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OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. (all times Mountain Standard Time)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Brief abstracts of issues mentioned during public comment are attached as **Appendix A**.

HOUSEKEEPING

ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

Officers: Nicholas J. Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Joseph Bishop-Henchman, Sam Goldstein, Alicia Mattson, Bill Redpath

Regional Representatives: Richard T. Longstreth (Region 1), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), John Phillips (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7)

Regional Alternates: Paige Lee (Region 2), Brent Olsen (Region 4), Jeff Lyons (Region 8)¹

Absent: Erin Adams (Region 7 Alternate), Phillip Anderson (Region 6 Alternate), Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alternate), Susan Hogarth (Region 5 Alternate), Dustin Nanna (Region 3 Alternate), Justin O'Donnell (Region 8 Representative), Joshua Smith (At-Large Representative)

Staff: Executive Director Wes Benedict, Development Director Lauren Daugherty, and Operations Director Robert Kraus.

The gallery contained multiple other attendees as noted in the Attendance Roster attached hereto as **Appendix A** comprising attendees who signed the attendance book circulated by the Secretary.

CREDENTIALS AND PAPERWORK CHECK

¹ Mr. Lyons served as the primary representative for Region 8 in the absence of Mr. O'Donnell

Mr. Sarwark verified that all attendees were aware that the “Giant Printed Handout” comprising eighty-five (85) pages was available for anyone who desired a copy.

As detailed in the Secretary’s Report (**see Appendix F**), there were several changes in LNC membership since the previous LNC session. Mr. Smith did not provide prior notice of his absence at this meeting. Mr. O'Donnell previously notified the LNC that Mr. Lyons would be attending in his stead.

Ms. Harlos passed around a list for LNC members to document their required departure times on Sunday.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:

Opening Ceremony

Call to Order	9:00 am
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes

Housekeeping

Credentials Report and Paperwork Check	2 minutes
Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Harlos)	3 minutes

Officer Reports

Chair's Report (Sarwark)	20 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes
Secretary's Report (Harlos)	15 minutes

Staff Reports

45 minutes

Recess

10 minutes

Special Counsel's Report

30 minutes

(portions may be in Executive Session)

Presentation from Robin Koerner (Smith)

30 minutes

Adjourn (Lunch)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Reports of Standing Committees

Advertising & Publication Review Committee (vacancy)	15 minutes
Audit Committee (population)	15 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (population)	15 minutes
Ballot Access Committee (portions may be in Executive Session)	20 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (convention report)	20 minutes
Candidate Support Committee	15 minutes

Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (population)	15 minutes
IT Committee (population)	15 minutes
<u>Recess</u>	10 minutes
<u>Reports of Special Committees</u>	
Historical Preservation Committee	15 minutes
Blockchain Committee (population)	15 minutes
Youth Engagement Committee (population)	15 minutes
<u>New Business with Previous Notice</u>	
Creation of a Membership Support Committee (Merced)	20 minutes
Amend Policy Manual - LNC Review of Director Contracts (Mattson)	10 minutes
Apply End Date to Email Ballot 2018-19 (Mattson)	5 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – Blockchain Committee Permanent Chair (Mattson)	5 minutes
Rescind Neale Rule for APRC Approvals (Mattson)	10 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – APRC (Harlos)	10 minutes
<u>Evening Adjournment</u>	
<u>Sunday Morning Session</u>	9:00 am
<u>Opportunity for Public Comment</u>	10 minutes
<u>New Business with Previous Notice (cont.)</u>	
OpaVote Demonstration (Harlos)	10 minutes
Conforming Grammar Style Changes to Platform & Bylaws (Harlos)	15 minutes
Creation of Convention Voting Procedure Committee (Harlos)	20 minutes
Amend Policy Manual Regarding Branding (Harlos)	10 minutes
Amend Employment Manual (Harlos)	10 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – e-Voting (Harlos)	5 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – LNC Records Handoff Procedure (Harlos)	10 minutes
Discussion of Budget Deficit (Bishop-Henchman/Harlos)	20 minutes
Discussion of LNC Goals for the 2018-2020 term (Lark)	40 minutes
<u>New Business without Previous Notice</u>	
<u>Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)</u>	
Region 1	5 minutes
Region 2	5 minutes
Region 3	5 minutes
Region 4	5 minutes
Region 5	5 minutes
Region 6	5 minutes
Region 7	5 minutes

