



LNC Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2008, Las Vegas, NV

To: Libertarian National Committee  
From: Bob Sullentrup  
CC: Shane Cory, Corey Stern  
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The meeting commenced at 12:03pm on February 17, 2008.

Moment of Reflection

Vice Chair Chuck Moulton called for a moment of reflection, a practice at LNC meetings.

Opportunity for Public Comment

John Wayne Smith (FL), an alternate to the Florida designee on the Platform Committee, objected to Steve Burden being on the Platform Committee, noting his involvement with the Ron Paul campaign and Republican Liberty Caucus.

Vicki Kirkland (FL) also objected to Steve Burden being on the Platform Committee, claiming he had no interest in the Libertarian Party.

Steve Gordon, Alabama Chair, and on behalf of the LSLA, welcomed Libertarians to Las Vegas.

George Phillies, Massachusetts chair and presidential candidate, expressed his disappointment of the LNC's support of, or lack thereof, ongoing presidential campaigns.

Alicia Mattson, chair of the Platform Committee, stated that Steven Burden had worked hard on the Platform Committee and had contributed 'more so than others'.

Ruth Bennett (WA) said Steve Burden's working for Ron Paul showed a 'lack of integrity'.

BetteRose Ryan thanked Las Vegas Libertarians for their hospitality of this weekend.

Martin (pronounced MarTINE) Avala who will be improving the LP's web presence, 'looked forward to working with us'.

Paul Frankel requested the LNC 'invite more candidates' to run for president.

Stewart Flood said he looked forward to welcoming the LSLA to Charleston, SC in 2009.

#### Paperwork Check

Vice Chair Chuck Moulton asked the Secretary to confirm the binder's contents.

#### Attendance and Credentials

Secretary Bob Sullentrup confirmed the attendance of the members and alternates.

Attending the February 17, 2007 LNC meeting in Las Vegas, NV were:

Officers: Treasurer Aaron Starr, Secretary Bob Sullentrup and Vice-Chair Chuck Moulton Owing to the passing of his father on February 8, Chair Bill Redpath was not in attendance.

At-Large Representatives: Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, Dan Karlan and Jeremy Keil.

Regional Representatives: Tony Ryan(1) M Carling(2), Emily Salvette(3), Bob Barr(4), Dr. James Lark(5), Wes Benedict(6) and Hardy Macia(7). Mark Johnson (2) was not in attendance.

Regional Alternates: Julie Fox(1), Scott Lieberman(2), Rebecca Sink-Burris(3), Stewart Flood(4) and Nancy Neale(6),

Alternates not attending were Mark Selzer (2), Steve Damerell(5), and Eric Sundwall(7).

Staff attendees included Executive Director Shane Cory, Operations Director Robert Kraus, Communications Director Andrew Davis, and Political Director Sean Haugh.

Other attendees included Vicki Kirkland (FL), John Wayne Smith (FL), Audrey Capozzi (NY), Bonnie Scott (NY), Andrew Clouse (CA), Martin Avila (CA), Paul Frankel (AL), Geoff Neale (TX), Donny Ferguson (VA), Ruth Bennett (WA), Rob Power (CA), Adam Mayer (OR), Ed Wright (IA), Bob Jackson (MI), George Phillies (MA), Mark Rutherford (IN), Carolyn Marbry (CA), Alicia Mattson (TN), Jeff Dimit (SC), Rowan Wilson, Steve Gordon (AL).

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the July 3, 2006 meeting, amended with the replacement of Bob Barr for Mark Bodenhausen, the resignation of Richard Burke and the substitution of Mark Johnson in Region 2.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Affiliates</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Region 1	Alaska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, (maybe) North Dakota, Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	Tony Ryan (SD)	Julie Fox (IL)
Region 2	California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho	M Carling (CA), Mark Johnson (CA)	Scott Lieberman (CA), Mark Selzer (CA)
Region 3	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana	Emily Salvette (MI)	Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)
Region 4	Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina	Bob Barr (GA)	Stewart Flood (SC)
Region 5	Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, DC	James W. Lark, III (VA)	Steve Damerell (VA)
Region 6	Utah, New Mexico, Arkansas, Nevada, Louisiana, Arizona, Texas	Wes Benedict (TX)	Nancy Neale (TX)
Region 7	New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont Connecticut, New Hampshire	Hardy Macia (VT)	Eric Sundwall (NY)

#### Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Stewart Flood reported he is no longer the acting campaign manager for Wayne Allen Root.

Pat Dixon reported he donated from Ron Paul has donated far more to the Libertarian Party. (Later in the meeting, Pat Dixon wrote a check for \$3,250 to the Libertarian Party as a part of his Give-or-Get program involvement).

Wes Benedict said he has purchased 5000 stickers which he plans to sell and distribute. This puts him in competition with LP Stuff and possibly the LP.

Tony Ryan reported his wife is one of the co-owners of Denver LPCon.

#### Approval of the Agenda

The group amended the agenda by adding, removing and reordering items. The resulting agenda is given below with changes in italics.

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<sup>1</sup> So we do not forget, Scott Kohlhaas (AK) has volunteered to become an alternate or representative for Region 1 should either Tony Ryan or Julie Fox resign. The Bylaws stipulate Region 1 is entitled to one representative and one alternate. A second alternate is not permitted. Footnotes in minutes have no limitation or restriction.

# Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

## February 17-18, 2008 Meeting Agenda

### Las Vegas, Nevada

Sunday, February 17, 2008

Call to Order	noon
	<b>Minutes</b>
Moment of Reflection	1
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Credentials Report and Paperwork Check (Secretary)	5
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5
Approval of the Agenda	5
 <b>Standing Reports</b>	
Chair's Report	15
Treasurer's Report	30
Secretary's Report	10
 <b>Staff Report</b>	
Staff (Ballot Access included in Political Director's Report)	80
Counsel's Report	15
 <b>Action Items Previously Submitted in Writing</b>	
(none)	0
 <b>Reports Previously Submitted in Writing</b>	
Convention Committee Report (Sullentrup)	30
Campus Organizing Report (Lark)	5
Various Regions	5 per region
Resolution (Benedict)	5
 <b>Action Items Not Previously Submitted in Writing</b>	
<i>Condolences (Karlán)</i>	5
Committee for Outreach to Women & Minorities (Keaton)	<i>5 minutes, down from 15</i>
Committee Report re: Allen Hacker (Karlán)	5
Strategic Plan (Karlán)	20
Strategic Plan-Strategy 20 (Karlán)	10
Platform Committee Alternates (Keaton)	<i>15 minutes, up from 5</i>
<del>LP News Archives Online (Moulton)</del>	<del>45</del>
<i>Burden on Platform Committee</i>	10
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
 Adjournment	

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Pat Dixon requested the item to discuss Steve Burden on the Platform Committee.
- Chuck Moulton struck his own item from the agenda since he was running the meeting. He will pursue it at the next LNC meeting.

- Dan Karlan moved for time for a resolution of condolences to Bill Redpath whose father passed away February 8.

Without objection the resulting agenda was approved.

## Officer Reports

### Chair's Report

Chair Bill Redpath was not on hand to give a report owing to the passing of his father earlier in the month.

Vice Chair Chuck Moulton noted he had distributed information on LNC region formation. He will forward that information to state chairs on the state chairs list. Region formation commences on February 23 and ends May 24.

### Treasurer's Report

Aaron Starr presented a treasurer's report and noted these highlights:

- Aaron has just seen the January results and not had time to study them. But as of the December financials, the LNC is in better shape than it was in a long, long, time. At the end of 2007 we had \$113k in the bank and \$0 payables. \$40k of that is restricted to Ballot Access and Liberty Decides.
- December's financials included a \$28.k bequest from the Raymond Burrington estate. The executor died on 12-31 and thus was unable to sign the 2008 check on 1-1 as required by BCRA. Aaron noted we may have understated a receivable by \$140k or so.

The Treasurer's report is attached as Appendix A.

Pat Dixon noted HQ's performance on the reserve requirement and commended Shane Cory on having done a great job.

### Secretary's Report

Bob Sullentrop submitted the Secretary's Report attached as Appendix B.

Specific items Bob called attention to include:

- Admiral Colley volunteering to time Sunday nominating and seconding speeches, ensuring no campaign takes longer than 16 (president) or 11 (vice president) minutes of convention time.
- Ruth Bennett (WA) will help Platform Committee Chair Alicia Mattson count platform plank ballots
- Bob noted he is still looking for two volunteers to help with the secretarial work at the Convention
- BetteRose Ryan and Denver LPCon will run the Saturday night C-SPAN debate including getting a moderator. Admiral Colley will also be the timer at the debate.

Bob asked the LNC to 'put their thinking caps on' and try to think of items we may have forgotten. We don't want to scramble in mid-May addressing oversights. .

Denver LPCon will produce state placards and standards for the convention hall.

C-SPAN typically does not commit to covering an event until 48 hours prior.

Bob noted the MO-KS-IA-NE convention in Kansas City April 5 is one that LNC members and others will want to attend.

Admiral Colley reiterated his comments from the prior day calling for nominees for the Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and Sam Adams awards.

Resources expended for Ron Paul

Dr. Lark noted the LNC apparently violated its policy manual that prohibits spending any money supporting other candidates by offering Ballot Base to Ron Paul supporters. Ballot Base did cost the Party some positive amount of money, contrary to the LNC's understanding at the time it passed the measure.

While the horse is already out of the barn, Dr. Lark recommended the LNC be careful to not repeat this error.

## Staff Report

Shane Cory and staff members submitted a report attached as Appendix C. Comments presented at the meeting included the following.

Shane Cory noted HQ will be working with Martin Avala on a redesign of the LP website. Mr. Avala has considerable experience with the Ron Paul campaign and was able to design a seamless donation-to-recognition scheme that posted the most recent donor on the home page as soon as a contribution was made. The Paul campaign set records for the largest single-day political donations ever, eclipsing the performance of the Kerry campaign in 2004.

Elizabeth Brooks, the LP's volunteer coordinator, has resigned and moved on. Austin Petersen from NY has replaced Elizabeth. Austin has proven to be phenomenal in related work with the Party, registering 1000 people for Ballot Base soon after the Charleston meeting.

HQ's efforts to recruit candidates for office in 2008 has been enhanced by the efforts of interns from the American University and George Washington University.

Membership growth in 2007 totaled 28%, mainly from bringing lapsed members back into the fold after the \$0 dues decision of two years ago.

While Internet fundraising is down and hampered by the Ron Paul donations, the pledge program remains on track. December in particular was good month owing to the personal donation of Chair Bill Redpath and a \$28.5k receipt from the Raymond Burrington estate. The executor of the estate died on 12-31 and therefore could not sign the 2008 disbursement on Jan 1 as required by BCRA.

The Give or Get program for LNC members started at a \$78k commitment and has surpassed \$150k.

Robert Kraus noted he has started preliminary work with our auditor, Brian Wilcox.

Andrew Davis noted the LP's media hits. Press releases after the Ron Paul resolutions of Charleston generated a large number of hits pegged at 27 according to Google News. Our comments on Republicans and Democrats seem to attract media attention, and Andrew believes he has hit on a

successful PR style and content. Media hits in December and January surpassed the totals in the prior five months.

XM Radio's POTUS '08 (President of the United States) will be covering the LP Denver Convention.

The LP had a presence at the conservative CPAC conference in Washington, DC.

Martin Avala noted the LP is redesigning its website with more Internet tools in an effort to increase media attention and provide 'instant gratification' features to donors.

Bob Barr filed a friend of the court brief on the DC gun ban case.

Sean Haugh noted Val Vetter and others from Illinois have submitted the 'gold standard' ballot access plan for their state. The plan calls for Illinois to come up with \$17k for initial funding with \$18k from the LNC. An additional match of \$15k will provide all but 10k signatures which Illinois volunteers will provide.

Sean is confident that the LP will end up with ballot access in 48 states.

Rowan Wilson ([Srwsearch@YAHOO.com](mailto:Srwsearch@YAHOO.com)) is taking over the Target America work from Martha de Forest.

Sean noted Paul Frankel has been a great petitioner for us who has been reliable, productive and available.

Finally, Shane noted the LP will 'not move forward' with Ballot Base in its current form.

### **Counsel's Report**

Bill Hall requested the LNC enter executive session to discuss legal matters.

## Reports Previously Submitted in Writing

### **Convention Report**

Bob Sullentrop noted he contacted all campaigns of candidates on hand in Las Vegas to explain the methodology described in the Delegation Chairs Manual (available at [lpconvention.org/](http://lpconvention.org/)) concerning the methodology for obtaining signature tokens. Collecting 30 of these tokens awards 16 minutes of convention time for nominating and seconding speeches. Bob added he believed he was under no obligation to convey that information to other candidates and had no plans to do so. He asked the LNC for confirmation of that stand.

Bob requested that Shane Cory put the Delegation Chairs Manual link into one of his regular e-mails to presidential candidates. M Carling stated the Secretary had no obligation in this matter beyond making the information available.

BetteRose Ryan and Bill Hall fielded a number of questions regarding the Convention for items that were not written in the convention report, and to address issues on how future conventions may be structured.

Bottom line, the convention is proceeding well and registrations are running ahead of Atlanta's 2004 convention.

The convention report is attached as Appendix D.

The LNC entered executive session to discuss convention-related legal matters

Wes Benedict moved to extend time to discuss the 2010 convention and requested an update on contract status and other matters. Convention discussion was tabled until after the regional reports.

### **Campus Organizing**

Dr. Lark indicated that his report had been distributed to the members and is attached as Appendix E. He stated he would entertain questions about it; there were no questions.

### **Regions**

Regional representatives from the seven regions noted their reports in the LNC binder and also attached as appendices.

Stewart Flood noted Region 4 is holding regular teleconferences which have perfect attendance. Every region 4 convention will be held on or before April 22. April 23 is the deadline for delegate list submission to Emily Salvette, chair of the Credentials Committee.

A handful of states will hold their conventions after April 22. However, delegates from those states have already been chosen.

### **2010 Convention**

Terry Quick (Portland Convention organizer) had recommended the LP capitalize on the energy and excitement of Denver to sell packages for 2010.

Nancy Neale and M Carling will be coordinating the Austin Convention contract for 2010. Emily Salvette recommended the Convention Oversight Committee be involved in overseeing the Austin contract when it becomes available.

