintenance of LP.org
Write some press releases, general emails (like Monday Messages and fundraising emails), and blog entries
Write articles for LP News
Edit and proofread all communications including press releases, blog entries, fundraising letters, LP News, and party literature
Assist with member recruitment and renewals
Assist with candidate recruitment
Nick Dunbar, Staff Assistant
Maintain accuracy of monthly giving program (donor calls and email changes; contact donors for updated information)

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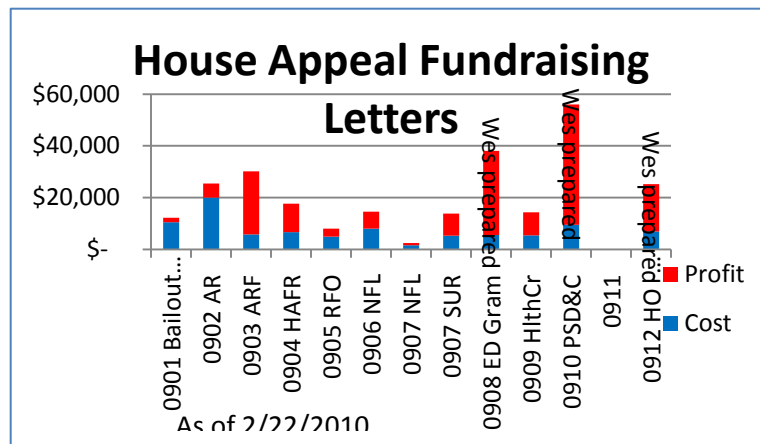
Process monthly gifts for members of monthly giving program and evaluate transactions that do not go through to find out why including contacting the donor for updated information
Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals (copy, art, print, mail shop)
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments from house file for each house mail appeal, and order lists for each acquisition appeal
Data pulls from donor database for house mail appeal and for omission in acquisition appeal
Data pulls for membership cards, acknowledgments and cultivation
Oversee printing and mailing of membership cards; print and mail acknowledgments; search for creative ideas to cultivate high dollar and loyal donors
Update Board Report (which shows appeal results)
Assist with record archive organization, storage and maintenance
Kyle Hartz, Development Assistant
Phone monthly pledgers with processing problems to get updated information
Phone former monthly pledgers to get them to sign up again
Phone lapsed members to renew memberships--stay late and call at night as needed to reach people on the West Coast at home
Design websites for candidates
Assist with social media pages
Assist with interns
Assist with inquiry responses (questions about the Libertarian Party from interested prospects)

FUNDRAISING

We increased the monthly pledge revenue from \$20,854 in June 2009, to \$26,969 in January 2010. Reinstating the ability to pay for a monthly pledge online via credit card and getting staff to make calls to update credit card information was critical. Also, adding the monthly pledge option to most fundraising letters and renewal mailings helped.



The three house appeal fundraising letters I prepared in 2009 have performed very well and I will continue designing many of the fundraising letters. We send approximately one per month, although that varies and I lean towards sending nine per year but reaching more people and keeping the quality and profitability high.



There's a marketing saying that it costs ten times more to acquire a new customer than to retain an existing one. This seems to apply to the Libertarian Party as well. Rather than prospecting to cold lists, I've focused on getting former members to renew. Both renewal letters I sent to lapsed members were highly profitable.

An October appeal (0910 Lapsed) brought in \$30,988 which was higher than most 2009 House Appeals. A second appeal (0912 Lapsed) has brought in \$18,525 so far and is still generating returns. The extra renewals helped to boost membership profitably.

TELEMARKETING

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Mark Meranta continues to manage volunteer interns to make telemarketing calls for membership renewals and database updates. Kyle Hartz makes calls in the evenings to people the interns couldn't reach during the day.

BOARD REPORT

The following chart we refer to as the "Board Report" has more details on fundraising. Beware, this is a manually updated chart and the cost information can be particularly misleading due to which costs are included and which are not.

When we send LP News, we include a business reply envelope for donations which brought in \$23,186 in revenue in 2009.