Region 8

5 minutes

Announcements

10 minutes

TOTAL: 635 minutes

Mr. Sarwark noted a prior request from Ms. Harlos to move "Creation of Convention Voting Procedure Committee" up to be placed immediately following the OpaVote demonstration, and this was added without objection.

Ms. Harlos had also made a previous request for a motion to set an electronic meeting to discuss goals that was superseded by other requests to place the goals discussion itself on this agenda. Mr. Sarwark indicated that Ms. Harlos could make that motion if she were not satisfied with the goals discussion once completed.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman, who had previously given notice that he would be late to the meeting, entered at this time.

Ms. Harlos had also previously requested time to discuss Maine ballot access, and Mr. Redpath indicated that he planned on addressing that during his scheduled time for the Ballot Access Committee report.

The time allotted for the Special Counsel's Report was struck without objection as Mr. Hall is presently abroad.

Without objection, five (5) minutes was added to Mr. Hagan's report to address his request for consideration of a Policy Manual change dealing with capitalization of assets.

Mr. Merced prepared a Vice-Chair's report and requested five minutes on the agenda for that purpose which was added without objection. Mr. Sarwark thanked Mr. Merced for his initiative in preparing this report as the Vice-Chair and At-Large members are not required to submit reports.

Ms. Harlos moved to add ten (10) minutes of agenda time to discuss adding a form to the Party website so that members could address electronic correspondence to the entire LNC in one step. Mr. Sarwark added this item to New Business Without Previous Notice.

The amended agenda was adopted without objection as follows:

Opening Ceremony

Call to Order

9:00 am

Opportunity for Public Comment

10 minutes

Housekeeping

Credentials Report and Paperwork Check

2 minutes

Adoption of Agenda

10 minutes

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Harlos)	3 minutes
<u>Officer Reports</u>	
Chair's Report (Sarwark)	20 minutes
Vice-Chair's Report (Merced)	5 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	20 minutes
Secretary's Report (Harlos)	15 minutes
<u>Staff Reports</u>	45 minutes
<u>Recess</u>	10 minutes
Brief synopsis of legal matters (Sarwark)	Not specified
Presentation from Robin Koerner (Smith)	30 minutes
<u>Adjourn (Lunch)</u>	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
<u>Reports of Standing Committees</u>	
Advertising & Publication Review Committee (vacancy)	15 minutes
Audit Committee (population)	15 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee (population)	15 minutes
Ballot Access Committee (portions may be in Executive Session) ²	20 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee (convention report)	20 minutes
Candidate Support Committee	15 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (population)	15 minutes
IT Committee (population)	15 minutes
<u>Recess</u>	10 minutes
<u>Reports of Special Committees</u>	
Historical Preservation Committee	15 minutes
Blockchain Committee (population)	15 minutes
Youth Engagement Committee (population)	15 minutes
<u>New Business with Previous Notice</u>	
Creation of a Membership Support Committee (Merced)	20 minutes
Amend Policy Manual - LNC Review of Director Contracts (Mattson)	10 minutes
Apply End Date to Email Ballot 2018-19 (Mattson)	5 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – Blockchain Committee Permanent Chair (Mattson)	5 minutes
Rescind Neale Rule for APRC Approvals (Mattson)	10 minutes
Amend Policy Manual – APRC (Harlos)	10 minutes
<u>Evening Adjournment</u>	

² Including a discussion on Maine ballot access as requested by Ms. Harlos

Sunday Morning Session

9:00 am

Opportunity for Public Comment

10 minutes

New Business with Previous Notice (cont.)