Reacting to Bob Sullentrup's suggestion in the Convention write-up that the LP sell 'supporting memberships' for the 2010 convention, Shane noted that he and others will handle such marketing aspects after taking time to review FEC and BCRA obligations in that matter.

### **Wes Benedict's Resolution**

Wes Benedict moved the LNC adopt the following resolution which was written by Arthur DiBianca, a Libertarian activist from Austin, TX:

WHEREAS the government of the United States should return to its historical libertarian tradition of avoiding entangling alliances, foreign quarrels, and military adventures; and

WHEREAS the armed forces of the United States have invaded Iraq, a foreign nation that neither directly attacked nor imminently threatened to attack the United States; and

WHEREAS this invasion was unjust and imprudent; and

WHEREAS the injustice and imprudence of this invasion cannot be undone by the continued presence of the armed forces of the United States in Iraq; and

WHEREAS the stability and security of Iraq lie outside the jurisdiction of the government of the



United States;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee calls on the government of the United States to withdraw the armed forces of the United States from Iraq, without delay or preconditions.

Aaron Starr offered a substitute motion:

Resolved, the LNC applauds staff's ongoing public policy pronouncements on public policy matters.

The substitute motion failed 7-8.

Voting in favor of the substitute motion were:

Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, M Carling, Scott Lieberman, Jeremy Keil, Admiral Colley, Dan Karlan

Voting against were

Tony Ryan, Emily Salvette, Dr. Lark, Bob Barr, Wes Benedict, Angela Keaton, Hardy Macia, Pat Dixon

Admiral Colley moved to amend by deleting the third paragraph,

'WHEREAS this invasion was unjust and imprudent; and'

and deleting the final words 'without delay or precondition'.

Bob Barr moved to amend the amendment by changing the last sentence to say

'without undue delay' (not 'without precondition')

Bob Barr's amendment passed and the resulting amendment, as amended, passed.

The resulting resolution passed 12 – 2 with one abstention. The resolution is given below:

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WHEREAS the injustice and imprudence of this invasion cannot be undone by the continued presence of the armed forces of the United States in Iraq; and

WHEREAS the stability and security of Iraq lie outside the jurisdiction of the government of the United States;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee calls on the government of the United States to withdraw the armed forces of the United States from Iraq, without undue delay.

[REDACTED]

Voting in favor were

Pat Dixon, Hardy Macia, Angela Keaton, Wes Benedict, Dan Karlan, Bob Barr, Admiral Colley, Dr. Lark, Emily Salvette, Jeremy Keil, Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup

Voting against were

Scott Lieberman<sup>2</sup>, Tony Ryan

Abstaining was M Carling.

### **Women and Minorities LP Caucus**

Angela Keaton wanted to target gay and lesbian groups, minorities and women by forming an officially recognized committee of the LNC aimed at conducting outreach to those communities. Angela, Chris Bennett and Stewart Flood would be the members.

Angela requested the LNC endorse and recognize that committee. The LNC approved the motion unanimously.

### **Condolences**

Dan Karlan moved an item that carried immediately and unanimously:

THE LNC EXPRESS ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO OUR NATIONAL CHAIR BILL REDPATH AND HIS FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF BILL'S FATHER, JOHN, WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 8.

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<sup>2</sup> Scott Lieberman wished to have the following noted in the minutes regarding his vote:

*I voted no on the final version of Mr. Benedict's resolution for one reason – the main purpose of LNC Meetings is to manage LPHQ staff by giving advice and direction to the Executive Director. It is NOT the purpose of the LNC to pass Resolutions on the issues of the day. As you can see above, that function is already being performed in an extremely competent matter by LPHQ staff, and LPHQ staff is backed up by the very hard work of our Platform Committee and our Convention delegates.*

*For the record, I am totally in favor of the wording of the above resolution, and I agree with everything that was stated in the Jan 30, 2008 press release reproduced above.*

*I am not pro-war, but I am in favor of using our very precious LNC Meeting time for helping the Libertarian Party to grow, and to help our state affiliates elect Libertarians to public office.*

*I am strongly against having precious LNC Meeting time taken away from us for debating policy resolutions that are much better handled by having LPHQ staff issue a press release on the subject. Many press releases quote the LNC Chair, or LNC members with particular expertise regarding the subject of the press release.*

*That is why I have started to vote NO on all LNC Public Policy resolutions – not because I disagree with their content, but because I want to see the LNC doing LNC work, instead of duplicating the work of National LPHQ staff.*

## **Committee Report, Allen Hacker**

A committee composed of Dan Karlan, Emily Salvette and Tony Ryan, acting on a series of complaints issued at the Charleston meeting by Allen Hacker, Michael Badnarik's congressional campaign manager, recommended no action be taken at this time.

### **Strategy**

Dan Karlan submitted as tab four in the LNC binder a series of motions regarding the LNC strategic plan issued in 2001. They involved deleting several strategy items and reclassifying Goal 6.

Aaron Starr moved to divide the issue into a vote on deletions, which required a 1/3 threshold to pass, and the reclassification of Goal 6. The division carried.

Without objection (but some confusion), the deletions passed.

When the discussion moved to the item to reclassify Goal 6, it was clear that some members were not clear on what the Strategic Plan, developed in 2001, entailed and what exactly it was the body had just voted on.

Jim Lark moved to postpone until the next LNC meeting consideration of the reclassification of Goal 6. Without objection, that motion passed.

Bob Sullentrop moved to rescind the motion to delete the strategy items. After some discussion, Bob's motion passed. The entire matter will be reintroduced at the next LNC meeting. Meanwhile, Bob will send the strategy package to the LNC.

### **Chris Bennett on Women and Minority Outreach Committee**

Someone (?) noted Chris Bennett was a candidate for Vice President and wondered if his inclusion on the newly created Women and Minority Outreach Committee represented a kind of conflict of interest.

M Carling moved to rescind the Women and Minorities Committee. The chair ruled the motion out of order.

The issue was resolved when Angela agreed to name Chris Bennett, or perhaps someone else, later after the vice presidential ticket nomination was over.

### **Strategic Plan, Strategy Item 20**

Dan Karlan read a document regarding the creation and awarding of pins for Party service asking the LNC if his proposal was on track or not.

While the proposal sounded promising, Emily Salvette requested Dan send the document to the LNC for review. The LNC will take up the matter again at a subsequent meeting.

### **Platform Committee Alternates**

Angela Keaton moved the following resolution entitled 'Resolution to Correct improperly elected Convention Committee Membership':

*Whereas* Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (RONR) states " In elections, "for" and "against" spaces or boxes should not be used. They are applicable only with respect

to votes on motions. An election, in effect, is a vote on filling a blank, and a voter can vote against one candidate only by voting for another who has been nominated or by writing in the name of another candidate" (RONR p.319-320, line 34 on), *and*

*Whereas*, RONR p. 416, line 6-17 reads "In choosing someone to fill an office or other elective position in a society or assembly, a more effective freedom of choice is maintained through the practice of nominating persons for the office, rather than moving that a given person be elected as in the older British procedure. Hence, a form of ballot on which provision is made for voting "for" or "against" a candidate or candidates, as distinguished from a motion, is not proper. Such a ballot is improper, in order to defeat a candidate for an office, it is necessary to vote for an opposing candidate..." *and*,

*Whereas*, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party do not authorize voting for Convention Committees or any other office or position by the use of "for" and "against" ballots which makes RONR the authority for this issue, *and*

*Whereas*, candidates nominated for all Convention Committees were elected using "for" and "against" ballots in violation of the above referenced Bylaws and parliamentary rules, *and*

*Whereas*, RONR page 427, line 6-17, describes the method by which members of special committees, such as our Convention Committees are selected. "In an election of members of a board or committee in which votes are cast in one segment of the ballot for multiple positions on the board or committee, every ballot with a vote for one or more candidates is counted as one vote cast, and a candidate must receive a majority of the total of such votes cast to be elected. In such a case, if more than the prescribed number receive a majority vote, the places are filled by the proper number receiving the largest number of votes. If less than the proper number receive a majority vote, those who do have a majority are elected, and all other candidates remain for the necessary repeated balloting." *and*,

*Whereas*, one of elected members of the Platform Committee and one elected member of the Bylaws Committee were "elected" with less than a majority vote and thus not properly elected to their Committees, *and*,

*Whereas*, on the face of the improper voting counting only "for" votes would not change the rankings and not casting a second ballot for the Committee members not receiving a majority vote, it is unknowable if voting in a proper manner would have changed the rankings and thus the membership of the Committees and the fact that there is no proof of damage done does not negate the requirement to follow our own rules.

*Therefore*, since the Platform, Bylaws and Credentials Committees were chosen by an improper method and two members of the Committees were not elected by a majority vote, the elections should be reheld and done in a manner consistent with our Party Bylaws and RONR.

Nothing herein is intended to be a rebuke to the improperly elected members of the Committees and their work is greatly appreciated, but as an organization with written rules and procedures, it is the duty of the LNC to be sure that the proper procedures have been followed and when notified of improper actions it is the duty of the LNC to rectify such errors by holding proper elections for these positions.

Aaron Starr argued the motion was out of order because the agenda topic was misleading.

The chair ruled the motion was in order and was properly reflected by the agenda topic.

The chair's ruling was appealed and overturned, meaning the above motion stood out of order.

Angela then moved to remove Steven Burden from the Platform Committee.

The chair ruled that motion was out of order at this time because an agenda item on point follows.

Angela moved to discharge the entire Platform Committee. There was an objection to that and the motion received no second.

Angela moved to amend the agenda to discuss the motion above, the resolution to correct improperly elected convention committee membership. This required 2/3rds and Wes Benedict called for a roll call.

Voting to not amend the agenda were:

Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, M Carling, Scott Lieberman, Dr. Lark, Admiral Colley, Bob Barr, Dan Karlan.

Voting to amend the agenda were:

Tony Ryan, Jeremy Keil, Emily Salvette, Wes Benedict, Angela Keaton, Hardy Macia and Pat Dixon.

At 8-7 the motion fell short of 2/3.

As it happens, the next order of business addressed the issue anyway.

#### **Steven Burden on Platform committee**

Mr. Burden had been appointed by the LNC to serve on the Platform Committee at its Pittsburgh meeting in July.

M Carling moved:

Whereas Steven Burden failed to disclose his involvement with the Republican Party, a conflict of interest, when seeking appointment to the Platform Committee, be it therefore resolved that the LNC asks Steven Burden for his resignation from the LP platform committee.

Angela moved a substitute motion to remove Steve Burden from the Platform Committee (as opposed to asking him to resign).

After some discussion and a reference to Roberts Rules that the LNC, having named Steven Burden to the Committee, was now prevented from removing him since the date for appointments and thus removals had passed, the chair ruled Angela's motion was in order. The chair stated the appointment power and the removal power were tied together vesting in the same entity (here: the LNC) according to RRONR p. 480, but he found no foundation for the suggestion that appointment deadlines must also apply to removals.

Dr. Lark moved for a ten minute recess; the motion was approved.

A challenge to the chair's ruling failed by a 9-6 vote.

Bob Sullentrup noted Steven Burden, a Torch Club member having donated \$1000 or more to the Libertarian Party, had worked impeccably as secretarial helper in Portland.

Angela's substitute motion failed.

Voting against the substitute motion were:

Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, M Carling, Scott Lieberman, Tony Ryan, Dan Karlan, Hardy Macia, Dr. Lark, Admiral Colley, Jeremy Keil, Emily Salvette

Voting for the substitute motion were:

Bob Barr, Wes Benedict, Angela Keaton, Pat Dixon.

M's main motion passed.

Voting in favor were

Aaron Starr, M Carling, Tony Ryan, Dan Karlan, Hardy Macia, Dr. Lark, Admiral Colley, Jeremy Keil, Emily Salvette, Bob Barr, Wes Benedict, Angela Keaton, Pat Dixon.

Opposed was Bob Sullentrup with Scott Lieberman abstaining.

### **Opportunity for public comment**

John Wayne Smith and Ruth Bennett restated their opposition to Steve Burden.

Rob Power requested the LNC balance its outreach to the left and the right. HQ had attended four conservative conferences and none that was 'progressive'. Later, Steven Gordon noted that funds for conservative conferences are much easier to come by than those on the left.

Presidential candidate Bob Jackson applauded the creation of the Women and Minorities committee.

Dr. Lark thanked the LPNV for its splendid hospitality. He also on behalf of the LNC wished Elizabeth Brooks thanks and good wishes for her success in her endeavors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm with no need for a Monday session.