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Official Mailing Name	Drop Date	Topic and Purpose	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Responses	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
2009 Appeals (as of 2-22-10)													
House													
0601 Bailout App	1/30/09	Application for Bailout	21,420	0-28 Month Donors	\$12,168.50	\$10,441.22	\$1,727.28	304	1.42%	\$40.03	\$0.86	\$1.17	\$4.35
0602 AR	2/24/09	Annual Report	19,948	0-18 Month Donors; Life Members 19-96 Mo	\$25,436.65	\$20,061.41	\$5,375.24	531	2.80%	\$47.90	\$0.79	\$1.27	\$37.78
0603 ARF	3/21/09	Annual Report Followup	19,022	0-18 Month Donors; Life Members 19-96 Mo	\$30,133.97	\$5,835.69	\$24,298.28	413	2.17%	\$72.96	\$0.19	\$5.16	\$14.13
0604 HAFR	4/20/09	Audit Federal Resene-Petition	17,622	0-18 Month Donors; Vol for Ron Paul	\$17,668.69	\$6,602.22	\$11,066.47	709	4.02%	\$24.92	\$0.37	\$2.68	\$9.31
0605 RFO	5/21/09	Run For Office - Mike Munger Ltr	15,707	2-18 Month Donors (no Life, no Pledgers)	\$8,055.96	\$4,877.55	\$3,178.31	202	1.29%	\$39.88	\$0.61	\$1.65	\$24.15
0606 NFL	6/18/09	No Free Lunch	16,619	2-18 and Life; 0-6 vol (no pledgers)	\$14,515.21	\$6,008.82	\$8,506.39	307	1.81%	\$48.22	\$0.55	\$1.81	\$26.61
0607 NFL	8/3/09	No Free Lunch	2,490	\$25+ 24-36 month lapsed members	\$2,416.00	\$1,584.19	\$831.81	38	1.53%	\$63.98	\$0.66	\$1.53	\$41.69
0607 SUR	7/29/09	Govt Takeover - gatefold	11,881	2-12 and Board and Mir. Dir. (no pledgers)	\$13,862.75	\$5,257.88	\$8,604.87	270	2.27%	\$51.34	\$0.38	\$2.64	\$19.47
0608 ED Gram	8/18/09	New Ex Dir - urgent gram	19,193	1-16 mo. Inq. Mir. Dir. Vol. Iowa	\$38,056.23	\$5,533.79	\$32,522.44	633	3.30%	\$60.12	\$0.15	\$6.88	\$8.74
0609 HHCc	9/22/09	Health Care	12,589	0-12 mo donos, include Life Members	\$14,365.20	\$5,399.09	\$8,966.11	290	2.30%	\$49.54	\$0.38	\$2.66	\$18.62
0610 PSDAC	11/4/09	Donations & Corrections	30,053	0-36 mo donos, 1-9 mo prospects.	\$55,963.60	\$9,540.10	\$46,413.50	884	2.94%	\$63.30	\$0.17	\$5.87	\$10.78
0611							\$30.00			#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
0612 HO - Urgent	12/23/09	Year End Urgent Gram (yellow)	25,042		\$25,214.77	\$6,943.96	\$18,270.81	503	2.01%	\$50.13	\$0.28	\$3.63	\$13.81
Subtotal House Appeals			185,544		\$232,632.66	\$83,141.96	\$149,490.70	4,575	2.47%	\$50.85	\$0.36	\$2.80	\$18.17
2009 LP NEWS	on going	LP News with BRE inserted	47,811	Active Members	\$23,186.23	\$21,609.52	\$1,576.71	423	0.88%	\$54.81	\$0.93	\$1.07	\$51.09
Subtotal House Appeals Inv. LP News			443,941		\$255,818.89	\$104,751.48	\$151,067.41	4,998	1.13%	\$51.18	\$0.41	\$2.44	\$20.96
Renewals (as of 02-22-10)													
0601 Re	1/22/09	Renew Memberships	2,761	Members	\$17,275.00	\$1,228.46	\$16,046.54	416	15.07%	\$41.53	\$0.07	\$14.06	\$2.96
0602 Re	2/24/09	Renew Memberships	2,870	Members	\$13,994.99	\$1,378.78	\$12,616.21	343	11.95%	\$40.60	\$0.10	\$10.15	\$4.02
0603 Re	3/24/09	Renew Memberships	3,256	Members	\$13,424.99	\$1,490.87	\$11,934.12	325	9.98%	\$41.31	\$0.11	\$9.00	\$4.59
0604 Re	4/16/09	Renew Memberships	3,513	Members	\$9,374.47	\$1,365.34	\$8,009.13	273	7.77%	\$34.34	\$0.15	\$6.87	\$5.00
0605 Re	5/16/09	Renew Memberships	3,617	Members	\$8,912.00	\$1,389.57	\$7,522.43	247	6.83%	\$36.08	\$0.16	\$6.41	\$5.63
0606 Re	6/13/09	Renew Memberships	3,827	Members	\$12,521.01	\$1,442.95	\$11,078.06	298	7.79%	\$42.02	\$0.12	\$6.41	\$4.84
0607 Re	7/16/09	Renew Memberships	3,692	Members	\$8,575.00	\$1,444.13	\$7,130.87	206	5.58%	\$41.63	\$0.17	\$5.94	\$7.01
0608 Re	8/15/09	Renew Memberships	4,012	Members	\$13,020.00	\$1,413.08	\$11,606.92	293	7.30%	\$44.44	\$0.11	\$9.21	\$4.82
0609 Re	9/15/09	Renew Memberships	3,814	Members	\$13,026.50	\$1,416.32	\$11,610.18	297	7.79%	\$43.86	\$0.11	\$9.20	\$4.77
0610 Re	10/15/09	Renew Memberships	3,432	Members	\$10,920.00	\$1,252.10	\$9,667.90	257	7.49%	\$42.49	\$0.00	\$8.72	\$4.87
0611 Re		Renew Memberships		Members	\$7,120.00		\$7,120.00	154	#DIV/0!	\$46.23	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
0612 Re		Renew Memberships		Members	\$8,859.00		\$8,859.00	203	#DIV/0!	\$43.64	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Renewals			34,794		\$137,022.96	\$13,821.60	\$123,201.36	3,312	9.52%	\$41.37	\$0.10	\$9.91	\$4.17
Lapsed (as of 02-22-10)													
0606 NPC	6/18/09	Do Not Call list from telemarketers	180	Lapsed Members	\$591.00	\$79.20	\$511.80	22	12.22%	\$26.86	\$0.13	\$7.46	\$3.60
0608 Lapsed		Renew Memberships		Members	\$892.00		\$892.00	28	#DIV/0!	\$31.86	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
0610 Lapsed	10/16/09	Renew Memberships	21,512	Members	\$29,028.00	\$8,040.72	\$20,987.28	678	3.15%	\$42.81	\$0.28	\$3.61	\$1.86
0612 La		Lapsed Members	34,231	Lapsed Members	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00	386	1.13%	\$46.63	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Lapsed													
Prospecting													
09 Inq	ongoing	Inquiries	4,294	Non-donors w ho have asked for information	\$5,342.00	\$3,316.65	\$2,025.35	158	3.68%	\$33.81	\$0.62	\$1.61	\$20.99
0604 PWEM	1/14/09	Acquisitions and Memberships	18,753	4 lists of new names	\$3,155.00	\$1,468.00	-\$1,313.00	102	0.54%	\$30.93	\$4.65	\$0.21	\$143.96
0604 PSR	5/4/09	New Members	20	Survey Respondents	\$25.00	\$8.40	\$16.60	1	5.00%	\$25.00	\$0.34	\$2.88	\$8.40
Subtotal Prospecting			23,067		\$8,522.00	\$18,009.05	-\$9,487.05	261	1.13%	\$32.65	\$2.11	\$0.47	\$69.00
WEB (as of 12-31-2009)													
Web Contributions	Jan-Dec	Donations			\$34,776.94		\$34,776.94	696		\$49.97			
Web New Members	Jan-Dec	New Members			\$142,184.99		\$142,184.99	3,645		\$39.01			
Web Renewals	Jan-Dec	Renew Memberships			\$92,025.00		\$92,025.00	1,819		\$50.59			

CONSTITUENT DATA CLEANUP

A lot of the phone numbers and emails in our database and in the data we send to states is incorrect. Here are three ways we're working to improve this:

- When interns phone for renewals, they are feeding back any new contact information and bad phone numbers to Casey, who updates the information in Raiser's Edge.
- We're printing more complete constituent data on fundraising letters to get corrections.
- We've synced some of the data between our email broadcast system and Raiser's Edge to remove thousands of bad emails.

PRESS AND MEDIA

I cut back on the quantity and frequency of press releases in the short term. My experience has been that Libertarian Party candidates get far more media coverage per unit of effort than the party itself. The more candidates we run, the more media we get.

Joe Kennedy for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts was a good recent example of a Libertarian in a closely watched race that received lots of national press.

Despite cutting back on press releases, blog postings, and email, online donations for the second half of 2009 reached \$146,741, exceeding the first half of 2009 at \$125,077. Based on preliminary results for January through February 2010, the upward trend continues.

ELECTED LIBERTARIANS

The list of elected Libertarians was not maintained before I started. Now it is up to date and after the November 2009 elections we counted 143 elected Libertarians. The total number does continually change as new elected Libertarians are found and others are removed for various reasons. Currently we're up to 152.

Director of Operation's Report

by Robert Kraus

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

No new major issues to report with RE-7 from Blackbaud. We have just finished another NCOA update for our general house file of about 30,000 records which resulted in 650 forwardable moves. These were reflected in the Feb Data Dumps.

In terms of data updates from states, we continue to see improvements with special thanks to the LPOH which sends us both new member and data corrections weekly. VALP and SCLP also are very good with sending in their updates due to the use of Alicia's excellent membership management program. Other states that deserve recognition for the last couple months include CO and MO.

We would still like to see more sharing of information and re-encourage regional reps to have their state membership directors to send us their updates often. We will press this at the State Chairs meeting.

I also have been working with Art to remove bad emails from RE. Art has been doing a superb job at maintaining the list of emails within Sparklist (our email list serve program) and now we are able to export the bad emails, link them to a member ID, and in most cases remove them from RE so they will not appear in the data dumps.

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, presented by Aaron, 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. This would more closely represent our Cash Flow Report. For more information on the differences between Cash and Accrual basis, please see the Treasurers Report .