OpaVote Demonstration (Harlos)	10 minutes
Creation of Convention Voting Procedure Committee (Harlos)	20 minutes
Conforming Grammar Style Changes to Platform & Bylaws (Harlos)	15 minutes
Amend Policy Manual Regarding Branding (Harlos)	10 minutes
Amend Employment Manual (Harlos)	10 minutes
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Discussion of Budget Deficit (Bishop-Henchman/Harlos)	20 minutes
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New Business without Previous Notice

Discussion of emailing entire LNC from website (Harlos)	10 minutes
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Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)

Region 1	5 minutes
Region 2	5 minutes
Region 3	5 minutes
Region 4	5 minutes
Region 5	5 minutes
Region 6	5 minutes
Region 7	5 minutes
Region 8	5 minutes

Announcements

10 minutes

TOTAL: 620 minutes

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms. Harlos had previously circulated a copy of the currently disclosed conflicts and asked for any updates. Mr. Redpath indicated that he would provide his updated conflicts to Ms. Harlos outside of the meeting. The updated list of conflicts of interests is attached as **Appendix B**.

OFFICER REPORTS**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report in advance (**see Appendix C**) and supplemented with a brief oral report and update on Party successes. He took time to urge

the LNC to avoid factionalism this term as it is non-productive and that voting on factional lines is a disservice to the Party and the LNC. He further noted that there have been tone and volume issues with the email list and would hope that such would resolve themselves without the need for an official policy.

Mr. Sarwark concluded by fielding questions and comments. The discussion focused on the unfair treatment of the Party with regards to debate exclusion. When these incidents happen, it is imperative that Mr. Sarwark be personally notified immediately. It was noted that there are oral arguments scheduled in the FEC case involving the presidential and vice-presidential debates on the Friday immediately preceding the December LNC meeting. Mr. Sarwark committed to providing that information on the LNC business list so that anyone who wished to arrive early and attend (and perhaps form a flash mob). The LNC took no action.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Merced had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix D**) and supplemented with a brief oral outline of future affiliate development plans including providing adequate representation to the region-less states. He concluded by fielding questions and comments and agreed to inquire why Mississippi and Idaho chose not to affiliate with a region this term. The LNC took no action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Merced. Mr. Hagan submitted his regular monthly end-of-month financial report in advance (see **Appendix E**) and supplemented with the following:

- The reserve is back in the black as of the end of August.
- The reserve is projected to be at \$57,000.00 in unrestricted cash by the end of September, which will place that figure back on target.
- It is projected that an additional \$10,000.00 will be paid towards the \$70,000.00 remaining convention bill from the Hyatt in October.
- The grand total of income including items that are required to be recorded under different line items is \$408,921.00 compared to \$273,500.00 in incurred expenses.
- The water heater broke at the Party headquarters raising an issue of how these assets are capitalized.

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the Policy Manual Section 2.03, Subsection 6, Fixed Assets, by adding two paragraphs to the beginning of the subsection:

A fixed asset is defined as a unit of property or equipment that: (1) has an economic useful life that extends beyond 12 months and (2) was acquired or produced for a cost of \$2,500 or more. Fixed assets must be capitalized and depreciated for financial statement purposes.

The threshold amount for minimum capitalization is \$2,500. Any items costing below this amount should be expensed in the financial statements.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by substituting \$1,000.00 in the place of \$2,500.00. The motion to amend FAILED on a voice vote. *The original main motion PASSED without objection.* [Motion 180929-1]

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

Mr. Redpath inquired why there are any monies left in the building fund, and Mr. Kraus explained that there is a minimum amount for pre-payment without incurring fees³. Mr. Redpath also raised the issue that the projected unrestricted funds are less than our accounts payable, which could cause big problems prior to the scheduled December LNC meeting. Ms. Mattson noted that we are not honoring our agreement with the Hyatt that required full payment within thirty days. Mr. Sarwark explained that we are paying the negotiated contractual penalties. The LNC took no action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix F**) and supplemented with an oral report. Mr. Hagan was awarded the Easter egg prize for his careful proofreading of the prior minutes (and Ms. Harlos clarified that the bag did not contain actual poop). Ms. Harlos also explained her new process of creating a OneNote notebook⁴ for use at LNC meetings and distributed individual nameplates as gifts to LNC members.