### Next Meeting

The schedule for subsequent LNC meetings is as follows:

2008 Convention meeting	May 22	Denver, CO
2008 New LNC meeting	May 26	Denver, CO

**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet** As of December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>11 - Cash</b>	
<b>111-Checking Account #1</b>	
111-A Checking Unrestricted	41,826
111-B Ballot Access Unrestricted	28,500
111-C Checking Account Ballot Access Temp. Restricted	<u>26,937</u>
<b>Total 111- Checking Account #1</b>	97,263
112-A Checking Unrestricted	357
112-B Checking Liberty Decides 08 Restricted	<u>15,539</u>
<b>Total 112- Checking Account #2</b>	<u>15,896</u>
<b>Total 111 - Cash</b>	113,159
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	113,159
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
<b>13 - Other Receivables</b>	
<b>131 - Mail House Settlement</b>	
131D - Accumulated Discount	(721)
131R - Mail House Settlement	10,000
131U - Allowance for Uncollectables	<u>(9,279)</u>
<b>Total 131 - Mail House Settlement</b>	
<b>132 - Mailing List Receivables</b>	
132R - Mailing List Receivable	11,238
132U - Mailing List Allowance	<u>(330)</u>
<b>Total 132 - Mailing List Receivables</b>	10,908
<b>139 - Allowances for Doubtful Account</b>	<u>(1,000)</u>
<b>Total 13 - Other Receivables</b>	9,908
<b>14 - Inventory</b>	2,000
<b>16 - Prepaid Expenses</b>	
161 - Bulk Mail Account	646
163 - Metro Passes	<u>220</u>
<b>Total 16 - Prepaid Expenses</b>	<u>866</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>12,774</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	125,933
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>17 - Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>172 - Furniture and Fixtures</b>	
17214B - Basis	37,618

**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet** As of December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
17214D · Accumulated Depreciation	(36,889)
Total 172 · Furniture and Fixtures	656
174 · IS – Hardware	
17211B · Basis	41,015
17211D · Accumulated Depreciation	(19,454)
Total 174 · IS – Hardware	21,561
175 · IS – Software	
17212B · Basis	182,404
17212D · Accumulated Depreciation	(182,404)
Total 175 · IS – Software	
176 · Capital Lease	
17221B · Basis	18,241
17221D · Accumulated Depreciation	(18,241)
Total 176 · Capital Lease	
Total 17 · Fixed Assets	15,749
Total Fixed Assets	15,749
Other Assets	
19 · Security Deposits	
191 · Rent Deposit	7,020
Total 19 · Security Deposits	7,020
Total Other Assets	7,020
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>148,702</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
24 · Accrued Vacation	18,143
271 · Other Deferred Revenue	
2711 – Deferred Regular Dues	1,336,578
2791 – Deferred Rent Liability	3,319
Total 271- Other Deferred Revenue	1,339,897
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,358,040
Total Current Liabilities	1,358,040
Equity	
31 · General Operating	(1,385,311)
32 · Temp Restricted Balances	
3201 · Temp Restricted - Ballot Access	26,937



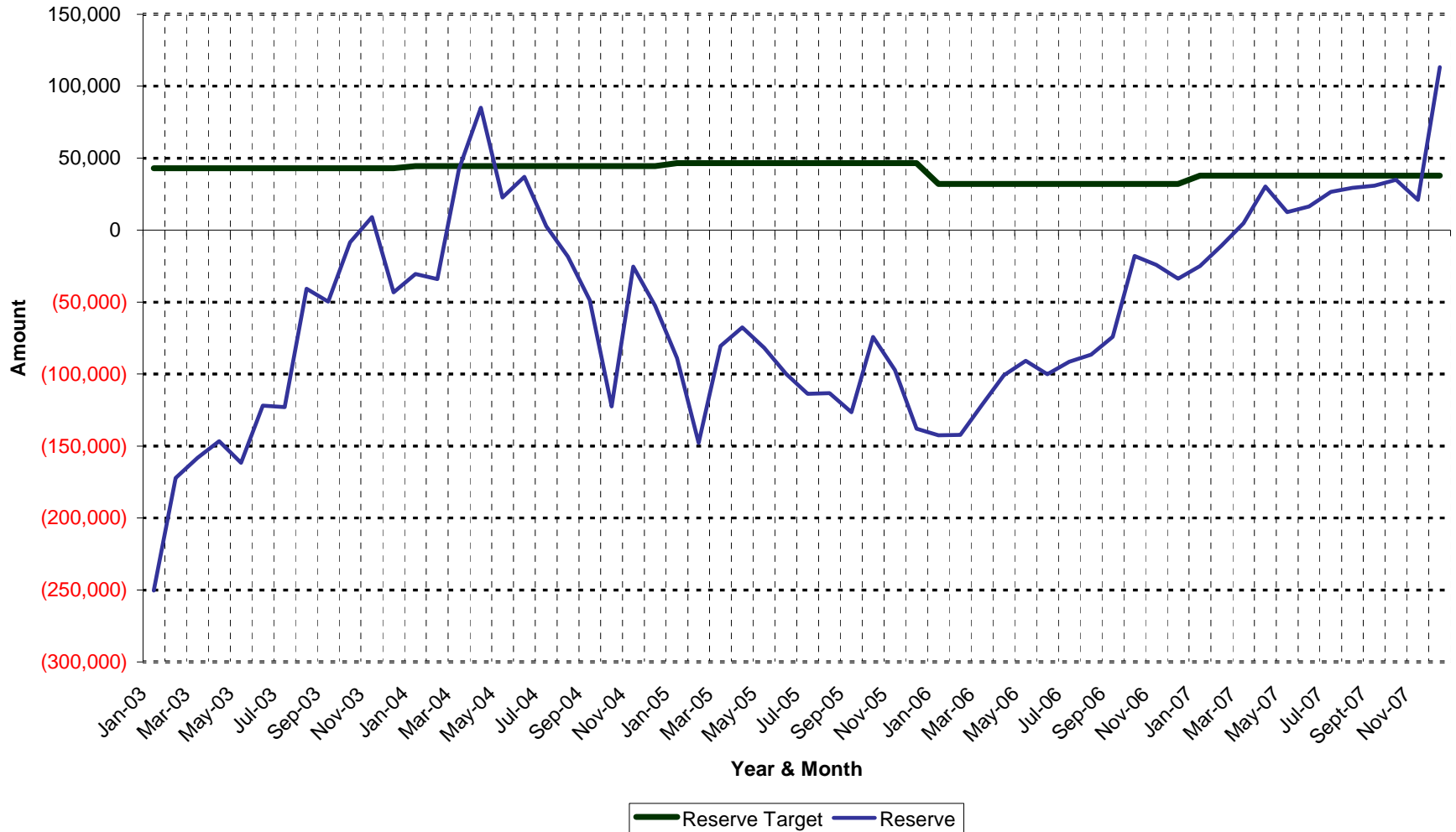
**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet** As of December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
3209 - Temp. Restricted – Liberty Decides 08	15,539
3209 – Temp. Restricted Balances	42,476
Net Revenue	<u>133,497</u>
Total Equity	<u>(1,209,339)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>148,702</u></b>

**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.**  
**P&L YTD Summary Report**  
 January through December 2007

	TOTAL	
	Jan – Dec 07	Budget
<b>Ordinary Revenue/Expense</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
4000 · General Fundraising	1,410,321	1,663,000
4100 · Project Revenue	1,575	371,424
4200 · Program Revenue	27,519	6,000
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Comm - PACS	7,340	24,000
4500 · Offsets to Operating Expend	175	
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	(2,703)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>1,444,227</u>	<u>2,064,424</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	1,444,227	2,064,424
<b>Expense</b>		
7000 · General Fundraising Exp	383,732	574,000
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	9,655	182,649
7200 · Convention Expenses	723	
7300 · Program-Related Expenses	172,844	225,000
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	394,008	428,040
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	280,834	259,800
8200 · Professional Services	62,394	66,000
8300 · Capital Exp & Depreciation	6,541	12,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,310,732</u>	<u>1,747,489</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Revenue</b>	<u>133,492</u>	<u>316,935</u>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<u><u>133,496</u></u>	<u><u>316,935</u></u>

Reserve Adequacy Trend Since Jan 2003



**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.  
2008 Budget**

	\$	%
<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Membership Dues	394,000	27.8%
Donations	604,500	42.6%
Recurring Gifts	324,000	22.8%
Board Member Solicitations	90,000	6.3%
Projects	0	0.0%
Ballot Access Donations	0	0.0%
Campus Outreach Donations	0	0.0%
Convention Revenues	0	0.0%
Publications, Materials and Other Sales	7,000	0.5%
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Total Support and Revenue	1,419,500	100.0%
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<b>Cost of Support and Revenue</b>		
Fundraising Costs	201,300	14.2%
Membership Fundraising Costs	247,600	17.4%
Convention	10,000	0.7%
Direct Costs	0	0.0%
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Total Cost of Support and Revenue	458,900	32.3%
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<b>Net Support and Revenue Available for Programs</b>	960,600	67.7%
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<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Administrative Expense	357,600	25.2%
Compensation	419,200	29.5%
Affiliate Support	4,500	0.3%
Ballot Access	0	0.0%
Brand Development	0	0.0%
Campus Outreach	0	0.0%
Candidate Support	16,200	1.1%
Litigation	0	0.0%
Lobbying	0	0.0%
Media Relations	4,500	0.3%
Member Communications	54,000	3.8%
Outreach	11,000	0.8%
Voter Registration	0	0.0%
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Total Program Expenses	867,000	61.1%
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Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	93,600	6.6%
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<b>Other Revenue/Expense</b>		
Interest Income	0	0.0%

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Interest Expense	0	0.0%
Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Other Revenue Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>93,600</u></u>	<u><u>6.6%</u></u>

Secretary's Report

Las Vegas, February, 17, 2008

*By Bob Sullentrup*

The following highlights summarize preparations for the Secretarial responsibilities for the 2008 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention in Denver, Colorado, May 23 – May 26.

- **Delegate allocations** based on 2004 presidential vote totals and December 31, 2007 sustaining memberships have been calculated and state chairs notified by January 31 in accordance with Bylaws provisions. The allocations can be found in the Delegation Chairs Manual, pp 26-27, [http://www.lp.org/archives/delegation\\_chairs\\_manual\\_2008.pdf](http://www.lp.org/archives/delegation_chairs_manual_2008.pdf)
- **Platform** and **Credentials Committee** chairs know which states have registered the highest memberships as a means of awarding the five or 10 remaining seats.
- **Binders** with the Delegation Chairs Manual, FAQ, a recognition and appreciation page, and addendum have been produced for each of the 50 affiliates and DC. They will be shipped to Denver in late April or May.
- 1051 delegate ballot packs have been created, individually numbered, and assembled. They will be shipped to Denver in late April or May. These contain:
  - One 'presidential petition signature token' that delegates will give to the presidential candidate of their choosing. 30 such tokens will grant the candidate 16 minutes of convention time for nominating and seconding speeches.
  - One 'vice presidential petition signature token' that delegates will give to the presidential candidate of their choosing. 30 such tokens will grant the candidate 11 minutes of convention time for nominating and seconding speeches.
  - Five 'platform plank recall ballots'. Delegates will use anywhere from zero to five of these ballots to have a plank put to an up/down vote as the first item of business in the Platform Committee Report, provided the given plank receives votes totaling 20% of delegates.
  - A page of **instructions** to the delegate.
  - A labeled **envelope** containing the above.

A red 12x12x12" ballot box has been acquired that has two keys.

The instructions in the delegate packs say that **intermediate results of platform plank balloting will not be divulged**. Dan Karlan, Emily Salvette and I agreed that delegates

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should vote their conscience and let the chips fall where they may. Platform Committee chair Alicia Mattson was informed of this decision and had an opportunity to review the instructions letter that contained both this point and her signature along with the signatures of the Secretary and Credentials Committee chair. Alicia had not been named Platform Committee chair when the decision was made.

Platform plank balloting ends at 3:45pm on Friday while the Bylaws deliberations are in progress. While the Bylaws stipulate the Secretary is responsible for [tabulating ballots](#), that task will be outsourced to others while the Secretary takes minutes. Perhaps members of the Platform Committee will assume that responsibility or perhaps other convention volunteers will.

Finally, should any plank achieve the 20% threshold and emerge for the up/down vote, a provision in the Convention Rules requires we must have a [written ballot](#). This was an oversight in Portland. While we are prepared to conduct a written ballot, a motion to suspend the rules and call for a voice vote would be welcome.

- [Certificates of Nomination](#) for the presidential ticket await the balloting on May 25, but otherwise are ready to printed, signed by the Convention chair and secretary, notarized and distributed to state chairs. If we can accomplish this at the convention – we would need a Colorado notary on hand – we could save the shipping expense we incurred in 2004 using FedEx. In 2004 we delivered another 20 certificates of nomination to the Badnarik campaign for state chairs who claimed to have lost their certificates of nomination (?!).
- It is not clear that anyone has been named to act as official [timer](#) for nominating and seconding speeches. In 2004 it was either Geoff Neal or someone close to him who performed that duty.
- In 2004 the chair, secretary and a witness used a randomization function in Microsoft Excel on the morning of the elections to [randomize the order of nominating and seconding speeches for candidates](#). In 2006 we regressed using an analog methodology pulling names out of a hat. For 2008 it is not clear what we will do, but it will be handled.
- We are re-using 35 [state placards](#) from 2006 to designate delegations. Denver LPCon is creating the other 16 that were rendered unusable after 2006.
- [Delegation seating](#) has been determined using convention-to-convention membership growth rates. The ordering is available in the Delegation Chair's Manual noted above.
- We are still looking for two [volunteers](#) to help with secretarial work. BetteRose Ryan and state chairs have been contacted to identify volunteers.

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# LPHQ Update

12/4/2007

## *Executive Director's Report*

by Shane Cory

### **Overview**

Since the last LNC meeting, LPHQ has focused heavily on fundraising efforts along with candidate recruitment, and media.

Please feel free to address any issues not covered in this report at the upcoming LNC meeting and I will do my best to address or answer any concerns.

### **Staff Update**

Our staff levels remain at appropriate levels with additions of part-time staff now on board. Below are our current staffers and contractors:

- Robert Kraus continues to serve as our controller and director of operations while working closely with our FEC consultant and handling data issues for our state affiliates. Robert has solidly assisted with HR matters throughout the year.
- Louise Calise continues to serve as our direct marketing manager. Louise has made significant improvements to our direct mail program and our phone solicitation program.
- Andrew Davis continues to serve as media coordinator and has continually increased the tempo and quality of media releases and content for LP.org.
- A new employee, Austin Petersen, will start by the end of the month as volunteer coordinator, replacing Elizabeth Brooks who will be going back to school.
- Sean Haugh continues to serve as our political director and has been productive in organizing ballot access and candidate recruitment efforts. Sean is full time but works in Raleigh, N.C.
- Susan Dickson still serves as a full-time employee and remains extremely productive.
- Corey Stern remains on contract to take over all webmaster duties for LP.org and all related Web sites.
- Alexa Lamoureux, a GW student, serves part-time as our receptionist and has taken the lead on our candidate recruitment project.
- Four other students (two of which are interns) have been coming to the office several times each week to make candidate recruitment calls along with race research on a state-by-state basis.

### **Operations**



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Since the last report, Robert has focused on end-of-year financials and starting annual audits. In the coming months contract reviews will take place for upcoming contract renewals to increase savings or services.

### **Affiliates and Campaigns**

Sean Haugh provides a full report on campaigns and ballot access below.

In regards to affiliates, LPHQ has stayed in close contact with the LSLA chair, Jim Duensing to present both fundraising and FEC training at the upcoming State Chair's Conference. Additionally, an affiliate services session will take place at the Vegas LSLA meeting.