Financial

We continued efforts to control and maintain our expenses and accounts payable. We finished the end of Jan with virtually no accounts payables, and it will also be our 7th month in a row where we finished in the black. We have built up a decent cash reserve which will help with our upcoming petitioning and convention needs.

Our cash intake would have been even better but the largest receipt for the year, which is usually the annual bequest payment from the Burrington Estate, did not materialize itself in January. The USPS lost the check in the mail and we are now waiting for a replacement! Speaking of which, once again, the USPS failed to process our annual accounting fee and bulk rate permit payment in a timely fashion despite them sending someone to personally pick up the check this year two weeks in advance of the due date. Thus, our mail was held for a few days while I worked things out by writing the postmaster general and about a million other officials.

Finally, as I mentioned in December, we set aside \$8000 to replace our 1980's Nortel Phone System with something more up to date. Nick, Wes and I have narrowed down our options to a good-better-best scenario depending on what we think our growth and needs will be in the next several years. The prices range from \$6900 to \$9900. We should be announcing a decision soon. Much thanks to Mark and Stewart for your expert help.

Human Resources

Our staff has tabularized over the last several months. Both Art and Kyle have added hours with Kyle now available up to 40 per week if needed. Please see the ED report for full information.

Convention

I have worked considerably with Adm. Colley and Stewart Flood among others helping with the convention planning and getting the web site up. I have also worked some on the 2012 convention by doing one site visit in southern Florida while on vacation and recommending an additional location in DC. Please refer to the Convention Committee report for more information.

Thank you!

Robert

LNC staff report

by Mark Meranta, Affiliate Services and New Media Specialist

Since August, I have been working as the LP's Affiliate Services and New Media Specialist.

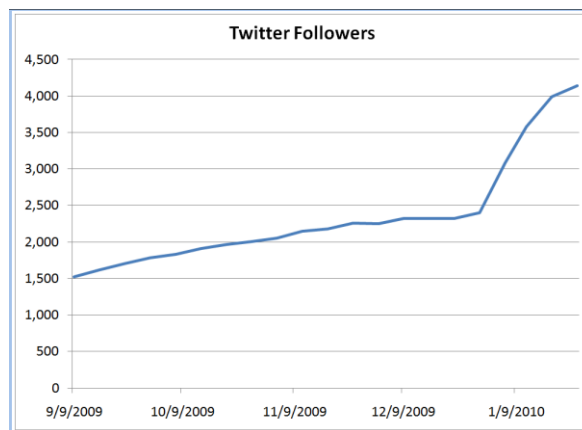
My job duties include:

- Running the LP's social media pages
- Coordinating interns
- Calling lapsed members to renew their membership
- Calling monthly pledgers to figure out credit card issues
- Miscellaneous tasks and research around the office
- Attending various events in D.C. (i.e. protests) for outreach and activism with interns

The metrics of my social media success are as follows:

Twitter:

When I started the job in the last week of August, we had 1,519 followers on Twitter. As of February 18, we had 4,295 followers.



Facebook Fan Page.

When we started, we had roughly 13,000 fans. As of February 18, we had 25,000 total fans.



We have recently upgraded our Facebook fan page and added a “splash” image that first time viewers will immediately see. It gives a quick description about what the LP is, and if you click on the “Join” link, it will take you directly to the membership page. We got this idea from the RNC and DNC’s fan pages.

Smaller Government, Lower Taxes

MORE FREEDOM

America's Third Largest Political Party

“While our nation is declining dangerously right now, a turnaround could be straightforward and simple with steps like these:

1. Bring our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan;
2. Stop rewarding failed companies with bailouts;
3. Cut taxes and spending and let the free market work.”

- William Redpath Chairman of the Libertarian Party

The Libertarian way is an approach to politics based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Each individual has the right to control his or her own body, action, speech, and property. Government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Join Now!

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We have also recently revamped the Twitter page to make it more contemporary and professional.

For outreach, we frequently take the interns to protests, rallies, and events locally in D.C. We have recently attended The National Equality March, a school choice rally, multiple Cato events (including Students For Liberty events), as well as the large International Students For Liberty conference in February. In the next few months we will be attending the large tax day protest in D.C., as well as student outreach events where we can get free tables and talk to young adults about freedom and what the LP stands for. We also attend protests and rallies on Capitol Hill as we hear about them to pass out literature and flyers. We document this by taking pictures and making blog posts to encourage others to get active.

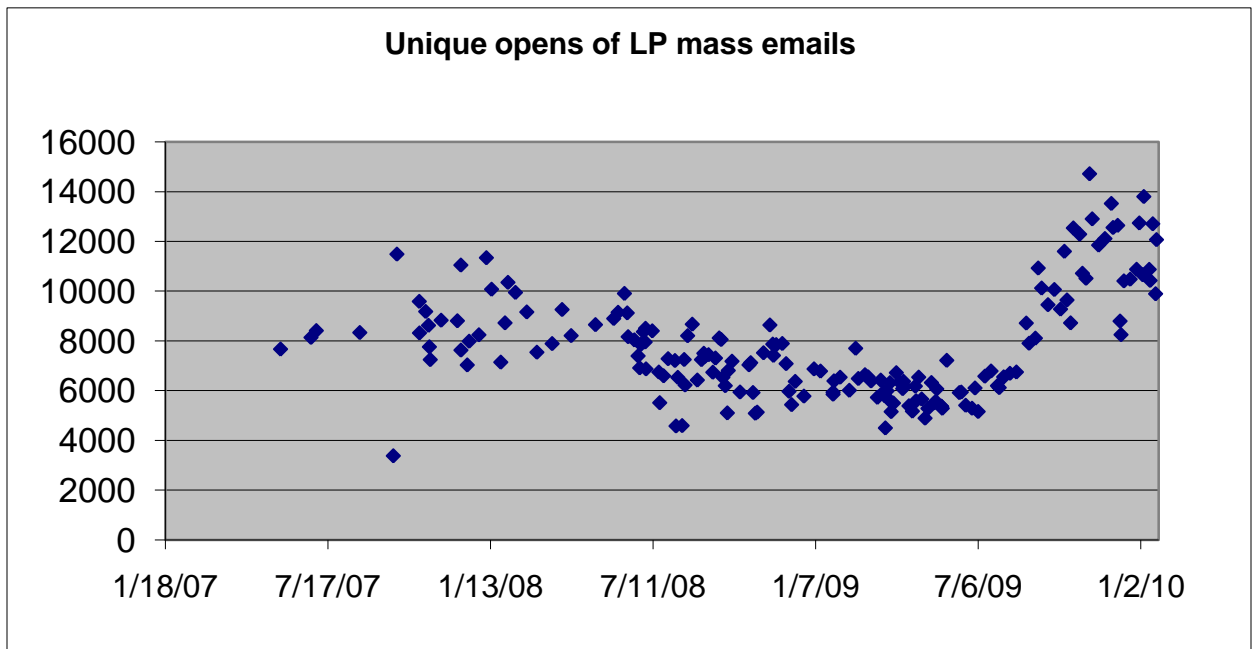
Report for LNC meeting, February 2010

by Arthur DiBianca, Staff Assistant

1. Lyris Email Delivery

As reported at the December meeting, our Lyris email system was having significant email-blocking problems last year, most of which I resolved by early November.