APPROVAL OF THE 2006 CONVENTION MINUTES

Ms. Harlos had noted that the published version contained a “draft” designation.

Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the 2006 Convention Minutes. This motion PASSED without objection. [Motion 180929-2]

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 CONVENTION MINUTES

The discussion was turned over to former secretary Mattson to explain the one change made since the last draft was provided to the LNC—the audit conducted September 28, 2018 of the At-Large vote totals resulted in an increase of one (1) vote for Joseph Bishop-Henchman and a decrease of one (1) vote for Joe Buchman.

A round of applause commenced in thanks to Duke Van Horn and Richard T. Longstreth for volunteering to conduct the At-Large vote audit.

³ There is a \$25.00 fee per month if the balance in the fund drops below \$2,000.00.

⁴ The OneNote notebook prepared for this meeting can be found at https://1drv.ms/f/s!An_9oojd8WVWNfzdlpea9qVsA8Rg and includes the reports and handouts referred to in these minutes. Any notes contained therein are in draft form.

Ms. Mattson moved to approve the 2018 Convention Minutes with the change previously noted. This motion PASSED without objection. [Motion 180929-3]

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 3, 2018 POST-CONVENTION LNC MINUTES

Ms. Harlos moved to approve the July 3, 2018, Post-Convention LNC Minutes.

As there was an objection stated on the business list, Ms. Harlos spoke to her motion and categorized the objections into two categories: appendices and additional detail given to contextualize items in the body of the minutes. She explained her rationale, addressed the previously expressed objections, and noted that the objections appeared to be micro-management and that the LNC should expect and accept that each secretary has their own style.

Ms. Mattson referred to her previously submitted motion to make a number of amendments to the minutes that is included as **Appendix G** due to its length. She explained the rationale for her proposed amendments and addressed the justifications put forth by Ms. Harlos, particularly that the minutes are the responsibility of the LNC and not just the Secretary.

Time was extended for ten (10) minutes without objection for further debate.

Mr. Nekhaila moved all previous questions without objection. The Mattson amendments FAILED by a show of hands with a vote total of 8-8. Mr. Sarwark confirmed that there was no objection to the removal of footnote seven (7) in those minutes. ***The main Harlos motion to approve the July 3, 2018, Post-Convention LNC minutes as amended then PASSED without objection. [Motion 180929-4]***

Mr. Redpath moved to recess for fourteen (14) minutes without objection. Mr. Sarwark called the meeting back to order at 10:50 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff members had submitted a written report (see **Appendix H**) with Mr. Benedict providing an oral supplement and explanation including the following points:

- There is no reason to believe that fundraising will decrease, but spending will drop as ballot access drives have been completed.
- Richard Winger noted that the Party is currently in its best ballot access position by far.
- Libertarian voter registration is at an all-time high in both raw numbers and by percentages.
- The Party currently has two (2) Libertarian legislators when it did not have any from 2002-2015.
- Former Vice-Chair Chuck Moulton noted that we now have a building that works for our staff and are well on our way to paying the mortgage in full.