### **Finance and Fundraising**

#### Direct Mail

The renewal program continues to be the most lucrative revenue stream for the Libertarian Party. Cost per dollar raised averages only eight cents. Over the quarter, we reduced the program from a four-letter cycle to a three-letter cycle, reducing costs with little impact to revenue as the fourth letter was found to be generating a much lower response rate. Currently, the entire program has response rates of above 15.5% with a \$47 average donation.

Our Voter Freedom Act house package was the best performing piece since the Zero Dues letter in 2005. The letter was mailed to a very large segment of over 30,000 names and returned 3% with a \$48 average donation. Among our active donors the response rate was over 5%. Since this package served as a reacquisition piece as well, it was responsible for the 7.2% increase in membership in December. Over 972 gifts were returned and over 2,500 petitions, which have been delivered to Congress.

The letter itself was not particularly strong but the carrier which read "Urgent Petition to Congressman Ron Paul," was most likely responsible for the response rates.

Given that strong performance, Aaron Starr volunteered to sign a similar letter with a carrier that reads, "Ron Paul and his supporters need a new home, let's give them one." This letter recently dropped and is expected to do well despite the recent downturn on the Paul campaign.

In order to get this package delivered as soon as possible because of the time sensitivity, we have delayed the annual report fundraiser by three weeks.

#### Internet Fundraising

Internet based fundraising remains slow. We have received a proposal and are in talks with a new vendor for a significant redesign of LP.org with real time donation reporting that will allow for instant recognition of donations and even "money bombs." The cost of the redesign is not covered in this year's budget and funds

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would have to be raised through earmarked donations. The vendor, Terra Eclipse will be on site in Vegas for a demonstration.

### Pledge Program

Since our last LNC meeting, our monthly pledge revenue held at \$27,600 per month.

While Angela's schedule does not permit her to work this semester, a new part-time employee, Erin, follows in her footsteps and remains vigilant in contacting pledgers with expired credit cards or transaction problems.

### Phone-based Fundraising

We are currently looking for a new vendor for our phone solicitation program.

### Finance

Accounts payable are now down below \$6,500 with all obligations current. Our consistency in paying vendors on time throughout the past year is continuing to show benefits. We are able to work with printers of our choosing, increasing competition in the bid process.

We ended the year with a net revenue of \$133,495. December was our best month in many, many years with gross revenues exceeding \$218,000. This was due to a number of positive factors which include a great response rate on a mailing, a generous gift by our chairman, and the partial receipt of a bequest from the estate of Raymond Burrington.

## **Future Recommendations & Miscellaneous Items**

With the assistance of headquarters' staff, many tasks have been lifted from my shoulders, freeing my time to focus on electoral efforts for 2008. We have launched the candidate recruitment project and are making significant headway in both recruiting candidates and increasing communication with our volunteers and members.

With Sean Haugh, I'll be spending much of my time focusing and managing candidate and ballot access efforts.

## *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 are planning our first NCOA update for this year in March.

In terms of data dumps, we continue to have a mainly one-way flow of information to states. We would 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. Thanks to LPSC and LPVA, then ONLY two states to send us updates since the last meeting.

### **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 accounting records.

### **Financial**

We continued efforts to control and maintain our expenses and accounts payable. We finished the end of year with no (zero) accounts payables, no receivables, 10 out of 12 months in the black, and a surplus of over \$133,000.00 plus. In January - although we had a low revenue month with slightly over \$100,000 – we still ended up in the black and with low A/P of under \$6,600.

We also have begun preliminary activities with our auditor, Frye and Wolcott, for the 2007 annual audit. Most of this work will occur in March and April with final audit financials out by the end of April or early May.

### **Human Resources**

We have recently added several new college students plus two interns to help with campaign research, candidate recruitment and other efforts in the office. We also have a replacement for Elizabeth, who is returning to school, starting with us early next month to focus on volunteer efforts. Shane will go into more detail about this and other personnel matters.

## *Political Director's Report*

by Sean Haugh

### **Ballot Access Status and Planning 01/25/08**

This report is based on recent communications with each state as well as consideration of the results of past ballot drives. In general, my approach is to lay out the factors which may affect cost and ask for the maximum amount I believe it will take to complete these ballot drives, with a mind to finish each one under budget.

One big factor affecting all these plans hinges upon the Ron Paul campaign and our opportunity and ability to convince his supporters to help us with ballot access, whether or not he becomes our nominee. I would recommend we proceed as if we will get little to no support from this group, even though this may well prove to be an unwarranted concern. It would be too much of a gamble in my view to wait and see if this support materializes between Super Tuesday and the LP National convention.

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I am using a base cost figure of \$1.80 a signature and a base validity rate of 66.67% to the estimates below unless otherwise noted. There may arise situations where we will need to increase this figure depending on competition from other petitioning efforts. If no such competition appears, then the base figure would be closer to \$1.50 a signature. I would not recommend we pay more than \$2.50 per signature to petitioners plus overhead under any circumstances, as matching more exorbitant offers from other states has not proven effective.

### **States Currently Underway:**

**North Carolina:** NC has collected 96,797 raw signatures as of 2/11/08. At most another 5,753 signatures need to be collected by the June 1 deadline. I am helping raise the remaining necessary funds by phone and email for LPNC. I have raised over \$1,500 so far. (I have also gathered 274 signatures on my own.) Darryl Bonner continues to work in NC until we can get started in Pennsylvania. Eli Harmon, a local activist, has also been hired with LPNC funding.

The LPNC lawsuit had a hearing on 1/30/08. The judge gave the ruling no one expected, denying both sides' motion for summary judgment and setting a date for a trial. This is an excellent development which indicates that we can expect a ruling in our favor. However no immediate relief is expected from trial, since an appeal is expected regardless of the result.

**Nebraska:** Diann Gentry has been collecting signatures based on the remaining number of signatures needed in each of the state's three Congressional districts. They currently have 8,388 raw signatures in hand with approximately 800 still needed. Gentry should be able to complete the drive within the next month or so, well in advance of the 8/1/08 deadline. Nebraska Chair Jerry Kosch is impressed with Gentry as well and I am hoping we can employ her in other states once Nebraska is complete. I do have some concern about the validity rate of the signatures collected by past circulators, and am working with Kosch to check them.

**South Dakota:** For the third time, a company we had hired to complete this drive has failed us. We had hired National Ballot Access to complete the SD drive, which has another initiative going there. After saying they would also carry our petition, they stopped returning anyone's phone calls. Under a new SD state law, all petitioners must be residents, and we anticipate the possibility of a strict enforcement of that law although it has never been used before. However we have received a legal opinion from Brian Sells of the ACLU which says that these new laws do not apply to us at all and is willing to represent us in a suit against South Dakota over the early deadline as well as any attempted enforcement of this new defective law against us if such occurs. I have asked Al Anders to put together a proposal for finishing the SD drive, which I should have before the meeting. We would have to match the \$2 per signature rate being paid by NBA on their initiative.

Currently we have 1,375 raw signatures towards a requirement of 8,389 verified signatures (or about 12,000 total signatures) for full party status with a deadline of 3/8/08. The original plan counted upon the LPSD to raise 4,000 of the

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necessary 12,000 signatures in either volunteer signatures or the money to pay for them. It has become clear that the state party is not capable of coming anywhere near that goal.

Given the above, it would take at least \$24,000 plus overhead costs to complete this drive. It appears the better option is to start over with an independent petition for Presidential ballot access. That petition requires 3,356 valid signatures by a deadline of 8/5/08.

The LNC-EC has approved \$7,500 for this drive in January. This should be enough to complete the independent candidate petition. I will continue to investigate whether we can still pursue the above described legal action if we go with the independent candidate petition.

**Utah:** Utah had a shortfall of 583 valid signatures to complete their drive by their deadline of 2/15/08. They hired Paul Frankel, who collected about 1,000 raw signatures last week. Barring a verification rate on these signatures of less than 58%, we should be on the ballot in Utah shortly after the meeting.

**Ohio:** The Ohio party currently has collected about 8,500 raw signatures from volunteers towards a requirement of 20,114 valid signatures (or about 30,000 total) with a deadline of 8/20/08 for Presidential ballot access with the Libertarian label. Most ballot access law in Ohio has been struck down in court, with no replacement yet by the legislature, leaving their somewhat sympathetic Secretary of State to make up procedures as she goes along.

Richard Winger is urging them to turn in whatever signatures they have, as well as have at least four duly nominated candidates, by the day before their primary date, which would be 3/3/08, and then sue or seek a ruling from the Ohio Secretary of State to gain full party status. The LPO has set a date of 2/23/08 for a nominating convention for this purpose. It is possible the SoS could rule in our favor. If this goes to court over the early deadline, the case law is extremely strong in our favor. Winger has pledged to fund this lawsuit if needed.

If this strategy is unsuccessful, it is unlikely that they can complete this effort by 3/4/08. Ohio BA Coordinator Ann Leech reports that little activity is happening now with winter weather being a major factor. Both Leech and LPO Chair Kevin Knedler are in regular communication and will keep us posted on their progress. While the current plan is to complete the drive with volunteer signatures, it is possible that we may find this summer that they will need significant help from the LNC (my best estimate being up to \$18,000). My recommendation is for the LNC to take no action at this time and see how the legal strategy plays out.

**New Hampshire:** The New Hampshire LP is currently circulating a petition for all their known candidates, including George Phillies as a stand in for President. This petition requires 12,524 valid signatures (or about 19,000 total) by a deadline of 8/6/08. They currently have collected 1,800 raw signatures, with the other candidates listed on the petition expected to collect the amount of signatures needed for their own races, which should bring us to the total needed.

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Brendan Kelley, LPNH Chair, has reported that the LPNH will be fully cooperative with substitution of the actual Presidential candidate if it is not Dr. Phillies after the national convention. This action would require a lawsuit, but with good prospects of victory and with excellent legal representation already lined up.

There are two possibilities where LNC support may be required for LPNH. One is that they will need our help with the current drive at some point this summer. The other is that we will be unsuccessful in our attempts at substitution, which would mean we would have to start a separate petitioning effort immediately after the national convention (5/27/08) with the same 8/6/08 deadline, and collect 3,000 valid signatures (or 5,000 total) for Presidential ballot access. The total number of signatures estimated is higher than usual due to state law which prohibits a voters' signature from being counted for more than one party. It is also possible that Dr. Phillies will use the current petition and file a declaration of candidacy post-convention, which would keep him on the ballot as a Libertarian but not prohibit us from placing our own candidate there. He has indicated that we would cooperate with our substitution efforts if the LP nominee is acceptable to him. Given the history and current efforts of LPNH, I would expect that if we have to take this latter option it will be entirely up to the LNC to complete this petition.

My recommendation is that no funds should be expected from the LNC now, but to be ready to raise up to \$9,000 for the worst case scenario of having to start a second petition in NH.

### **States that can start now:**

**Massachusetts:** Massachusetts needs 10,000 valid signatures (15,000 signatures total) for Presidential ballot access. This drive can start about 2/20/08 with a deadline of 7/29/08. First the state must issue nominating papers which is supposed to happen this week, then the LPMA needs to finish nominating their slate of Presidential electors who will be on the petition. The state party already has made arrangements to hire one or two people locally at \$1 per signature. They have \$6,000 in the bank total, with \$3,000 in firm pledges for the ballot drive. The Executive Committee approved a dollar-for-dollar matching program up to \$7,500 in January which has been accepted by the LPMA. The donation page at lp.org has been set up and the state party is actively attempting to raise money for that program.

**Pennsylvania:** LPPa Chair Mik Robertson reports the number needed for Presidential ballot access in PA is 24,000 valid signatures. They can start on 2/13/08 with a deadline of 8/1/08. There may be a brief delay pending the LPPa nominating their stand in candidates for statewide offices. Candidates in Pennsylvania must petition separately for ballot access, however their requirements are relatively small, so some signatures can be generated by these candidates but probably not a lot. Overall Robertson estimates the LPPa can take responsibility for 6,000 raw signatures, either from volunteers or paid from their own funds.

Given the recent history of challenges to Green Party candidates resulting in massive fees levied against their party and candidates, it could be in our interests

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to take an overkill approach to this state. However, both Robertson and Richard Winger believe 30,000 total signatures would be enough to survive a challenge, considering that the hostility from the challengers to the Green petitions was very personal and also that they are now suffering significant backlash over their challenges. I'd be more comfortable with as many as 36,000 total signatures. I also will take special care in Pennsylvania to only hire petitioners with the best track record of validity to avoid any incidents which may lead to large numbers of signatures being disqualified. Fortunately, both Darryl Bonner and Cheryl Forde are PA residents and have several contacts within the state who may be available to petition, helping to keep expenses low.

Also at their January meeting, the Executive Committee approved in January \$10,000 in initial funding, followed by a matching program of \$10,000 after the LPPa has put in \$10,000 which has been accepted by the LPPa.

**Connecticut:** Connecticut has a deadline of 8/6/08 to collect 7,500 valid signatures (or 11,250 total). Chair Rich Lion reports that the remaining members are not currently active, although that may change with the fortunes of Ron Paul's campaign. However, Al Anders is in New England and has requested we keep him there, which I will do unless we need to send him to South Dakota now. The Executive Committee approved initial funding up to \$9,000 for this drive in January.

### **States which plan to take care of themselves:**

In all these states, the assumption is they can take care of their own ballot access with their own resources. However all these states need to be closely monitored to make sure we can step in with help in time if it becomes necessary.

**Iowa:** Iowa needs 1,500 valid signatures for Presidential ballot access. The drive can start on 2/15/08 with a deadline of 8/15/08. Chair Ed Wight believes they should be able to complete this on their own and traditionally they have done so.

**Kentucky:** The Kentucky LP expects to complete their drive on volunteer effort. They need 5,000 verified signatures (or about 7,500 total) by a deadline of 9/2/08. Candidates must circulate their own petitions in Kentucky, and the hope there is that enough candidates will be recruited by their March convention who can also carry the Presidential petition to bring in the required numbers. LPKY Chair Ken Moellman has been very good with communication, so I expect we will get early notice if LNC help is needed to complete their drive.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota needs 2,000 valid signatures by a deadline of 9/9/08 to get the Presidential candidate on the ballot. They have traditionally handled this themselves and should be able to do so again.

**New Jersey:** New Jersey needs 800 valid signatures by a deadline of 7/28/08 for Presidential ballot access. LPNJ also traditionally handles this by themselves.