Since November 6, the average number of successful deliveries for our mass emails has been about 87,500. The average number of tracked unique opens has been about 11,500. ("Unique opens" are the number of recipients who opened the message at least once.)



2. Bad email cleanup

Appendix B. Wes Benedict, Staff Report, Austin, TX, February 27-28, 2010

I generated lists of confirmed bad email addresses in the Lyris system, and Robert Kraus and I used those lists to remove about 24,000 bad email addresses from the Raiser's Edge database. Hopefully this will help state affiliates, whose dumps will now be less "polluted" with bad email addresses.

3. Elected Libertarians list

One of my tasks has been to research and verify Libertarian elected officials. This task mostly involves searching websites for lists of officials and election results, and phoning government bodies and elections offices. It has proved to be a painstaking process, but I believe that our list is now quite accurate. At the time I began processing the list, it showed 205 elected Libertarians. After checking each of those names (and adding some new ones), the list was reduced to 146. Since then, I have continued to monitor the list, adding new elected Libertarians, and removing those who have resigned, or whose terms have expired. As of February 23, the list contains 152 names.

Wes and I also created a single web page with a comprehensive list of elected Libertarians. It is viewable at LP.org under the "Our Party" menu.

I want to thank Scott Lieberman for his advice on this project.

4. Bumper stickers

On February 4, we sent a mass email inviting supporters to make online donations and order Libertarian bumper stickers. The offer allowed people to order up to ten stickers per dollar they donated. The duration of the offer was about eight days.

This is what the stickers look like:



The offer generated orders for 69,150 bumper stickers. Online donations in connection with these orders totaled about \$18,300, or about 27 cents per sticker. The stickers cost less than 10 cents each. Even with shipping costs, the project should still "turn a profit."

HQ staff plans to start shipping the stickers out in the next week or so.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, February 14, 2010

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

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

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

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

3) In late December I revised the campus organizing material I distribute to those interested in campus outreach. I am pleased to report that from the feedback I have received, this material continues to be regarded as very helpful by those trying to build campus organizations.

4) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In mid January I contacted each state chair via e-mail to provide information about our campus outreach efforts, and to request information about ways in which I could provide additional assistance.

During the Spring 2010 semester I have given (or will give) the following speeches and workshops:

* Feb. 13: Campus organizing speech, third annual International Students For Liberty Conference, American University, Washington, DC

* Feb. 22: "The Libertarian Movement: Where We Are, Where We Are Going," The Catholic University, Washington, DC Sponsored by the Politics Living and Learning Community, The Catholic University

In addition, I have been invited to speak at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the American University in Washington, D.C., the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia during the Spring 2010 semester, but the details of these events have not been finalized.

5) I continue to work with Students For Liberty to promote libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, members of the SFL board and I have found ways for the LP to use the many services available from SFL. We must be careful in so doing because we do not wish to jeopardize the 501c(3) status of SFL. As noted above, I gave an address at the third annual International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 13.

6) I am working with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest.

7) As mentioned in previous reports, several liberty-oriented organizations (e.g., Cato, Reason Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Foundation for Economics Education) are working to coordinate their student outreach programs. I participate in meetings of representatives of these organizations when my schedule permits. In particular, I participated in the meeting that took place on Feb. 13.

8) I usually provide a weekly message to our campus contacts. The messages provide information about LP activities and "friends of the family" organizations, suggestions for activists, articles about LP campus activists and organizations, etc. So far the feedback about the messages has been very encouraging.

REGION 1 REPORT MISSING

Region Two Report

REGION 2REPORT MISSING

Region 3, February 2010

LNC Representative: Rebecca Sink-Burris

INDIANA Chair: Sam Goldstein

1. In late January, 50 members of the LPIN leadership met to discuss campaign strategy. See below.
2. A new LPIN website will launch in a couple of weeks. It can be previewed at wp.lpin.org
3. HQ has recruited an intern to help their ED with essential tasks. It's greatly helped with productivity.

The Libertarian Party of Indiana

2010 Roadmap

2010 Goals and Action Steps for

The Libertarian Party of Indiana and its Affiliates

"The Libertarian Party of Indiana will only be as strong as the membership allows it to be."

2010 Goals:

1. **Maintain Ballot Access in SOS Race.**
2. **Run 125 Candidates** – All major Federal, Statewide, and State House and Senate Races should be filled. Chairman Sam Goldstein has made a bet with the Texas LP that we can run more than they can. They recruited 193 candidates for 2010. Our organization is stronger, so if they are able to, we are able to.
3. **700 LNC Members** – Membership in the party shows a significant amount of ownership in the LP cause. This particular goal will double the amount of members active within our party. This means twice the current level of active individuals in the party. It also significantly increases the power of Indiana on the national LP stage. The LPIN is regarded as one of the top 3 strongest states in the LNC, and yet we are 14th in LNC membership.
4. **\$3000 per month in 1994 Society Income.** The 1994 Society is the main financial source for our party. It is source that pays salaries, purchases outreach materials, keeps projects on

track, and ensures that our goals will be achieved. Without this increase, none of our goals can be accomplished. In fact, due to a running deficit, we may have to lay off our Executive Director by the end of 2010.

5. Another \$1000 in monthly revenue from mailers, events and membership. This will not only provide a revenue boost, but it greatly increase the exposure of the LPIN and its candidates.

6. 40 Affiliated Counties. Affiliated Counties are essential to future growth of the Libertarian Party. We are currently at 27. Our County Parties are the main source for candidate recruitment and the evangelizing of the Libertarian message.

How do we get there?

Projects Currently underway:

1. New LPIN Website:

A. Two Editors have been recruited to help maintain focus on website's goals, consistency of content, and the consistency of all LPIN web properties.

B. Multiple contributors have been approached to post unique content from Hoosier authors on local, state and federal issues.

C. An Audio/Visual team has been recruited to post unique video and audio podcasts and pictures.

D. The goal is a launch by the middle of February.

2. Ongoing Candidate Recruitment

A. The LPIN Office has been contacting those that have shown interest in running. A running spreadsheet has been assembled to track the progress of our campaigns. *The office can offer advice, but not direct, ongoing campaign assistance. Candidates should form their committees and campaign teams to help deal with the duties of running for office.*

B. Our Executive Director Chris Spangle has been meeting with top of the ticket candidates for state wide and federal level races. He currently has met with Senate, House District 3, 4 and 8, Secretary of State and State Treasurer.

C. District Committee Members and County Chairs have all been encouraged over last two

weeks to hold calling parties to all active and lapsed members.

D. Sam's letter for candidate recruitment has been sent to all current members, and those that have lapsed.

E. This project ends the day we are no longer able to fill vacancies on the ballot: July 6.

3. Writing of LPIN Quick Guides to train LP Membership

A. Chris Spangle has organized a list of 40 some guides and checklists that will be written in the coming months to serve as quick reference point for anyone involved in Libertarian Party work. These will take the place of hefty manuals that are rarely read, and will be less than 3 pages. Almost a dozen have been written at this point, and will be available on the new LPIN website.

4. Development of an LPIN Internship program.

A. This will give the State office the ability to spread out some duties while training the next generation of Libertarians.

B. Three interns have been recruited for the current spring semester.

C. Three other students have expressed interest in working with our Executive Director in both the summer and fall semesters.