- The building equity is important to consider when speaking about reserves since we have \$500,000.00 in equity.
- We are spending on things that can be cut if needed such as ballot access drives, staff, and candidate grants.
- The IT infrastructure is improved.
- Raiser's Edge has been moved from the HQ basement to the cloud where it is fully managed by experts rather than staff.
- The email system has been upgraded thanks to Ken Moellman and Robert Kraus.
- LPedia has been revamped thanks to Caryn Ann Harlos and is now linked on the website and worthy of being seen, particularly the archive of LP News.
- The CRM project is well on its way thanks to Andy Burns and a generous donation of \$17,000.00 from George Phillies that led to a matching donation.
- Jess Mears has taken the helm of social media management, and it is looking very good.
- There are now two staff members working towards campaigns: Cara Schulz and Apollo Pazell.
- Apollo Pazell is targeting ten potentially winnable campaigns based on objective criteria.
- Although we did not hit our stretch goal of two thousand (2,000) candidates, we have done extraordinarily well thanks to Cara Schulz.
- Bob Johnston has been assisting in the research needed to advise candidates on various campaign finance rules.
- Jess Mears has been focusing on membership numbers that are a measurable area to determine success rate.
- If the Party were to increase its fundraising, the most effective investments would include adding staff to be responsible for specific areas and tasks.
- Exploring advertising opportunities might be worthwhile.

Mr. Benedict informed the LNC that he would be giving formal notice that he will be leaving his position after the November election and is returning to the Austin, Texas area. Some LNC members expressed sadness and surprise at this announcement.

Mr. Redpath inquired as to the identity of the candidates for the targeted races, and Mr. Sarwark agreed to provide the full list to him privately.

Dr. Lark requested that the LNC express its gratitude and approval to Mr. Benedict for his many years of dedication and fine work. The LNC responded with a round of applause. Mr. Sarwark expressed his deeply felt personal thanks to Mr. Benedict and presented a plaque to Mr. Benedict with the following inscription:

The Libertarian Party recognizes and thanks Wes Benedict for his many years of dedicated service as Executive Director to the national Party and in many other roles.

Mr. Sarwark explained the process for filling this vacancy and his intent to suggest or appoint a search committee. At Mr. Sarwark's request, Mr. Bishop-Henchman opined that we should be able to fill this vacancy by the beginning of 2019. Mr. Sarwark intends to have

Ms. Daugherty serve as acting Executive Director until the position is filled, and she has indicated her willingness to serve in that role.

Mr. Benedict yielded the remaining time to Ms. Daugherty who discussed issues related to her fundraising and donor cultivation activities including:

- The 2018 Convention revenue exceeded that of the 2016 Convention.
- We have had the best first-quarter revenue in over ten (10) years.
- We have had the best second and third quarter revenues in over ten (10) years with the exception of 2016.
- Our year-to-date revenue is 23% above the average for the same period for the past ten years.
- Our year-to-date revenue is 28% above the average for the same period in 2010 and 2014 that are the fairest comparisons as they are also non-presidential mid-term election years.
- The only restriction that they have is limited staff time so that they are making nuanced approaches within the means that we have such as hand-signed personal notes to large donors and the Thanksgiving cards that are being signed this meeting by LNC members.
- The prior wealth-screening program expired a few weeks ago, and she plans on asking the LNC to budget for a similar product after further research.

SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Although the Special Counsel's Report agenda item was struck, a report was submitted after this meeting that is attached hereto as **Appendix I**.

MARKETING PRESENTATION BY ROBIN KOERNER

Mr. Koerner labeled his approach as a National Brand Launching Advertising Paradigm and explained why he specifically chose this terminology. Attached as **Appendix J** are some photographs presented of his “*What the L?*” campaign, and his full presentation can be viewed from the live-stream recordings.⁵

Lunch was served beginning at 12:15 p.m. while Mr. Koerner fielded questions and comments. The LNC was called back to order at 1:15 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADVERTISING & PUBLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ms. Bilyeu, as Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC) chair, noted that Erin Adams had resigned, creating a vacancy to be filled by an LNC member or alternate.

⁵ A playlist of the video segments of the Koerner presentation is located here: <http://www.ustream.tv/playlist/385011>. Please note that the video service did not place them in order so please play in order of the titles that are noted sequentially by part numbers.

Mr. Sarwark opened the floor for nominations.