**Rhode Island:** Rhode Island needs 1,000 valid signatures by 9/5/08 to get the Presidential candidate on the ballot (or about 1500 total signatures), or 18,557

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signatures by 5/30/08 to get full party status. Chair David Bibeault reports that they should be able to do this with an all volunteer effort.

**Tennessee:** Tennessee only needs 25 valid signatures by 8/21/08 to get the Presidential candidate on the ballot as an Independent. They can do this very easily. The state party is also pursuing legal and legislative challenges to improve full party ballot access there.

**Virginia:** The Virginia LP has traditionally handled their 10,000 signature drive on their own, and appear to be very well organized to do this again. They have already started collecting signatures and raising the money to pay Bob Lynch to collect about half of what they need. My recommendation is that no funds need to be set aside for Virginia.

**Washington:** The state of Washington requires 1,000 valid signatures for Presidential ballot access by 6/28/08. The state party traditionally has handled this and appears ready to do so again this time.

### **Starting in March:**

**Illinois:** LP Illinois Chair Val Vetter forwarded to you their Ballot Access Charter Plan in advance of the last LNC meeting. It is mostly the work of their Ballot Access Coordinator Crystal Jurczynski, and is easily the most detailed and well thought out BA plan I have ever seen. It has been revised based on feedback from LP staff and the accumulation of pledges for donations and volunteer signatures with LPI.

Illinois needs 25,000 valid signatures to gain Presidential ballot access. Given the history of challenges to our petitions under Illinois state law, I have recommended to them that they need to get 45,000 total signatures to ensure we survive such a challenge. As with Pennsylvania, I may be recommending overkill. The more recent challenges have been unsuccessful and those who would make them are dealing with investigations of corruption in office, which may indicate a lesser amount of signatures (maybe 40,000) would get by. Their 90 day petitioning window begins on 3/25/08 and ends on 6/23/08.

Their plan is rather ambitious yet realistic in terms of the amount of internal support (donations and volunteer signatures) they believe they can muster. After discussions with Shane Cory, the current proposal is that Illinois commits \$17,000 and the LNC commits \$18,000 to start the drive. After that, the LPI would raise another \$15,000 which would be matched dollar for dollar by the LNC. This results in \$65,000 to pay for 40,000 raw signatures. Volunteers would be expected to collect the other 10,000 raw signatures.

The current version of their Plan is attached as an Appendix to this report.

### **post-convention start dates:**

Although I do include current estimates for funding requirements for each of these states, all such figures can be subject to change depending on further communications with the folks in these states.



**Alabama:** Alabama needs 5,000 valid signatures (or 7,500 total) by 9/8/08 for Presidential ballot access. They also have the option of collecting 37,513 valid signatures by 6/3/08 for full party status. Based on conversations with Alabama Chair Steve Gordon, we agree that the former option is the better one now. While Alabama has filed very strong slates in the past with full ballot access, this year there is no assurance that a similar number of candidates could be recruited.

Since substitution is not allowed in Alabama, we cannot start there until after the national convention. My recommendation is to prepare to spend up to \$10,000 starting after our national convention for Alabama.

**Maine:** Maine needs 4,000 valid signatures (\$6,000 total) which gets us Presidential ballot access. The petitioning window begins after the May national convention (since substitution is not allowed there) and ends 8/15/08. The Maine LP is recently reformed with some good people but as of yet not much in resources. My recommendation is that we prepare to budget for the entire cost of this drive, or \$10,800.

**New York:** New York has a window of 7/8/08 through 8/19/08 to get 15,000 valid signatures (22,500 total) for Presidential ballot access. LPNY Chair Jeff Russell reports that local candidates also must petition for ballot access, which could result in some signatures, except that traditionally NY has not run too many candidates and when they do their universal complaint is that they never get any help for their own petitions. Russell says there is currently about \$4,000 available in NY. Along with some minimal volunteer effort there, it is reasonable to expect that LPNY can get at least 3,000 of the necessary signatures, leaving the LNC responsible for 18,500.

Darryl Bonner also has a network of petitioners in NY from previous drives whom he has already contacted. This allows us to forgo expenses and adjust the projected per signature cost to \$1.50. My recommendation is plan on \$28,000 for the New York petition.

**currently not on the schedule:**

These are states where no current efforts are planned. This can change if much more in resources become available.

**Oklahoma:** It would take 43,913 signatures just to get the Presidential candidate on the ballot there, or 46,324 for full party status. Unless far more resources become available for ballot access, the expense of such a drive is beyond us now. There is a very positive ballot access bill in the Oklahoma legislature now, which if it passes would give us immediate relief, and that is where the Oklahoma LP is putting their effort now.

**DC:** It would take 3,900 signatures to get the Presidential candidate on the ballot in a place notorious for difficulty in petitioning. One option is that if a Libertarian candidate for City Council at-large could get 7,500 votes, that would gain us full party status in DC. I would be interested in pursuing a DC ballot drive if such a candidate arises, but to date that seems unlikely.

**West Virginia:** It would take 15,118 signatures to get the Presidential and other statewide candidates on the ballot there. If a candidate for Governor receives 1%, that would be enough to give us full party status there. However no such candidate has arisen yet. If one does appear, it may be worth putting West Virginia back into the discussion. The deadline there is 8/1/08.

**Current recommendations:**

At this meeting the only state which requires immediate attention from the LNC is Illinois.

**Illinois: \$18,000 followed by a \$15,000 dollar-for-dollar matching program.**

**Candidate Recruitment:**

We currently know of 442 declared candidates. With state conventions coming up this spring, we should see a very significant rise in this number. I expect we will have as over 1500 candidates in 2008.

The process has been aided greatly by the addition of part-time employees to the office from local schools. Alexa Lamoureux has been extremely helpful in taking the lead within the office on this project, and the newer additions have all performed quite well. They are almost done helping with recruitment of partisan candidates in California, although they will continue to assist with nonpartisan candidate recruitment there, including researching the different offices available in the various counties and transmitting that information to likely candidates. Now they are starting on calling our members in Pennsylvania, and soon will be starting on Massachusetts as well. Also, they help by following up with people in other states who have indicated a willingness to run for office by have not yet picked a race. Although we do not have the resources to call our entire membership list for candidate recruitment, I would be happy to speak with the Chair in any state to see how we can help their recruitment efforts as well.

**Libertarian Leadership School:**

After auditing the results from the last three semesters of Libertarian Leadership School and interviewing several faculty members, former students and prospective students, I have come to the conclusion that the program is not viable. I recommend we pull the plug on it.

The most glaring statistic is that of 85 students in the last three semesters, only seven completed even half of the course. Furthermore, this appears to be a random event, as only one class had two or these seven students.

One assumption we made at the beginning of LLS was that it would require some significant initial effort, after which it could become self-sustaining. That has not proven to be the case. It appears that significant staff time would be needed

every semester to keep it stable or growing. We have also found that other programs outside the party, such as those sponsored by the Leadership Institute or Campaigns & Elections magazine, do a better job of offering programs which meet non-LP specific needs. The number of topics which are specific to the Libertarian Party is limited.

What we have going for us here is information we wish to impart to others for party building purposes, people who are willing to impart this information. Although there are people who wish to receive and use this information, our ability to determine that precisely is less certain. We should continue with methods to transmit this information, however the online college style courses is not getting this job done.

One option which has been more successful in the past is to put on live seminars at regional or national conferences. State conventions may be also useful as delivery points for these seminars, however the focus on internal party business at these conventions may dilute the effectiveness of these seminars.

I will continue to work with Dr. Lark, staff and other participants in this project to develop and implement more effective methods of these practical educational programs.

## *Direct Marketing Manager's Report*

by Louise Calise

### **Overview**

Our 2007 fundraising efforts ended on very strong footing – more than \$1 million was raised and for the mailed appeals alone we brought in over \$528,000.

### **House Appeals**

Our renewal mailings have brought in 15.57% return with an average gift of \$47.69. This percent return is phenomenal for the LP. In trying to save even more costs within the renewal series, we have tested a new reply form and carrier and omitted the letter. I believe the test of the new reply and carrier will bring our results up and plan on saving money on pieces inserted (as there is no letter), letter printing and finally postage (as all the records can be sorted together instead of in groups of three, as was being done in the past). I will update you on this test in my next report.

For the house appeals we mailed we averaged 2.97% return with an average gift of \$57.27. Whereas, for the four house appeals we mailed to lapsed donors we averaged 1.23% return with an average gift of \$45.16. Because we did not lose any funds in mailing to our lapsed donors and are reactivating those that respond, I propose we continue to mail to our lapsed donors appeals that are strong. Also, in mailing the lapsed donors we are presently segmenting the data files so we can determine how far back it is cost-effective for us to go into the file.

### **Prospecting**

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During the year we have prospected to registered libertarians and to donors of other organizations. Overall our results for this were not good – 0.30% return with an average gift of \$43.66. However, in coding and separating out the lists in each mailing we are able to determine what lists to use in future mailings.

With this additional testing, we have been able to increase the response rates to .65% with a \$40 average donation.

We are still testing to find the best control we can use for continual roll outs to grow our membership and donations.

### **Telemarketing**

When we began telemarketing in May 2007 the campaigns for renewals was going well. Based on that, we supplied the telemarketing vendor with different records for additional renewals. However, the second round of renewals done in August 2007 did not do as well – the percent return dropped from 6.08% to 2.61%, with the average gift falling by \$1.00. Granted we did go further back for the second round of renewals in giving the vendor members who were further lapsed than the first round; but the drop in percent return is too high to be considered doing well. We then renegotiated with the vendor and gave them a different segment of the file in November. For this the percent return went up to 5.75% with an average gift of \$47.98.

In July and November we telemarketed for ballot access gifts and our percent return was 5.96% with an average gift of \$58.28.

On the prospect side of telemarketing we did poorly. Our percent response was only 1.17% with an average gift of \$55.38. Although the average gift is reasonable, the percent response is too low to do more prospecting through telemarketing.

At this point, we are looking for another vendor to do telemarketing for us. A vendor who will be on the same page as we are in looking at all the campaigns, negotiating costs and reading returns the same.

I believe once we find another vendor all will go well as we now have the experience of working with a telemarketing vendor and we know exactly what we need and want.

### **Special Solicitations**

Scott Kohlhaas is still soliciting members on behalf of the LP. For the year 2007 Scott has raised \$87,237, and roughly only \$11,005 remains in unpaid pledges (for which we sent out reminder letters). Since Scott began this project on March 11, 2007, we have paid him \$46,000 – so his project has netted \$41,237 to date.

Martha DeForest has resigned her position with the LP. However, Rowan Wilson will be working with Angela Keaton, Aaron Starr and Chuck Moulton in researching donors in California for them to solicit.

**Liberty Decides '08**

As of today (2/6/08) the following funds have been raised for '08 Liberty Decides:

Alden Link	\$1,035
Barry Hess	\$240
Bob Jackson	\$6,825
Christine Smith	\$2,200
Daniel Imperato	\$5,999
David Hollist	\$435
George Phillies	\$1,375
Jim Burns	\$145
John Finan	\$125
Mike Jingoian	\$8,415
Robert Milnes	\$135
Steve Kubby	\$1,277
Wayne A. Root	\$14,529
None of the above	\$4,227
Future Candidate	\$2,086

In closing here I would like to say that during the past 15 months I have been here at the LP raising funds, I have had obstacles and challenges. But in meeting them head on I was able to overcome them.

**LNC "Give or Get Program"**

Below is an updated report on this program organized by Aaron Starr:

**LNC Board Member Progress Toward Give or Get Commitments**

Member	Get	Give	Total	Goal
Aaron Starr	\$10,680	\$3,180	\$13,860	\$5,000
Angela Keaton	\$10,025	\$199	\$10,244	\$5,000
Bob Barr	\$9,500	\$1,000	\$10,500	\$10,000
Chuck Moulton	\$500	\$2,015	\$2,515	\$3,000
Daniel M. Karlan		\$1,900	\$1,900	\$2,000
Emily H. Salvette	\$5,040	\$8,790	\$13,830	\$5,000
Eric Sundwall		\$35	\$35	0
Harland A. Machia		\$5,010	\$5,010	\$5,000
James W. Lark		\$21,000	\$21,000	\$5,000
Jeremy Keil	\$300	\$790	\$1,090	\$5,000
Julia Fox		\$625	\$625	\$1,000
M. Carling	\$11,100	\$6,000	\$17,100	\$5,000
Mark Johnson		\$25	\$25	0
Michael C. Colley		\$3,200	\$3,200	\$5,000

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Member	Get	Give	Total	Goal
Nancy Neale			0	
Patrick J. Dixon		\$1,975	\$1,975	\$5,000
R. A. Ryan	\$1,000	\$1,170	\$2,170	\$5,000
Rebecca Sink-Burris		\$280	\$280	
Robert C. Benedict	\$25	\$1,420	\$1,445	\$1,000
Robert Sullentrup		\$1,485	\$1,485	
Scott Lieberman	\$1,550	\$100	\$1,650	\$1,000
Steven J. Damerell		\$710	\$710	
Stewart Flood	\$100	\$6,500	\$6,600	\$5,000
William B. Redpath	\$2,300	\$30,050	\$32,350	\$5,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$52,120</b>	<b>\$97,459</b>	<b>\$149,579</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>

### *Media Coordinator's Report*

by Andrew Davis

Since the last report, media hits for the Libertarian Party have increased significantly. December '07 and January '08 were the two busiest months for media since I began in July. In fact, those two months alone held more media hits than the previous five months combined. There are two probable factors for this surge in media. First, the LNC resolution on Ron Paul that passed in December saw large play in the media. Second, press releases about the presidential races of Republicans and Democrats were especially successful in media hits -- most notably a press release about Mike Huckabee.

Plans for this quarter include focus on media development for the National Convention, as well as trying to find a successful style for press releases. After a nominee is chosen, I will be focusing on new media advertising that can be used as a viral way to promote the party. Such examples would be inexpensive flash videos that can be put on sites such as YouTube and instantly spread to thousands of viewers. Additionally, the promotion of member-created videos is something that should be pursued, as the results of this in Ron Paul's campaign for President were remarkable.