Projects in planning or for discussion:

5. An LPIN Outreach Brochure has been planned.

A. At some point in the second quarter, an LPIN outreach brochure will be designed and printed. Current Financial and Time restraints have prevented this project from moving forward. It will be necessary for the State Organization to accomplish this project by early summer. All candidates and counties should have a stack to help promote the party at fairs and events in the festival season.

6. An Online Membership Database has been discussed with the company IVO and Stewart Flood. The program is named Liberty Manager, and was previously used by the LNC and its state parties. The goal is to have this online by the convention. We will use that time to train leadership on the system.

A. The database would give full, real time access of LP membership data for their area to LPIN leaders. Currently county chairs receive quarterly spreadsheets that often have glaring

mistakes. This system would enable County Chairs, the State Party, and the LNC to update information on the LPIN membership simultaneously. We would never have to clumsily send quickly outdated spreadsheets back and forth.

B. It also has a phone banking feature that would easily organize calling parties for the party of candidates.

C. The cost could be up to \$500 a year, but when Colorado used this system they generated over \$1000 more a month in revenue because their data was managed properly.

7. A fundraising database using CivicCRM will be created by the State Convention.

A. Other parties, and all nonprofits, keep a database on their donors. This keeps track of who is motivated to give for what.

B. Other state parties are launching identical databases using the same program. Chris Spangle will attend a workshop at LSLA on CivicCRM. Depending on this workshop, we may not proceed with the Liberty Manager. We may all just use the Civic CRM system. Of the two databases, the membership database for County Chairs is the priority.

C. The goal is to finish this database around the Convention if separate from the Liberty Manager.

8. Polling and Surveys should be conducted at the conclusion of the database system to ensure correct data.

A. The state party, and its county affiliates, through the rest of 2010 will call membership to ensure that all their information is correct. We need to check addresses, emails, phone numbers, and we need to make sure that the member is comfortable with us contacting them in these ways.

B. We also need to poll membership on the issues that motivate them to volunteer for us. Are they motivated by our ability to break up the two party system? Are they motivated by our stance on the 2nd Amendment? This information will allow us to motivate volunteers and target fundraise in ways that we've never done in the past. One of our four mailers in 2010 may need to be focused on this task.

9. Our current media contact list must be refined, and our relationship with the media must improve.

A. Beginning in Summer and through the campaign, the state office will actively organize our media list.

B. Regular press releases will be sent out throughout the 2010 campaign season to raise our profile.

C. The state office will coordinate with local Libertarians to make contact with small town media outlets.

10. A concrete fundraising plan should be developed and pursued.

A. This should include 4 quarterly mailers per year.

B. The state party has been approved to hold 4 poker tournaments.

C. Several professional fundraisers have entered the party recently and will be asked to help develop our fundraising program.

11. A branding program should be drafted to increase volunteers and funds.

A. Chris Spangle has sketched out a program called the “*2010 Revolution.*” It is meant to mark the beginning of the libertarian revolution in Indiana politics.

B. It would ask volunteers to first join the team by signing up on our Liberty Beacon List, Our Facebook, Free Hoosier, and other web properties.

C. Second, it would ask them to donate \$20 per month to the 1994 Society. If they are already a member, it would ask them to add \$10 per month.

D. Third, it would ask them to invite 20 of their friends and families to our online properties and 10 people to an LPIN or candidate event.

E. Fourth, it would ask them to donate 20 minutes per week to organizing their county or working for a candidate. Chances are... They will work more than just 20 minutes.

12. Membership Cards should be printed and sent out before the end of the year.

A. National sends them out, and it is a great reminder that you are part the Libertarian Party team.

B. Chris Spangle has investigated pricing with a company out of Maryland, but has not yet received the quote.

C. This project is currently not possible due to current funding and staffing time constraints.

13. Statehouse Candidates should work together to craft a common set of key ideas for the 2010 Legislative races.

14. Regular LP 101 classes should be planned for late summer.

A. This would be a regular class taught by LPIN members on the basis of libertarianism. It would be short, concise, and an easy way to inform and recruit new members.

B. It would initially be taught out of the LPIN HQ for trouble shooting; a manual could be devised and then sent to all counties to operate in their area.

Other things to keep in mind during 2010 and beyond:

I. LPIN Leadership, County Chairs, and Central Committee Members should be using their membership lists monthly for the following purposes:

- Calling for Candidates.
- Calling to encourage donations to the 1994 Society and the local party.
- Calling members of other counties to affiliate.
- Calling to notify of State, County or Candidate events in the area.
- Calling to ensure that all data in the list is correct.

II. Always remember the four essential areas of any political organization:

Grassroots Organizing, Political (Issue identification and Candidate Recruitment),
Communications, Fund raising

III. We need to always evaluate our organizations from the perspective of a new member.

Are our state and county organizations:

1. Making a good first impression? Are we holding enough professional-looking outreach events? Are our web properties well-designed and up to date?

2. Is the Exploration of our party easy? Are we making follow up calls to answer questions? Are there events to give interested observers answers?

3. Do we have clear ways to make a Commitment? Is membership clearly defined, and is it

easy to do? Are we asking often enough to join our cause? Are we presenting ourselves in a way that MAKE people want to join our cause?

4. Is there a clear way to Buy-in and take Ownership? Do we clearly define the vision for our party? Do we clearly define ways to volunteer? Do we motivate people to volunteer, or do we demand?

IV. Always keep our Statement of Purpose and Principles at the center of everything we do.

The mission of the Libertarian Party is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by electing candidates of the Libertarian Party to public office.

The LPIN affirms the following principles:

- That all people possess certain unalienable natural rights, and that among these are rights to life, liberty, justly acquired property, and self-governance.
- That the only moral basis of government is the preservation and protection of unalienable natural rights.
- That no person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of physical force or fraud against another person, and that all people are bound, without contract, to abstain from infringing upon the natural rights of other people.
- That all people are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
- That the voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

Michigan Chair: Emily Salvette

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is busy preparing for the November 2, 2010 elections. So far 119 people have contacted us expressing an interest in running for office on the Libertarian Party ticket, and we are looking for more volunteers to help follow up and recruit additional candidates. We are planning a Candidate Training Seminar on Saturday, April 17 in Brighton. It is being organized by our political director, Bill Hall (politics@mi.lp.org), who is being assisted by two outstanding volunteers, Tim Keirnan and Deneé Moon. Confirmed speakers include Hazel Park City Councilman Andy LeCureaux on "Targeting Your Message to Voters," Small Government Alliance PAC Director Tim O'Brien on "Working the Media," and attorney Leonard Schwartz on "Campaign Finance Compliance." This event will be offered to our potential candidates for free. For more information, see our Web site www.mi.lp.org.

Our state convention, at which we will nominate all candidates for the November elections, is Saturday, May 22 in Okemos.

In other outreach matters, the LPM issued a statement on the recent *Citizens United* Supreme Court case and issued a press release after Governor Granholm's State of the State address. We recently signed up for LPStuff's Affiliate Program so our members can buy LPM-branded items.