- Ms. Harlos nominated Mr. Longstreth who accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Bishop-Henchman nominated himself.

Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Sarwark closed nominations. Before voting, Ms. Bilyeu briefed the nominees on the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Ballots were distributed with the following results:

ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY ON APRC		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180929-5		
VOTE TELLERS: Paige Lee, Brent Olsen		
VOTING METHOD: Approval Voting		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES – 15 BALLOTS CAST
Joseph Bishop-Henchman	13	Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn
Richard Longstreth	4	Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila
NOTA		
<i>Secretary's Notes: In conducting the ballot audit, the Secretary noted that although the vote tellers recorded Mr. Bishop-Henchman as receiving twelve (12) votes, he actually received thirteen (13) votes. This miscalculation did not affect the results.</i>		

Mr. Bishop-Henchman was elected to fill the APRC vacancy. [180929-5]

AUDIT COMMITTEE

POPULATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (NON-LNC MEMBERS)

Pursuant to Bylaws Article 9.2 and Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Audit Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Audit	One non-officer LNC member and two non-LNC members	Non-officer LNC members	*Committee Selected

* The Chair shall have the authority to appoint an interim chair for all non-standing committees of the LNC which select their own permanent chair. The interim chair shall serve until a permanent chair is chosen by the committee.

As noted above, all voting for population of this committee is restricted to the non-officer members of the LNC. Ms. Harlos advised that member applications were previously distributed.

Ms. Van Horn nominated all of the advance applicants, and Mr. Sarwark read aloud the names and residence states of those applicants. Mr. Redpath nominated Julie Fox and indicated that she would accept the nomination. Mr. Goldstein inquired whether any of the applicants were not national Party members and was informed the Secretary did have that information. **Mr. Goldstein then moved to strike any applicants that were not members of the national Party.** Mr. Sarwark ruled Mr. Goldstein's motion OUT OF ORDER. Ms. Mattson noted that it would not prevent anyone from voting for them as a write-in, so it is an action without any real effect. Mr. Sarwark read aloud the Secretary's notations of which applicants were not national Party members, not state party members, and neither state nor national Party members reflected in the ballot tabulation below.

- Ms. Mattson spoke in favor of James Aragon.
- Mr. Goldstein spoke in favor of Richard Bowen.
- Dr. Lark, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Redpath spoke in favor of Julie Fox.
- Mr. Nekhaila spoke in favor of Omar Recuero.

It was informally decided that the voting method of "pick up to two" would make the most sense and that the LNC would review the candidates overnight and turn in their ballots by 9:30 a.m. the following day. The LNC then recessed for a short break.

POPULATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (NON-OFFICER LNC MEMBER)

Nominations were opened to fill the LNC non-officer position, and Mr. Sarwark briefly outlined the duties of the Audit Committee.

- Mr. Goldstein nominated Mr. Redpath, but he declined as he is the Assistant Treasurer.
- Ms. Van Horn nominated Mr. Longstreth.
- Ms. Bilyeu nominated Ms. Adams.

An inquiry was directed to Mr. Sarwark regarding the eligibility of Ms. Adams as she is a regional alternate. **Ms. Mattson objected to the nomination of Ms. Adams due to her status as an alternate.** Mr. Sarwark reviewed the definition of LNC members in the Bylaws and ruled that Ms. Adams is eligible.

Ms. Mattson appealed the ruling of the Chair. Time was extended for five (5) minutes without objection to complete debate and proceed to a vote on whether or not the ruling of the Chair would be sustained as well as the election at hand.