This past week, we were able to file a friend-of-the-court (amicus) brief with the Supreme Court in the D.C. gun case. The brief, under counsel by attorney and LNC member Bob Barr, argued that the same level of scrutiny used in previous ballot access rulings should also be applied to gun rights. The brief was a great way for the Libertarian Party to have a part in this historic case.

## Convention Oversight Committee

*By Bob Sullentrup*

The following highlights summarize progress toward the 2008 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention in Denver, Colorado, May 23 – May 26.

In the report that follows, items under the control of and responsibility of the Denver LPCon, as opposed to the LNC, are explicitly noted. The reverse is also true.

### **List of Upcoming and Key Tasks**

Five months remain until the Denver Convention. The following table lists important and upcoming tasks which are described in detail below.

<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
C-SPAN	Now – done	HQ
Presidential banquet program, except fundraising	May 23	Denver LPCon, incorrectly listed earlier as HQ
Media room	Decisions now. May 21	HQ / LNC
Secretarial workstation and printer – we had one available in 2004 and 2006	May 21	HQ / LNC
Neal Boortz contact information – we need to link him up with BetteRose	Now	Can Bob Barr intercede?
Prep the 2010 convention and be prepared to promote it and sell gold packages	May 22	HQ
Print Bylaws and Platform	May 23	Denver LPCon

### **Invite C-SPAN**

C-SPAN has been invited to the convention. Typically C-SPAN typically gives 48 hour notice of their intention to attend.

C-SPAN has said that, while it's more than likely they'll attend, they can't commit or start planning with us until after Super Tuesday.

### **Presidential Banquet Program**

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Typically the banquet features the presidential nominee and the fundraising. The candidate should speak for only 15-20 minutes so that we keep the crowd in place. A barrage of awards added on would make people exit early.

BetteRose and Denver LPCon will produce the program except for fundraising.

**Media Room**

**We have not identified what we will provide for media guests at the Convention.**

**Secretarial Workstation and Printer**

At previous conventions we have had a workstation provided with Microsoft Office. In 2004 this was a brand new setup that was transferred to HQ after the event. We'll need one again.

**2010 Convention**

BetteRose suggested the LNC consider offering 'supporting memberships' much like the WorldCon does. The idea is to ask for \$25 which would later translate into a slightly larger discount on the ticket for the 2010 Convention of 2010.

Denver LPCon could take these memberships and pass them to the next convention minus the credit card processing fees.

This would provide seed money for 2010 but it obligates the organizers to honor those contracts.

**Print Bylaws and Platform**

Denver LPCon will reproduce the Bylaws and Platform for those with the appropriate convention packages. These were missing from the Portland convention packages and may have contributed to the delegates removing 45 planks. Those not purchasing a convention package that provides these documents may purchase them at the Convention or access them from the appropriate pages of LP.org.

**Convention Schedule**

The following lists the Convention schedule:

Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm-10pm	Reception and Affiliate Awards
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7am-8:30	Invitational Breakfast
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30-9:30	Opening Speaker, Mike Ferguson
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30-12:30pm	Call to order, Credentials, Agenda, Platform Plank Balloting



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		<i>Start, Treasurer's Report, break, Bylaws Debate</i>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30-2:00	Lunch with Speaker
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00-3:00	Keynote Speaker, Bob Barr
<i>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>3:00-6:00</i>	<i>Bylaws Debate, Platform Plank Balloting Ends at 3:45pm, break, Platform Debate</i>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	7am-8:30	Breakfast with Reggie Rivers
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-9:30	Speaker
<i>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>9:30-12:30pm</i>	<i>Platform Debate, break</i>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:30-2:00	Awards Luncheon
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-2:45	Speaker
<i>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>2:45-6:00</i>	<i>Platform Debate, break</i>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:45-9:30	Presidential Debate
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	7am-8:30	Special Breakfast, Talk Doc
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-9:30	Speaker
<i>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>9:30-5:00pm</i>	<i>All day, Presidential nominations, election, roll call, acceptance speech, vice presidential nominations, election, chair nominations, balloting, roll call, vice-chair nominations</i>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:00	Banquet
<i>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6:30-9:00</i>	<i>LNC Fundraising</i>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	7am-8:30	Torch Club Breakfast
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-9:30	Closing Speaker
<i>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>9:30-1:00pm</i>	<i>Secretary nominations, election, treasurer nominations, election, at-large rep nominations, election, selection of Judicial Committee, resolutions, other business</i>

**Delegation Seating**

In 2004 and 2006 we placed delegations closer to the front of the hall that had the highest convention-to-convention membership growth rates. The Oversight Committee has chosen to once again use this methodology. The following table lists the seating arrangement.

1	South Carolina	73.2%	18	New York	1.7%	35	Maine	-12.2%
2	North Dakota	42.9%	19	Kentucky	1.0%	36	Texas	-13.1%
3	South Dakota	40.0%	20	Arkansas	0.0%	37	Minnesota	-14.2%
4	Kansas	20.4%	21	Illinois	-0.4%	38	Hawaii	-14.3%
5	Montana	20.0%	22	New Mexico	-0.7%	39	Washington	-15.7%
6	Utah	15.6%	23	Ohio	-2.7%	40	Pennsylvania	-16.2%
7	Arizona	12.9%	24	Idaho	-3.0%	41	Michigan	-16.5%
8	Oklahoma	11.3%	25	Rhode Island	-3.2%	42	Massachusetts	-16.8%
9	Nebraska	10.3%	26	Mississippi	-4.0%	43	California	-18.4%
10	Nevada	7.9%	27	Wisconsin	-4.2%	44	Alaska	-18.7%
11	Louisiana	7.5%	28	West Virginia	-5.2%	45	New Jersey	-19.4%
12	Missouri	7.4%	29	North Carolina	-7.3%	46	Indiana	-20.1%
13	Wyoming	5.4%	30	Florida	-7.7%	47	Oregon	-21.0%

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14	Colorado	4.5%	31	New Hampshire	-8.4%	48	Iowa	-22.2%
15	Connecticut	3.1%	32	Delaware	-9.4%	49	Vermont	-23.5%
16	Tennessee	2.7%	33	Virginia	-10.9%	50	DC	-25.0%
17	Alabama	1.7%	34	Maryland	-11.2%	51	Georgia	-25.4%

### Audio / Visual

The cost of the A/V is no longer an issue.

### Speakers

As mentioned before, we have speakers including Bob Barr, Craig Shirley, David Harsanyi, Gary Michael, Mike Ferguson, Doug Anderson, Joe Johnson, Michael Cloud, Reggie Rivers, David Nolan, Stephen Fry, Dr. Noah, Steve Dasbach and a LEAP representative.

All meal speakers (as opposed to those speaking in the main hall) are planned except for a possible speaker in the exhibit hall for Sunday's lunch.

This assumes Neal Boortz is indeed coming as Bob Sullentrup heard him say on the air – **BetteRose has not gotten contact information for him and thus has not finalized plans.**

All main hall speakers are planned with the exception of two slots held in reserve should we end up needing the slots.

Speaking slots are not ready to be released owing to the possibility of still more flux in the arrangements. It is confirmed that Reggie Rivers will speak on Saturday, however.

### Presidential Debates on C-SPAN

The presidential candidates have been notified of the methodology for selecting participants in the presidential debates on C-SPAN. The scheme is in the December report presented in Charleston. Surveys will occur in April and evaluation in May.

The criteria include:

- Money raised (from others)
- Money contributed by the candidate
- Money spent
- Number of days since first state convention
- Number of state conventions attended
- Other LP events attended
- Non-LP events attended

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- Non-LP advertising
- Non-LP major media coverage
- Liberty Decides

**Sponsorships**

BetteRose has been acquiring sponsors including the Bavarian Inn (Shotgun Willie's), MPP, Quality Press (for the bags) and Michael Jingosian.

**Package Sales and Room Nights**

The Convention Oversight Committee has reviewed the financial control practices of Denver LPCon and has confidence in its methodologies.

BetteRose Ryan will be on hand in Las Vegas and available to answer specific questions.

Regular pricing is now in place and listed at the website. A \$20 per pass increase will be applied May 18. Details are at:

<http://www.denverlpcon.com/attendeeinfo.html>.

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| • Presidential, everything that's non-invitational | \$469 |
| • Vice Presidential, no presidential banquet       | \$389 |
| • Senatorial, above, but only 1 lunch, 1 breakfast | \$299 |
| • Speaker, all speakers, no meals                  | \$219 |
| • Congressional Aid, social events                 | \$179 |
| • Congressional, access with manuals               | \$179 |
| • Junior Congressman, 'suggested', no manuals      | \$99  |

The Congressional level gets floor access, the bag and books, the opening reception and floor speakers.

The Congressional Aid gets the comedy show, opening reception, breakout speakers and a seat in the gallery. He gets no convention book and other items a delegate would use.

The Speaker gets what the Congressman gets with breakout speakers.

The presidential, vice presidential and senatorial packages cover incremental costs for the meal and decoration plus \$12 for the speaker. There are four meals plus a presidential dinner. Senatorial gets 2 meals, vice presidential gets four meals, presidential gets all four and the presidential dinner. Marginal costs are \$75 for two meals with speakers, \$85 for two more meals with speakers and \$80 for all meals and presidential banquet.

### **Advertising, Registration and Websites**

Michele continues to produce advertising copy as plans advance. She sent her latest version to Shane Cory on January 18 that includes a list of speakers.

Denver LPCon has a promotional flyer nearly complete. The group is assembling a good mailing list, and the flyer will be shipped within two weeks of March 1.

Registration and information can be found at websites:

- <http://www.lpconvention.org/>
- <http://www.denverlpcon.com>
- [http://eventsespecial.com/atendee\\_registration.htm](http://eventsespecial.com/atendee_registration.htm)

(Yes, 'atendee' in the last URL is misspelled.)

BetteRose noted lp.org should now link to an information page about registration, rather than lpconvention.org. (If the link materializes do, please make the Delegation Chair's Manual available).

### **Fundraising**

Ed Thompson will be giving the fundraising appeal at the banquet. Ed, a resident of Tomah, WI, is the former Mayor and city council member, and is running once again for the mayor's position.

Julie Fox and Admiral Colley are aware of the need to plan fundraising logistics – obtaining a supply of pens, runners, contribution forms and envelopes – and will have matters under control by the Convention.

### **Awards**

Admiral Colley and Julie Fox are managing the Thomas Jefferson, Sam Adams and Thomas Payne awards solicitation of nominees, selection, award creation and presentation. The plan is to broadcast the call for nominations at the Las Vegas LSLA meeting and wait until late March to declare nominations closed. No LP News article is planned. The Admiral and Julie will review the recommendations and submit to Bob for consensus.

The awards will be produced by a firm BetteRose recommended from Denver.

The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon, presumably on Saturday, by someone close to the recipient who knows him/her well.

Julie will write the press releases to broadcast information about the recipients.

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Bob is managing the award certificates for the reception. He has handouts for Las Vegas to show which state officers and board members he has on file and to collect updates. He will create packets of certificates by LNC rep to distribute to attendees at the Opening Reception.

There are other awards we might consider. Michael Dixon gave large coins with the convention logo to speakers, for example. Such awards are the purview of Denver LPCon.

**Torch Club**

The Torch Club breakfast, dubbed the Patrick Henry breakfast, is from 7-9am Monday with a breakfast buffet and omelet station. Gary Aldrich, founder of the Patrick Henry Center for Individual Liberty will be speaking.

**Pledge Program**

Details are not ready for release. Plans are in progress.

**Chairman's Circle**

The dinner for our biggest donors is an off site event without an entry in the convention schedule (so if you haven't gotten an invitation, donate more).

**Vendor Booth Sales**

The web page <http://eventsespecial.com/hallMap.htm> shows the map of the vendor area at the convention as it is currently configured. Denver LPCon has room for 63 booths and 25 tables. The goal was to have 30-35 vendor booths.

Currently we have almost 20% of the spaces taken which lags what BetteRose had hoped for.

BetteRose does not intend to drop the cost for booths at the last minute to populate the vendor area since this will make it harder to sell booth space in future conventions. (These booths are already undervalued and under priced.)

**Volunteers**

Denver LPCon now has more than 30 people on the volunteers list. Having enough volunteers is not going to be a problem.

**Security**

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The convention booths are expected to fund security expense. Hotel security costs \$42/hour, down from the \$60/hour forecast. Tony Ryan was able to secure Denver police for \$45/hour. Denver LPCon will need two police for the move in and move out and one otherwise, or roughly 72 hours.

For an extra \$150, Denver LPCon can have armed, uniformed police on hand. Denver LPCon needs 30 booths to break even. The contract requires security, and it will be provided.

However, Denver LPCon still needs a written contract and this is expected to be complete in April when BetteRose returns to Denver.

**Booklet**

Denver LPCon is securing a notebook to accommodate 300 sheets, or 600 pages double-sided. This aspect of the convention is on target and under control.

**Seminars**

While BetteRose had expected to have compiled a list of seminars by the end of December, she “has gotten some input from a new, young Libertarian”. She is considering his ideas along with those of others. She has about 20% of the seminars planned.

Establishing seminars is not on the critical path for the Convention and not fundamental to the advertising.

**Entertainment**

Denver LPCon has selected ‘Plastered in Paris’ for the entertainment at the Thursday night opening reception.

**Meals**

HQ has received the menus for the meals. However, speakers have not been assigned to the meals since speakers are still somewhat in flux.

Reggie Rivers will speak on Saturday, however.

**Decorations**

Decorations are still in the works. The flowers and flags for the ‘live’ logo are in hand but not assembled. Ultimately, decorations depend upon the amount of tickets sold and it’s not clear how much of a budget will emerge.

Staging matters will be finalized when BetteRose returns to Denver.

The 'Road to the White House' backdrop at a previous convention cost \$30k. Denver LPCon is likely to not spend that much.

### **Stickers**

"The problem with the stickers has been resolved and to the best of my knowledge the stickers will be okay", according to BetteRose.

BetteRose wants to stress we must use stickers appropriately.