-Emily Salvette, State Chair

Libertarian Party of Michigan

Ohio Chair: Kevin Knedler



OHIO REPORT

From Kevin J. Knedler – LPO Excom Chair
February 13, 2010

chair@lpo.org

We are ready for 2010. The LPO expects to have as many as 50 to 60 candidates running for office this year, including all-statewide offices (6). We will focus on the Governor race (that helps us ballot qualify as a party) and selected Ohio Assembly and US Congress races. Our candidate for Secretary of State, is former Ohio Assembly member, Mr. Charlie Earl, who was in office about 20 years ago. He finally “saw the light” and left the “old 19th century” party to join the “new party of the 21st century”. Kudos to our Deputy Political Director, Michael Johnston, and Candidates Committee Chair, Bryant Callaghan for the countless hours they are putting into this project.

The Ohio LP will also hold a May 2010 primary. This has happened only three times in the history of the LPO, the last time being about 10 years ago. Our paperwork and plans have been accepted by the Ohio Secretary of State. We will also be electing members to our state LPO Central Committee (like a Board of Directors). There is the potential for a Libertarian candidate or Central Committee member to be on a primary ballot in every precinct in Ohio. Ohio primaries are closed. Therefore, a citizen must indicate, at time of primary voting, that they want a specific party ballot. At that point, they will be registered with the specific party. No other way to register with a party in Ohio. If one does not belong to a party, they can request a “non-affiliated” ballot. Sometimes, there is nothing on the “non-affiliated” ballot for a primary.

Ballot access continues to be a main focus of the Libertarian Party of Ohio. Recently, the LPO team met with the leadership of the Ohio House (R and D). We are doing an admirable job of driving home the message of 1st amendment rights in the ballot box. We are so close on this, and only the GOP-dominated Ohio Senate stands in our way to change the course of over 100 years of restrictive ballot access in Ohio. We will soon be meeting with the GOP leadership of the Ohio Senate. Our goal is to have this wrapped up by August 1, 2010 in order for it to take affect for the November 2010 elections. Thanks to Government Relations Chair, Jacob Dawson, for helping us get closer to the goal line. He is a solid citizen of Ohio, family

man, former member of the US Navy, and running for the Ohio House. What better person to lead this committee, than someone that wants to work down at the statehouse.

Networking with liberty groups such as Tea Party and 912 is also a focus of the LPO.

Our team and it's candidates are receiving speaking requests now. Recently, there was an event, near Lake Erie, and the LPO was well represented with a professional outreach booth. Speaking to the 200+ in the audience were 13 candidates. The breakdown was: LP 5; GOP 5; DEM 1; Independent 2. We MUST get these citizens onboard with the LP, otherwise they will drift to the GOP once again. In Ohio, that is how it would play.

LPO on # 1 station in Columbus, Ohio for 3 full hours. What was supposed to be about 30 -60 minutes, turned into 3 hours on Sunday night, January 31. WTVN 610 am radio host Chuck Douglas has a call-in radio show and this was our first time on the air with him. Representing the LPO was the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Kevin Knedler, and LPO Communication Director, Charlie Earl. Because the phone lines (6) were jammed (up to 40 minute wait), he kept us on the air. We kept going and going and going. Chuck stated that the LPO set a record because no one has ever been on his show for 3 hours. His show is on for 4 hours, from 5pm to 9pm each Sunday.

A new web site for the LPO . Thanks to our IT Director, Mr. Paul Conroy, the LPO has a new web site, with a much larger capacity, not to mention a back-end database.

This project took 7 months to complete, and was donated by Mr. Conroy. The LPO now has a newer, fresher, and more professional image. Paul is also helping some the candidates develop their own web sites. He will also be attending the LSLA event and take part in the IT session. Check us out at www.LPO.org

LP Stuff affiliate branding continues to bring in dollars to the LPO treasury. We just received a \$100 dollar commission check from LP stuff. Because we are marketing our own branded materials, we receive a rebate from LP stuff. We are striving to develop a brand-awareness with the citizens of Ohio. There is a link to LP stuff on the front page of our web site. The link takes you directly to the Ohio affiliate page. We are happy that the states of TX, MO, IN, and MI have followed our lead and wish them success in the program. KY will soon join, which would mean that all 4 states in LNC Region # 3 would be on the program. We are PROUD to be in LNC # 3 !

Please go to www.LPO.org and sign up for the social networks, an Ohio LPO Region Meetup, or the LPO statewide announcements.

Kentucky Chair: Ken Moellman

Kentucky report -

We're having our convention the same weekend as LSLA. It's what was best for LPKY, given our particular filing deadlines and whatnot.

Starting to get people paying state dues - Would still prefer if we could have a "single checkout" for LPKY and LP National as previously discussed with some of LP Nat staff. This is a serious source of confusion, and is mutually detrimental to LPKY and LP Nat. I point people only to LPKY Membership page because we need those dues. It's very confusing to point people to more than one place. LP National membership still hovering around 100 - 120 members at any one time, of which 80-100 are not LPKY members. LPKY membership has about 20 people who are not LP Nat members.

Focusing on candidate training and party organization at our convention.

New Constitution to replace current up for adoption by the voting membership.

- * Creates District Parties (by US Congressional District), County Parties, City Parties - Like R's and D's do
- * Creates Top-Down and Bottom-Up structure - Unique and promotes accountability through the Party
- * Clearly defines roles of each member of an executive committee at every level.
- * Removes all conflicting language that exists today.
- * We unofficially operated under this model anyway, and have District Parties in D1 (Paducah!), D3 (Louisville), D4 (Northern Kentucky) and D6. We're working on D2 (constitution party has a foothold here) and D5 (coal country).

Adopt State Party logo - must brand ourselves. Finally to this step. Have wanted this for a while.

District Party elections occur this year.

Selecting LP National Convention delegates.

A total of 6 hours of campaign training, broken into 4 sessions and running 2 at a time. Have some out-of state folks coming to help as well.

Currently have about 6 candidates for office who are actually interested in running serious campaigns. We have 9 or 10 others who've stepped forward but are mostly unresponsive and uncooperative. We'll see how it goes after this.

Region Four Report

Stewart Flood

During the three months since our last meeting I have been involved with the resolution of a number of requests for information and assistance in the region.

I have received requests for assistance with fundraising from candidates in Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. With one exception, these requests were all received within the past week and have not yet been relayed to state affiliates. I have also received requests for assistance with volunteer training and recruitment from Alabama that I believe the Affiliate Support Committee will wish to address.

At the LNC meeting last February in Charleston I volunteered to review our current network infrastructure and services in DC. I worked with staff during the summer and fall to identify costs. At the Nashville meeting in December I indicated that I would be visiting DC to review my findings with a goal of proposing ways to improve services and reduce costs. In the interim, our telephone system began to exhibit signs of impending end of life, increasing the urgency of finding a solution to a number of the issues that had been identified.

I visited DC in January and met with staff. I brought a prospective vendor along to present a nontraditional telephone system option. It is quite clear that our monthly telephone and Internet service costs can be reduced by at least 75%, potentially resulting in a annual saving of more than ten thousand dollars as well as several times that amount for the state affiliates combined. Recommendations were made to staff regarding phasing over to use of a higher speed connection (Comcast) and the use of IP telephony to allow a more dynamic and mobile staff as well as increased functionality.

I have assisted with the resolution of technical issues on the national website related to the email system used by the survey system. I also developed and deployed the website for the national convention.