A roll call vote on sustaining the ruling of the Chair was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan			X
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		

Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	13	1	2

*The ruling of the Chair was **SUSTAINED** with a vote total of 13-1-2. [180929-6]*

Ballots were distributed with the following results:

ELECTION OF NON-OFFICER LNC MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180929-7		
VOTE TELLERS: Paige Lee, Brent Olsen		
VOTING METHOD: Pick One		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES (NON-OFFICERS ONLY) – 12 BALLOTS CAST
Erin Adams	7	Bilyeu, Lark, Lyons, Mattson, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath
Richard Longstreth	5	Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hewitt, Longstreth, Van Horn
NOTA		

Ms. Adams was elected as the LNC member of the Audit Committee. [180929-7]

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Affiliate Support Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Affiliate Support Committee	Seven members	Committee Chair selected by LNC Chair; three LNC Regional Representatives or Alternates selected by the Committee Chair; three members selected by Libertarian State Leadership Alliance	LNC Chair selects from pool of LNC At-Large, LNC Regional Representatives, and the LNC Vice-Chair

Mr. Sarwark noted that he is tasked by the Policy Manual with selecting the Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee who then selects three (3) Regional Representatives or Regional Alternates. Ms. Harlos confirmed that applications were submitted for this committee.

Without objection, David Demarest notified the LNC of the LSLA's three (3) appointees as follows:

- Erin Adams
- David Demarest
- Pat Ford

BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Redpath, as Chair of the Ballot Access Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix K**) and supplemented with an oral report noting that expenditures were below budget with expenditures at \$148,000.00 versus the budgeted amount of \$250,000.00.

POPULATION OF THE BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE (NON-LNC MEMBERS)

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 "Committee Appointments" the Ballot Access Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Ballot Access	Five party members, no less than three of which shall be LNC Members or Alternates	LNC Members or Alternates selected by LNC using approval voting, non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair	LNC Chair

The currently appointed LNC members are Mr. Nanna, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Redpath. Mr. Sarwark will be appointing two (2) non-LNC members and selecting the committee chair.

MAINE BALLOT ACCESS ISSUES

Mr. Redpath and Mr. Sarwark summarized the issues of the difficult ballot access laws in Maine. One path is through straight petitioning, and the other revolves around certain minimums of registered Libertarians. In order to be a recognized party, there must be at least five thousand (5,000) registered Libertarians on the voter roles and then at least ten thousand (10,000) registered Libertarians must actually cast a ballot in November.

The Libertarian Party of Maine (LPME) has registrations over the required minimum for party recognition but far short of the number required to cast a ballot and would like to litigate this issue. It is the opinion of both Chris Lyons (the LPME Chair) and Richard Winger that it would bolster the case if growth in registrations can be shown. The LPME found petitioners willing to work at a reasonable rate. Ms. Harlos informed the LNC that the LPME Chair has made himself available by phone if necessary. Mr. Sarwark made it clear that a suit will undoubtedly be filed no matter what happens. It is unclear if the current voter registrations

will be purged after this election when the minimum number of participating registered Libertarians is not met.

Time was extended for five (5) minutes on three (3) occasions without objection.

Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC encumber \$5,000.00 for a Maine registration drive contingent on the Libertarian Party of Maine spending \$1,000.00 towards the drive initially.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu		X	
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein		X	
Hagan		X	
Harlos	X		
Hewitt		X	
Lark		X	
Longstreth		X	
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced		X	
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	6	9	1

This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 6-9-1. [180929-8]

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Daniel Hayes, as Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix L**). He supplemented with an oral report, noting the following successes:

- The total revenue (not including pledges) was \$408,921.70 which is triple the amount raised at the 2014 convention (comparing non-nomination conventions) and \$12,922.00 more than the 2018 convention.
- Banquet revenue was \$93,680.00.
- We had the second highest sales of convention packages since 2008.
- 1,780 revenue-generating room nights were purchased exceeding the contract figure of 1,018 room nights.

The written report contains detailed analysis of all aspects with numerous recommendations moving forward. Of note, Mr. Hayes encouraged the development of a convention app to improve the attendance experience and participation. He stressed that the bottom line secret for a successful convention is to start everything early.

POST-CONVENTION SURVEY AND CONVENTION VOTING ISSUES

Mr. Goldstein moved to extend for fifteen (15) minutes without objection.