### **Secretarial Matters**

- We computed delegation allocations have been computed and communicated the results to state chairs in accordance with the Bylaws. The total delegate allocation is 1051.
- Platform and Credentials Committee chairs are aware of which states made it into the top 10 and 5 respectively for supplying committee members. A glitch from Portland remains in the Bylaws (Article 11, *Conventions*, Section 7.B) which requires Platform Committee members to be selected no later than December 31, while the delegate allocation upon which their membership is authorized cannot be known until January.
- We updated electronic copies of the Delegation Chairs Manual and FAQ's which are in place on LPConvention.org.
- Once again we will provide binders with the Delegation Chairs Manual, FAQ's, extra forms, credits, recognition certificate and an addendum have been created and to delegations. This ready reference seems to have eliminated the raft of simple questions that plagued Steve Givot, the former Secretary.
- We created 1051 delegate ballot packs with instructions which await shipping. These packs contain two signature tokens for the presidential and vice-presidential nomination petitions and five platform plank ballots for each delegate.
- We have obtained a red 12x12x12" ballot box with two keys for platform plank ballots.
- We updated and tested software and documentation for the Credentials Committee (MS Access database), ballot creation (MS Word with mail merge), and ballot tabulation (MS Excel with VBA macros).

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- Certificates of Nomination are prepared. When the presidential ticket is known, these documents will be updated to reflect the names and residences of the nominees. The Chair and Secretary sign them and have them notarized. *As a fundraising incentive, we could print replicas of these Certificates of Nomination and give them to our donors at the banquet. Someone other than the Secretary would have to produce and print them.*
- Delegate ballots, Delegation Chairs Manuals, the red ballot box and shipping donated by Bob and Diane Sullentrup.
- We are still looking for two volunteers to help with secretarial work. BetteRose will likely provide volunteers if we send her the list of requirements.

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## Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 6, 2008

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Chairman, Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee

The following report will provide information concerning efforts by the Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee (hereafter referred to as the LLS Committee or the Committee) to provide guidance and oversight concerning the LLS education program. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Las Vegas should additional information become available.

At this time the program is inactive. I have spoken to Sean Haugh (LP Political Director) about various issues concerning the program. Based upon our discussion, I offer the following comments and suggestions:

1) According to Mr. Haugh, during the last three semesters of the program very few students completed more than 50% of the assignments in their courses. Based upon observations from my campus organizing course, it appears that many students determined the amount of work required to complete a given course was much greater than they could handle. Since the monetary cost of dropping a course was only \$50 (the tuition), I suspect many students decided the costs of completing a course exceeded the costs of dropping the course.

In my opinion, the structure of the courses must be carefully evaluated prior to restarting the program. It may be better to structure each course so that the student is provided material that he can consume in a self-paced manner, albeit with a fixed deadline for completion of the course.

2) At the start of the program, I hoped that once it was well established the amount of staff time needed to administer the program would be very small. Mr. Haugh indicated that in his opinion, the amount of staff time needed to run the program is likely to be substantial.

Before restarting the program, we should determine the amount of time and effort required by staff to administer the program. We should also determine which staff members would be responsible for administering the program.

3) It may be appropriate to redesign the program to consist of a series of seminars patterned after the "Success '97" and "Success '99" programs. State conventions and regional conferences such as the Region 3 event in Dayton, Ohio in August 2007 could serve as venues for LLS seminars, with the seminar topics to be chosen by the prospective conference attendees.

## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, February 6, 2008

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

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

1) As indicated in previous reports, since June 2006 I have handled the tasks of updating the LP's campus contact list and responding to inquiries from students who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. Based upon the feedback I have received, my performance in this area is evidently regarded as satisfactory.

I continue to receive a steady stream of inquiries from students (and occasionally professors) who wish to start Libertarian campus groups; this includes a few inquiries from high school students. Unfortunately, I receive little feedback from the students as to their success in starting and building groups at their schools. This lack of feedback is a recurring problem.

2) I am preparing a "how to" article about promoting the LP on college campuses for inclusion in *LP News*. I hope it will be ready for submission by the date of the LNC meeting.

3) I am working with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide "Operation Politically Homeless" kits to campus organizations.

4) The Libertarian Leadership School (LLS), which featured a course I taught on the subject of campus organizing, remains inactive at this time. It is unclear whether the program in its current form will be reactivated.

5) The campus website project is still moving forward, although still much more slowly than I had hoped. I am considering hiring a website designer to take over the project.

6) I continue to work with various state and local organizations to assist their efforts for campus outreach. I anticipate that I shall give addresses at several colleges, universities, and high schools this year.

7) I shall give an address on campus organizing at the LSLA conference in Las Vegas. I shall also give an address on the subject of building campus groups at the Students for Liberty conference in New York on Feb. 23. In addition, it appears I shall conduct a campus organizing workshop at the LP national convention in Denver.

8) The International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) is considering whether to institute a program to help build libertarian groups on college campuses. Should such a program be instituted, it is likely I shall be involved.

## Region One Report - December 2007

LNC meeting February 17, 2008

Submitted by Tony Ryan and Julie Fox Region 1 Co-Representatives

Since our last meeting the Region 1 states have been attending to a variety of state business matters. As follows:

**Alaska** - No report of late

**Colorado** – Colorado has been working at membership building, quite successfully. Two affiliates are particularly active with local politics – Arapahoe and Jefferson counties – and the college groups at CSU and Colorado School of Mines are doing great!

The Colorado people, hosting the upcoming national convention, are stepping up to the plate with volunteers who are invaluable in the preparation.

**Illinois**- Julie Fox, whose assistance in this area of our very large region (she is very active in these two states), files this report for WI and IL:

### **Report on First Quarter LPWI and LPIL State Committee Meetings**

I attended the Wisconsin Executive Committee meeting on January 6 at Ed Thompson's Tee Pee Supper Club in Tomah. 11 Executive Committee members attended along with 5 guests. Among the highlights of the meeting were:

1. Through the efforts of Liberty Action (Todd Kopecki), who serves as a contractor for the LPWI, 104 people have signed up so far for the LPWI's ballot access plan. Each commits to spend time in June and/or July of 2008 to help candidates get on the ballot. Over \$900 in contributions to date have been earmarked for this effort. Monies raised will be used for mailings. Signatures will be gathered by those who have volunteered to help with the plan.
2. The 2008 state convention will be held on April 12 at the Coliseum Bar and Banquet Center in Madison. The agenda was discussed, with tentative plans at this time a morning business meeting followed by two speakers at lunch discussing both sides of the RFID animal identification issue. The remainder of the convention will be filled with an LP presidential and vice presidential candidate's forums and possible debates.
3. A campaign committee for the 2008 elections was formed to serve as a resource for candidates. Committee members contact information will be posted on the state party website. The committee consists of Ed Thompson, Don Carlson, Rolf Lindgren, and Ken Van Doren.
4. Todd Kopecki and Jim Sewell are working on updating the state database, so there is only one database to refer to for various needs within the state party.
5. The LPWI will send out a press release supporting Professor Bill McConkee of UW Oshkosh, who has filed a lawsuit against the gay marriage amendment. His suit is based upon a technicality in WI law that states that two things cannot be asked on the same subject during one referendum. In the gay marriage amendment, both marriage and civil unions were

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addressed. The LPWI may become involved with this lawsuit, but no further action is warranted at this time.

6. State Chair Dave Hendrickson is currently working on the issue of RFID animal tagging in WI, where he is traveling to several locations in the state, along with Ed Thompson, to speak on the issue. Dave also plans on bringing attention in the state to the medical marijuana and industrial hemp issues.
7. Julie Fox provided a report on the Charleston LNC meeting.
8. The 2008 budget was passed.
9. Candidates for office in 2008 include Ken Van Doren, running for Mayor of Mauston, and Ed Thompson, running for Mayor in Tomah.
10. Discussion also took place during the meeting on:
  - a) Having a presence on Facebook
  - b) Current membership now slightly over 2005 level, thanks to the efforts of Liberty Action
  - c) Whether or not the number of prospects received at the annual state fair booth is worth the cost to the party. (Loss is typically \$1800+/year.)
  - d) The next meeting will held be at the state convention on April 12.

I also attended the LPIL's State Organizing Committee meeting on January 20 at the Holiday Inn in Normal. This meeting was also well attended, with 18 people making the trek to Normal. Highlights of that meeting included:

1. As of January 20, membership is at 1089, with 510 being sustaining members. Lapsed members are being contacted. Membership Chair Damon Dillon is contacting members of National who are not members of the state party and is also contacting members in counties with 15+ members, to encourage them to start a local party.
2. Lupe Diaz has taken on the position of newsletter editor. The first electronic newsletter was released on January 8.
3. John Howell is the LPIL's rep on the Platform Committee.
4. Kent McMillen, PR Chair, will be handling press releases to IL media as well as submitting stories and releases to LP News.
5. The state's website, [www.lpillinois.org](http://www.lpillinois.org), has been redesigned. A new page has been added that focuses on running for office. Webmaster Crystal Jurzynski is looking for suggestions on how to appeal to Ron Paul supporters and other groups via the website. Plans are in the works to add a link for Ron Paul supporters.
6. Legislative Chair Chris Bennett reported that any ballot access changes are not likely to take place until at least late 2008. He plans on working to get rid of the full slate requirement at the state and county levels. According to Diana Visek, who also is involved with legislative issues, ballot access issues typically only come up every other year. This year the likely issues for the legislature will be budgetary and imminent/critical issues.
7. Larry Stafford, from South Beloit, was voted to run as the LPIL's US Senate candidate in 2008. He has the beginnings of a website in place, [stafford4senate.com](http://stafford4senate.com). Larry will

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not be able to run a very active campaign due to work commitments, but will be able to take off work one to two weeks to devote to the campaign.

8. Ballot Access Plan:
  - a) Feasibility portion of the plan will take place during February. Feasibility will be determined at the Feb. 28 State Organizing Committee teleconference. A letter will be send to all 1089 members late January explaining the plan. A follow up letter will be sent in February, asking for donations of signatures and money. Feasibility of the plan will be based upon responses from the letter, local chapter meetings, and e-mail appeals.
  - b) Based on IL law, petitioners cannot gather signatures for the LP Presidential candidate if they already circulated petitions to get Ron Paul on the ballot. These people will be encouraged to donate money for paid petitioners. A person who signed a Ron Paul petition can also sign a petition for the LP candidate. The law only restricts petition circulators, not signers.
  - c) One member is willing to match any \$1000 pledge from an individual.
  - d) The Vote Libertarian Illinois Committee was formed, consisting of Chair Crystal Jurczynski, Fundraising Manager Val Vetter, Treasurer Debra Aaron, Petition Manager Chris Bennett, Communications Director Lupe Diaz, and LPIL Counsel Andy Spiegel.
  - e) \$6000 was budgeted for the ballot access project. \$1200 was previously authorized to be spent on feasibility. The remainder of the \$6000 will not be spent unless the feasibility study yields positive results.
9. A convention committee has been formed for the October 2008 state convention, which will be held in the Chicago suburban area.
10. The 2008 budget was passed. Ballot access will be handled similarly to how the LNC is accounting it – only when money becomes available will it be spent, so there should be no overall impact from ballot access on the bottom line.
11. As of January 20 there are 30 delegates signed up for the National convention, of 50 total allowed.

**On a personal note, I joined the board of the Dundee Township Library Foundation and the LPWI Audit Committee, both in January.**

***Submitted by Julie Fox  
February 8, 2008***

**Iowa** – No current report

**Kansas** – Chair Rob Hodgkinson is busy recruiting candidates for a large showing in Kansas in this year's election cycle. In April, he will also be hosting a mini regional convention in KC AND, he is running for a seat in the Kansas state Senate!

**Minnesota** – Chair Bob Odden provides these thoughts about the upcoming state convention: The convention room and Tim Sagle are booked. Craig Westover from the Minnesota Free Market Institute will be a speaker. I am still trying for Doug Brandow. We also have a chance for Doug from the Man Show perhaps later in the evening at a bar as a separate event. Also, writer and speaker Robert Murphy is interested.

I now have a band and a bar for a fundraiser. I just need to work out the details. I am still asking

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around about restaurants and times for the lunch speakers.

I have helpers this time for the February gun show. I won't have to carry everything on a bus in our bitter cold. Also around February 11th, I plan to personally get the campuses going with the OPH.

My new volunteer is writing an article on Black Libertarians for Black History Month. I will send it out to the media and black newspapers. I will also send it to LPN.

Here is a somewhat funny story. A salesman for Glenwood Spring Water comes into the Liberty Center. He wants to know if we would like to rent a water cooler. Well I have to tell him that Ron Paul has sucked up the money and that we are doing as much as we can with the money we have. So he says that he really likes the Libertarian Party and our views. He then gives us the cooler for free along with all the water we need. On top of that he gives me a cash donation. He is also looking around for other opportunities for the Party as he goes to various businesses.

**Missouri (home of our guy Sully)** – No report.

**Montana** – No report.

**Nebraska** – In spite of some earlier problems, several members of the state party have stepped up and have worked hard to again have a viable state party. They're also working hard to gain ballot access.

**North Dakota** – New state chair Richard Ames is working on reviving the state's party and has been asking for information on national LP members (thanks to office staff for providing him with updated info!) and is planning to have a state convention in the near future. Good luck, Richard, and thanks for your efforts.

**South Dakota** – The very small state party is struggling to regain ballot access. There is little in the way of volunteers and/or donors and one of our most active in Sioux Falls is currently engaged in the Ron Paul phenomenon. Bette and I, realizing there are not nearly enough party people to get sufficient signatures for ballot access without hired help, issued a challenge to party members to donate to pay our agreed upon part to go with LNC appropriations with us matching (to a point) any donations made. Chair Andre Ager has made a supreme effort to get something accomplished.

**Wyoming** – No report



**REGION 3 REPORT TO THE LNC – February 4, 2008**  
**Emily Salvette, LNC Region 3 Rep**

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Emily Salvette, LNC Rep-Region 3

The following reports were submitted by the region's state chairs:

**Indiana – Todd Singer**

Our State Convention is at the Wingate Inn on the west side of Indianapolis (convenient to airport) on 4/25-4/26.

The focus on candidates this year will probably be for state legislature positions as property taxes are a big issue around the state. And we expect the current legislature to fail, as usual, in a policy improvement this session.

We have a good candidate for the Special Election in the 7th Congressional District which will be held on 3/11. Sean Shepard is a small business owner in the telecommunications industry and already has a full campaign staff. Sean Haugh contacted me today and has Mr. Shepard's information.

Our LaPorte County party has had two presidential candidates (Bob Jackson and Jim Burns) speak at its meetings recently.