At the present time the following convention dates are scheduled in Region 4 between now and the St Louis convention:

March 27 Tennessee (Nashville) April 10 Mississippi (Hattiesburg) April 9-11 North Carolina (Burlington) April 17 South Carolina (Columbia, reconvened convention for candidate nominations) April 24 Georgia (Atlanta)

Alabama and Texas will be holding conventions in June. Louisiana will be

announcing their convention date shortly.

Stewart Flood, Region 4 Representative

REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, February 15, 2010

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on Dec. 5-6, 2009. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Austin should additional information become available.

I am pleased to note that since the LNC meeting in December, I have had several opportunities to represent the LP in various ways. Specifically, I gave a speech in my capacity as LNC member and former national LP chairman at the annual Jefferson Area Libertarians' "Bill of Rights Affirmation" in Charlottesville on Dec. 15. Also, I appeared as a guest on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville) on Dec. 10 and Jan. 14 to discuss the Libertarian Party's view on various political issues.

In addition, I spoke at the International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 13, and I shall discuss the Libertarian movement in general (and the Libertarian Party in particular) in an address at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 22.

Delaware

Jim Rash (DELibertarian@gmail.com), Libertarian Party of Delaware chairman, provided the following report (which I have edited slightly):

The LPD will be holding its 2010 Convention in Dover on March 6. Delaware law requires that minor parties nominate their candidates at a nominating convention so that will be our priority. We've had several party members express their interest in running for office, both State and Federal. We will also be voting on proposed Bylaws' changes. Guest speakers will be Chad Campbell and Brett McCrea, owners/brewers of 16 Mile Brewing Company in Georgetown, Delaware. They will be speaking on the business environment in the First State.

LP voter registration has increased by just over 3% here in Delaware since June 2009 and we're seeing new members at our monthly county meetings.

The Delaware General Assembly has recently passed a bill that doubles the threshold of party-registered voters to guarantee ballot access. I'm happy to report that the LPD has met that threshold, making us one of two minor-parties to qualify. It is expected that the Governor will sign this bill into law.

We're currently holding monthly LPD meetings in all three counties. The New Castle County meeting is held on the third Sunday of the month in Wilmington. The Kent County meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month at Touchdown Restaurant in Dover. The Sussex County meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month in Milton

District of Columbia

Peter Orvetti informed me that he is no longer serving as the contact for the LPDC. At this time, I do not know who should serve as the contact for the LPDC.

Maryland

Libertarian Party of Maryland chairman Bob Johnston (rstanley21018@yahoo.com) provided the following information (which I have edited slightly):

The Maryland LP membership, as of 1/31/10, stands at 84. It has been slowly increasing for the last year.

I have been contacted former members who did not renew their memberships in 2009. In February, I will be contacting non-renewers from 2008.

The MDLP spring convention will be held on Saturday, 13 March, in Dundalk, MD, from 1 - 9 pm. Scheduled speakers include LP Executive Director Wes Benedict, "Citizens In Charge" President Paul Jacob, and Reason Magazine senior editor Radley Balko.

In addition, a representative of "mdconcon.org" will be speaking as to the possibility of a Constitutional Convention in Maryland, which will be put to a vote this November.

State Senator Andy Harris is planning on introducing a bill to lower the number of signatures parties need to obtain party status from 10,000 to 5,000. He introduced a similar bill last year along with state Senator Jamie Raskin, but it died in committee.

If Maryland political parties do not have at least 1% of the registered voters, they must obtain at least 10,000 valid signatures every 4 year gubernatorial cycle; the current cycle ends on 12-31-10. In addition, if a party's top-of-the-ticket candidate gets at least 1% of the vote, the party maintains status for 2 years.

Pennsylvania

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania chairman Mik Robertson (chair@lppa.org) provided the following report.

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania will hold its annual convention on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Any National Committee members or candidates for National Committee are welcome to attend. Details are on the www.lppa.org website.

The Board of Directors of the LPPA would like to express concern over the proposed electronic voting system for the national convention. There are questions about accountability and the ability to conduct recounts if necessary. This has been an issue of concern in most of the counties in Pennsylvania over the past several years for municipal and general elections.

There are special elections scheduled for three state representative districts to coincide with the Pennsylvania primary election in May. We hope to have candidates in all of those special elections. It is possible that a special election will also be called to fill the seat of the 12th congressional district, vacated by the death of John Murtha, at that time. If such an election is called, there have already been several people express an interest in seeking the Libertarian Party nomination.

There have already been a number of nominations made for state representative and state senate races for the November election, although signature gathering on nomination papers for ballot access cannot begin until March 10. By the time of the convention I believe there will have been more nominations made, and nominations for

the statewide races of Governor and US Senate will be made in convention. Things are shaping up to have one of the largest field of candidates on the ballot for a general election in the history of the LPPA, with a full slate of statewide candidates, candidates in over a third of Congressional races, and over 10% of the state legislative seats, with a total of 228 state legislative seats up this election.

The signature requirement for statewide candidates in PA this year is 19,082, one of the lowest requirements in many years. We look forward to having statewide candidates on the ballot, and would like to know if the LNC has an interest in seeing a Libertarian Party US Senate candidate appear. If so, we would like to know if there is any assistance, financial or other (volunteers or volunteer coordination), that the LNC can provide for ballot access, not election activity.

As of now we are planning an all-volunteer signature gathering effort, with the congressional candidates driving the push for the statewide total, although that approach may change after the convention. As of now we have solid candidates in the 5th and 18th Congressional districts, and by the convention may have nominees in as many as seven or eight congressional districts. We are looking forward to an outstanding year not only for the election cycle, but in bringing some positive changes to our organization and the role we can play in the political process in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. "Mik" Robertson
Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Virginia

I offer the following report on behalf of LPVa chairman Jeff Bowles (bowles_4@hotmail.com).

As noted in my previous report, we are seeing increased levels of activity in some important population centers, including the suburbs of Washington, D.C., the Tidewater area (Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake), and central Virginia (both Charlottesville and Lynchburg). Jim Lark, who serves as chair of the Local Affiliate Parties Committee, reports that the local meetings he attended in early January (Roanoke, Richmond, and Lynchburg) saw substantially increased attendance. In the Charlottesville area, Jefferson Area Libertarians members James Curtis and Jim Lark

serve as guests on the second Thursday of each month on the "Schilling Show," a popular news/talk show on WINA radio in Charlottesville.

The State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Virginia was unable to hold its quarterly meeting in Charlottesville on Jan. 30 due to inclement weather. At this time, it appears we shall have congressional candidates in the Third District (which contains part of Richmond), the Sixth District (which contains Roanoke, Salem, Lynchburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Harrisonburg) and perhaps the Eighth District (some suburbs of Washington, D.C.). We had hoped to have a candidate in the Ninth District (roughly everything west of Roanoke County); however, this person has evidently chosen not to run.

The LPVa will hold its 2010 State Convention in Falls Church on March 6. Speakers will include Michael Tanner (senior fellow and health care policy expert at the Cato Institute) and Paul Jacob (president of Citizens in Charge), in addition to a panel discussion featuring recent LPVa candidates Matt Cholko (House of Delegates, 2009) and Bill Redpath (U.S. Senate, 2008).

West Virginia

As of this moment, I have not received a report from Libertarian Party of West Virginia chairman Matt Harris (mdh@lpwv.org). Mr. Harris informed me that he is planning to attend law school.

Region 6 Report

Illinois

Illinois now has a full slate of candidates for state-wide campaign and U.S Senate, as required by IL ballot access law in order for non-established parties to be on the ballot.

Lex Green -Governor Ed Rutledge -Lt. Governor Josh Hanson -Secretary of State Bill Malan -Attorney General Michael Labno -US Senate Julie Fox -Comptroller James Pauly -Treasurer

Doug Marks has been nominated by LP Illinois as their candidate for Congress in the 14th District.

State-wide and US Senate candidates have participated in five candidate forums put on by the LP Illinois to date. A candidates forum is planned at the University of IL Champaign-Urbana for this Saturday, Feb. 20.

LP Illinois' ballot drive begins on March 23 and runs through June 20. 25,000 valid signatures are required for ballot status. Crystal Jurczynski, 2008's ballot drive coordinator for LP Illinois, will be running the 2010 ballot drive. \$40,000 is budgeted for the state petition drive.

The LP Illinois' state convention will be held September 10-12 at Hilton Gardens in Springfield.

Iowa

The LPIA Convention will be held Saturday April 24,2010 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa 9am-4pm..

News From The February LPIA Newsletter:

A training session was held at the Urbandale Public Library last Saturday to assist Libertarian Party of Iowa 2010 candidates learn more about campaign organization, events, fundraising, visibility, regulation and reporting.

Dr. Eric Cooper, Vice Chair LPIA, seeking office as Governor, and veteran of 5

prior candidacies for elected offices in Iowa, shared observations and experiences with the group.

Sarah Reisetter, Elections Director-Iowa Secretary of States' office, brought handouts and spoke of nomination and petitioning procedures and candidacy forms. She encouraged candidates and campaign staff to contact her office with questions as well as to use the Secretary of State website for information, calendars and forms.

The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (IECDB) presenter, Executive Director Charlie Smithson, impressed the room showing up in his tuxedo-which, apologetically, he explained was for an event he was attending just after meeting with us. Local and State of Iowa candidates (not those seeking Federal office) are required, under certain conditions, to file reports with the IECDB. Those seeking Federal offices would register and file reports (under certain conditions) with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC).

Information about contributions, campaign advertizing with websites, newspapers, signs, and posters were discussed. LPIA "Candidate Kits" were discussed by LPIA Chair Ed Wright, who gathered LPIA Candidate Letters from all candidates attending. A video of the event will be made available online at the website www.CooperSmallerGovernment.com.. Much good networking took place along with information sharing and quite a few of us enjoyed lunch at a restaurant nearby where we talked...politics!

Minnesota

The Minnesota State Convention will be April 24th in Brooklyn Center. Registration starting at noon, business at 1pm and speakers at 3:30.

Missouri

2010 Elections

Patty Tweedle received 22% of the vote in a two way race for State Representative District 62 in a special election held February 2nd, 2010 to fill a vacant seat.

Mike Bozarth is running for re-election for St. Joseph, MO City Council

3rd District. Missouri municipal elections will be held April 6th, 2010.

Julie Stone of St. Louis has publicly announced her candidacy for Missouri's First Congressional District.

Candidate filing for the 2010 federal and state elections opens February 23rd and closes March 30th, 2010. Missouri must receive greater than 2% of the vote in one of two statewide races to maintain the ballot access we have had since 1992. The two statewide races are for US Senate and State Auditor.

Four individuals have informed the Missouri LP they will be running for the Missouri Libertarian 2010 US Senate nomination.

Charles Baum, the 2006 Libertarian candidate for Missouri State Auditor has agreed to run this year for State Auditor to help the Missouri LP retain our ballot access.

The Missouri LP is aware of 18 individuals who plan to run for partisan office as a Libertarian in Missouri in 2010. That list will grow by the end of filing March 30th, 2010.

2010 State Convention

The Missouri LP 2010 State Convention will be held March 6th, 2010 in Jefferson City, MO. For more information go to the convention website:

<http://www.lpmo.org/events/convention/>

Missouri has extended an open invitation to candidates for LNC officers and representatives to attend our state convention. Several candidates for LNC Chair have contacted the Missouri LP and may attend.

Media

Boone County LP Chair John Schultz has been participating for over two years on a political round table every other Friday on The Eagle 93.9FM in Columbia, MO with a Democrat and a Republican. State Chair Glenn Nielsen sits in for John on occasion. The show is hosted by former LP Presidential Candidate Gary Nolan.

Missouri LP State Chair Glenn Nielsen was interviewed for a half hour on The News

at 5 with Steve Spellman on KOPN 89.5FM in Columbia to discuss the Governors State of the State Address.

College Affiliates

Missouri LP Chair Glenn Nielsen will be speaking at an anti-war event March 17th at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. The event is hosted in part by the Truman State University College Libertarians.

2010 National Convention in St. Louis

The Missouri LP will have a booth in the exhibit area that will in part be used to provide information for convention delegates on St. Louis.

The NLP has agreed to let the Missouri LP hold a Missouri Libertarian US Senate Forum during the 2010 NLP Convention using the main convention hall starting around 6PM Saturday May 29th.

The Missouri LP is close to finalizing plans for an after hour event Saturday May 29th at the NLP Convention which will include a cash bar, free snacks and entertainment by a comedian for a modest fee.

Show Me Freedom Newsletter

The Missouri LP will be printing and mailing over 3,000 copies of our Winter 2010 Show Me Freedom Newsletter in late February. This is a tabloid style newspaper with 8 pages.

A Spring 2010 issue of the newsletter is planned which will be published 3-4 weeks before the National LP Convention in St. Louis.

Glenn Nielsen State Chair Missouri Libertarian Party

<http://lpmo.org>

Nebraska

The Libertarian Party of Nebraska has a new state Chair Gene Siadek and new

Vice Klaus Linder. Danny Cox remains as Secretary and Christopher Costello remains as Treasurer.

North Dakota

There may be a petition drive to establish the LPND as a major political party.

Wisconsin

The Executive Committee of the LPWI met on Jan. 30 at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin for the quarterly business meeting. Among the items discussed were changes to the platform, including a reworking of the plank regarding the LPWI's stance on environmental issues. Professor Paul Ehlers is heading up the platform committee. The contract for outreach work by Liberty Action was not renewed and there was discussion in regards to replacing the services that had been provided for the last few years. It was generally agreed that the LPWI would direct more efforts in outreach to the numerous events held by 'tea party' groups. Although those gatherings are non-partisan, a large number of the attendees are libertarians who are already politically active and would find the LP to be the political party that most agrees with their beliefs. The campaign committee reported on a number of LPWI candidates who were actively seeking office. As of now, there were no declared candidates for any state-wide offices. The committee would be soliciting candidates for those offices so that a full slate could be announced at the LPWI State Convention, to be held on April 10, 2010.

The LPWI State Convention will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Olympia resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Featured speakers include Wayne Allyn Root, 2008 LP Vice Presidential candidate, Professor Yuri Malsof of the Von Mises Institute and Carthage College, Mark Block, head of Wisconsin's Americans for Prosperity, radio talkshow hostess Vicki McKenna, Atty. Barry Hammarback, and Fred Smith, founder and head of the Competitive Enterprise Institute. For ticket information, please go to the LPWI web site.

State chairman Ben Olson will be heading to Austin, Texas on the 26th of February to attend the state chairs meeting.