**Kentucky – Ken Moellman**

The LPKY will be holding its annual convention on February 29th and March 1st. As a part of this convention, we have invited all LP candidates to attend. At this time, we have 4 candidates confirmed for our debate on March 1<sup>st</sup>: Daniel Imperato, Jim Burns, George Phillies and John Finan, in order of confirmation. We have open invitations to all of the candidates, and hope that others will choose to participate.

CSPAN and local media have been invited to broadcast the event. Additionally, the LPKY will be recording the event and placing it on YouTube, to help promote the party and its candidates.

Until the convention, the primary focus of the party is party building. After the convention, the LPKY will focus on the campaign season.

**Michigan – Bill Hall**

2008 Candidate Recruiting, Training and Support

The LPM's program to recruit, train and support candidates for 2008 is well underway. All party members and recent LP candidates recently received a letter urging them to run for office, and offering them assistance in preparing the necessary paperwork, training and basic support such as template websites and campaign materials. Very preliminary returns to this mailing include commitments from about 15 members to run for office (we are shooting for at least 100), and some significant contributions



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of funds and in-kind expertise to the program. We will follow up this mailing with additional contacts from the LPM and local affiliates.

We have scheduled and are busily planning a 2008 Campaign Conference at the Best Western in Livonia, Michigan, on March 8, to assist candidates in preparing paperwork and offer candidate training. The Conference will include national convention delegate signups, a Presidential Straw Poll, and announcement of the Defender of Liberty Awards. It is free to all activists.

### **Lawsuit Challenging Major Parties' Exclusive Ownership of Voter Lists**

In early January, the Libertarian Party of Michigan joined with the Green Party and others to sue the Michigan Secretary of State to challenge a new law that grants to the Michigan Republican and Democratic Parties exclusive ownership of the voter lists from the January 15 Michigan Presidential Primary, including the party preferences of those voting, previously unrecorded information. We hope to have the lists kept private and denied to the major parties, or failing that, have it provided to all political parties and made a public record. The filing generated extensive positive press, including at least a dozen newspaper articles, several of those editorials supporting our lawsuit. We hope to get a hearing and decision on a motion for summary judgment prior to March 26, when the Secretary of State must deliver the lists to the Republicans and Democrats.

### **Libertarian Party of Michigan State Convention**

Our state convention is scheduled for June 7 at the Best Western in Romulus, Michigan (Detroit Metro Airport). This is a candidate nominating convention, deliberately scheduled later than ever in the past, so that the major party primary filing deadline will have passed. This way, we can target races containing only one major party candidate on the general election ballot, and have a better idea who the possible opponents will be in given races.

### **Ohio – Kevin Knedler**

Recent success stories: LPO members Josh Weitzman and Scott Nazzarine received Sam Adams Society awards for the Hamilton County group that fought a tax increase. In mid-January the Atlas Liberty Pac announced twelve winners of its scholarship program to a campaign seminar in June in Washington DC. Ohio had 3 winners: Jeremiah Arn, Mike Smitley and Jessica Mears.

The National Libertarian Party announced that Ohio is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest state affiliate in the nation and had the largest national membership growth in 2007. In the month of November and December, the Ohio LPO passed 4 other states, and over 100 citizens joined or renewed with the national LP.

2007 was a challenge as we had turnover in all 4 executive-level positions that were voted upon in the April 2007 convention. In fact, only 1 officer remains from that group, the chair, who was originally elected as vice-chair back in April. Many groups might have crumbled because of such staffing blows, but the LPO held its ground. Key reasons included the fact we have some structure and organization which allowed for the new officers to hit the ground running. The words "structure" and "organization" coming from a libertarian may sound awkward, but we are the business-side of the libertarian movement and should behave as such.

Some key openings in the LPO include: Political Director; a newsletter editor; a website editor; various LPO Region liaisons, a Deputy Treasurer, and a Deputy Secretary. We also need to beef-up some committees with more members. They include the committees of Ballot Access Petition Drive; RIP Income Tax committee; and the Candidates and Campaigns. One of our initiatives will be to focus on recruiting more young professionals who can lead the LPO in the future.

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Ohio will have a special convention on February 23 at its Columbus office to nominate candidates for public office.

Ohio's annual state convention is April 4- 6 at the DoubleTree Hotel in North Columbus. The key speaker for Saturday night is Dr. Tom DiLorenzo. Four LP Presidential candidates will participate: Root, Phillies, Jackson, and Jingoian. Ohio members will attempt once again to get members to vote approval to move from PAC ("association format") to an actual political party with Ohio Revised Code structure.

## Libertarian National Committee Region 4 Report

## **REGION 5 REPORT**

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Feb. 6, 2008

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

The following report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 since the LNC meeting in December 2007. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Las Vegas should additional information become available.

On a personal note, I am pleased to report that I gave an address to the 2008 Liberty Forum in Nashua, New Hampshire on Jan. 5, and that the address (entitled "Knee-Jerk Libertarianism: A Cure for a Common Disease") was extremely well received.

### **Delaware**

I have not received a report recently from LP Delaware secretary Brad Thomas (bradct@delanet.com). I believe that the LPD county committees continue to meet on a monthly basis.

### **District of Columbia**

At this time, Rich Heller (gunfreedomdc@aol.com) continues to serve as the contact for the LP DC. I have been informed that efforts are ongoing to reinvigorate the organization; however, I have not heard of any specific plans for meetings, outreach activities, etc.

### **Maryland**

I have not received a report recently from LPMD chairman Bob Johnston (rstanley21018@yahoo.com). The annual LPMD convention will be held on March 1 in Dundalk. I shall serve as the speaker at the convention banquet that evening.

### **Pennsylvania**

LP Pennsylvania chairman Mik Robertson (chair@lppa.org) provided the following information, which I have edited slightly (with his permission):

\* The Pennsylvania ballot access drive kicks off February 13, with a big push slated for Primary Day, April 22, 2008. We have until July 31 to collect at least 24,666 valid signatures for our statewide candidates. It appears we will have at least one statewide candidate (Auditor General) in addition to our Presidential candidate.

\* The LPPA is a sponsor of the Northeast Students for Liberty Conference to be held at Columbia University in New York February 22-24.

\* The LPPA annual convention will be held March 14-16 at the Desmond Great Valley in Malvern PA (near Valley Forge in the Philadelphia area) in conjunction with the New Jersey and Delaware LP. At this point it appears seven LP Presidential candidates will be in attendance and visitors from New England and surrounding states will likely attend.

\* Candidate recruitment is under way and we have all 202 State Representative seats and 25 of 50 State Senate seats in addition to the 19 Congressional seats up for election this year.

\* We have a launched a lobbying campaign in conjunction with several organizations including the Green Party of PA to promote the passage of bills in the General Assembly rejecting the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

\* Development of county and campus organizations is continuing, with a campus organization about to re-organize at Grove City College (an institution that does not accept federal funding). I have met with several of the temporary officers of that organization recently.

\* We are currently deliberating joining with the Constitution Party of PA in a ballot access lawsuit to modify PA election law. It appears at this point we will be part of the development of the suit, however the issue will not likely have a final resolution until the LPPA board of directors meeting on February 9, 2008.

## **Virginia**

The LPVa may have a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 2008. LP chairman Bill Redpath has announced his intention to seek the nomination of the LPVa during the 2008 state convention in Richmond on March 29.

Many LPVa activists are working to support the efforts of LP member (and 1988 LP presidential candidate) Rob Paul. Some LPVa members have indicated their intention to vote for Dr. Paul in the upcoming Republican primary on Feb. 12. Note that since Virginia does not have party registration in Virginia, any registered voter can vote in either the Democratic or the Republican primary (but not in both primaries).

### **West Virginia**

While the Libertarian Party of West Virginia is not a member of Region 5, I shall endeavor to provide information about the party to the LNC. The LPWV remains an active party, although at a low level. Kirsten Milligan (kirsten@lpwv.org), LPWV chair, deserves great credit for her work to keep the party active.

## Region 6 Report

Arizona:

The Arizona Libertarian Party conducted an online presidential preference election, which was counted under an instant runoff voting (IRV) system. IRV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference and requires the winning candidate to receive a majority of votes.

This election represented the first statewide major party primary using instant runoff voting and using no tax payer money. The Arizona Libertarian Party saved the state's taxpayers \$1,000,000 by not participating in the state run Arizona Presidential Preference Primary. In Arizona the Libertarian Party has major party ballot status and thus is automatically on every ballot.

Arkansas:

From a recent email:

Notice is hereby given the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Libertarian Party will meeting in Conway on Tuesday evening February 5th.

Verified members of the state party may attend the entire meeting. Input and participation will be at the Chair's discretion. Other interested persons may meet and greet the group prior to or after the business session. For those of you who support Ron Paul today stop by to find out where he came from. Remember we (the Libertarian Party) ran him for president 20 years ago.

The location will be Conway however the specific meeting place is still being arranged. The meet and greet will begin around 8 pm. Current plans call for the business session to begin at 9 pm and it is expected to last about 30 minutes.

As soon as the location has been determined it will be posted. However due to logistics that may not be until Tuesday afternoon. Therefore interested persons are advised to an email with contact information to the Chair at the address found on our contacts page

<http://www.lpar.org/contact.html>

Gerhard Langguth  
State Chairman  
Arkansas Libertarian Party

Louisiana:

The 2008 Annual Libertarian Party of Louisiana State Convention

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Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Lafayette

When: Friday April 18th - Sunday April 20th

Who: The convention is open to registered Libertarians who have registered for the convention and paid their fees of attendance as per the party constitution, and shall be considered as delegates to this convention and shall be entitled to one vote on all matters and shall be eligible for any office.

More details will be forthcoming and can be found under the "2008 Convention" link in the right hand menu.

Nevada:

The 2008 State Convention will be held February 17th, 2008, at Sunset Station in Henderson, immediately following the Libertarian National Leadership Conference.

Help Wanted! And not just any help. We're in need of a good webmaster.

If you care about liberty and want to see a strong LP presence in Nevada, we need activists with computer/web design skills that will help create/maintain a functional, professional-looking website. If you have the skills and commitment, we'd love to hear from you!

New Mexico:

The LPNM will have its 2008 state convention the second weekend of April (11-13 April) in Albuquerque at the Radisson Hotel Albuquerque.

Oklahoma:

More Independents than ever! 9,715 more Oklahomans registered as Independent since 2006. This was out of 13,564 new registrations. Bringing the total number of Independents to 219,230, or 11%. (If you register Libertarian in Oklahoma the Election Board will label you Independent.)

Oklahoma Libertarian Brent Colle is featured on LP.org (with 3rd highest candidate tracker) and the Ponca City News because of his campaign for City Commissioner. He finished a strong second in a three way race and will compete in a runoff April 1st.

Texas:

By the January 2 deadline, 210 candidates filed to seek the Libertarian Party nomination for the November 2008 elections. The Libertarian Party of Texas now has three paid staff working 40 hours per week (or at least paid for 40 hours). The Libertarian Party of Texas has chosen the Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek in Fort Worth as the site of its 2008 state convention. The state convention will be held June 13-15, 2008.



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Utah:

Last month the LP Utah submitted 2,170 petition signatures to the State Elections Office, which deemed nearly one-third of the signatures invalid. The deadline to submit petition signatures to the State Elections Office is February 15, 2008.

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## Region 7 Report

### **Massachusetts:**

The Libertarian Party of Massachusetts is raising money to put our Presidential and Senate candidates on the ballot. Fortunately, one nominating paper covers both candidates. We need 10,000 plus a safety margin valid signatures (they are all validated before being counted) meaning we will need 15-17,000 raw signatures. We appear to have locked down enough \$1/raw signature petitioners that we will need \$15-17,000 to do this.

On one hand, we have raised \$8,000 in matching funds, including \$5,000 of state party funds as matching funds, and \$1500 from donors to match the matching funds.

We also have a verbal offer of \$7500 from the National Committee, as matching funds, based on people donating \$7500 in designated funds to the LNC and our getting \$15,000 back from the National Committee.

On the other hand, the National Committee money comes with so many strings -- the money must go to the National Committee, the National Committee only pays individual petitioners who have given them W-9 forms, and pays them directly by check, while the state committee must administer the funds and sign the contracts with them -- that it is inobvious how the National Committee money is going to be useful.

On the third hand, we are not a political party. If we were, we would need about \$35,000 to put our Senate candidate on the ballot.

We are about to line up all our electors and start collecting signatures. We are also working on trying to line up candidates for State Rep and State Senate.

Best,  
George Phillies, Chair

### **New Hampshire:**

Hi Hardy, good to hear from you. I'll be there. We changed our monthly meeting to be held at the winter social later in the month. It appears our candidates have most of their petitioning done. I've declared to run for state rep. as a libertarian and got 630 sigs. in Seabrook for myself and the other candidates in dist. 1. I only needed 150 but we were all on the same sheet. I'm going to fund raise for the first time as Pat Dixon did for his Texas Run. I'm setting up a web site that should be up and running by the time we are in Las Vegas.

Brendan Kelly, Chair

### **New Jersey:**

NJLP has a new website njlp.org. They are putting together a three state convention with WV, NJ, PA on March 14,15,16. They are considering hiring a full-time employee similar to Texas.  
Lou Jasikoff, Chair.

**New York:**

LPNY State Convention is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008 at The Reception House, Northern Blvd., Flushing, Queens from 9AM - 5PM

In addition to the public access TV show, Hardfire, produced by Gary Popkin of Brooklyn with outlets all over the NYC metropolitan area, the Capital District LP is also airing its own show, Capital Outsider, produced by Eric Sundwall. Two recent editions featured John Finan and George Phillies, both of whom are seeking the LP presidential line. The weekly show airs on Thursdays at 6 PM in Albany, Rensselaer, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls and in Schenectady on Sat. at 10 PM, Sun. at 8PM. More cities to be added soon.

Manhattan LP Convention featured Dr. Murray Sabrin, Professor of Finance at Ramapo College and 1997 LP gubernatorial candidate in New Jersey and Jim Miller, widower of Cheryl Miller and himself a former LP candidate.

Suffolk County Libertarians heard from Ray Keating, economist and columnist for Newsday and Bruce Martin, known as BAM on his radio show at WUSB.

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**Vermont:**

Nothing to report.

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