A survey was sent to convention attendees; 108 responses were received. The top two (2) areas of improvements cited were the need for more convention time and the cumbersome voting procedure.

The committee prepared a brief analysis of the Bylaws issues surrounding any voting procedure change and some initial options explored that is contained in its report.

Appreciation was extended both to Mr. Hayes for his hard work and to the participants in the pie-in-the-face fundraiser for their good humor.

POPULATION OF THE CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (LNC MEMBERS)

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Convention Oversight Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Convention Oversight Committee	Seven members, with a minimum of four LNC Members or Alternates, plus a minimum of two non-LNC members who are recommended by the Convention Oversight Committee	LNC members selected by the LNC, non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair	LNC Chair Selected

Mr. Goldstein moved to open nominations to fill the LNC members of the Convention Oversight Committee for the next term. This motion PASSED without objection. [180929-9]

Nominations proceeded as follows:

- Ms. Bilyeu nominated Ms. Adams.
- Mr. Goldstein nominated Ms. Bilyeu.
- Ms. Mattson nominated Mr. Goldstein.
- Mr. Goldstein nominated Ms. Mattson.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to appoint Ms. Adams, Ms. Bilyeu, Mr. Goldstein, and Ms. Mattson by acclamation as the LNC members of the Convention Oversight Committee. This motion PASSED without objection. [180929-10]

CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Sam Goldstein, as Chair of the Candidate Support Committee, delivered an oral report and stated that a written report would be submitted shortly to Ms. Harlos that will be included herein as **Appendix M**. There are some applications pending, but no action was taken due to the financial position of the Party.

POPULATION OF THE CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE (NON-LNC MEMBERS)

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Candidate Support Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Candidate Support Committee	Five LNC members or LNC alternates and two non-LNC members of the LP	LNC members elected by the LNC; non-LNC members appointed by the LNC Chair based on recommendations from the LNC members of the committee	* Committee Selected

* The Chair shall have the authority to appoint an interim chair for all non-standing committees of the LNC which select their own permanent chair. The interim chair shall serve until a permanent chair is chosen by the committee.

The current LNC members of the committee are Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hagan, Ms. Lee, Mr. Longstreth, and Dr. Olsen. Mr. Goldstein notified Mr. Sarwark that their recommendations for the non-LNC members are Jim Turney (FL) and Mohammad-Reza Khosh-Sirat (TX).

EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Lark explained the composition and responsibilities of this committee to the LNC.

POPULATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Employment Policy and	Three LNC Members or	LNC	* Committee Selected

Compensation Committee	Alternates other than the LNC Chair		
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* The Chair shall have the authority to appoint an interim chair for all non-standing committees of the LNC which select their own permanent chair. The interim chair shall serve until a permanent chair is chosen by the committee.

Mr. Sarwark opened the floor for nominations.

- Ms. Mattson nominated herself.
- Dr. Lark nominated Mr. Redpath.
- Mr. Hagan nominated Dr. Lark.
- Mr. Bishop-Henchman nominated himself.

Ballots were distributed with the following results:

ELECTION OF THREE (3) LNC MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180929-11		
VOTE TELLERS: Paige Lee, Brent Olsen		
VOTING METHOD: Approval Voting		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES – 16 BALLOTS CAST
Joseph Bishop-Henchman	11	Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Lyons, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Sarwark, Van Horn
Jim Lark	15	Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn
Alicia Mattson	8	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Merced,
Bill Redpath	12	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn
NOTA		

Mr. Bishop-Henchman, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath were elected as the LNC members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee. [180929-11]

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

POPULATION OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Policy Manual Standing Rules 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments” the Information Technology Committee is comprised as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Information Technology Committee	Two LNC Members or Alternates, plus up to 5 non-LNC members who are recommended by	LNC Chair	* Committee Selected

	the IT Committee		
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* The Chair shall have the authority to appoint an interim chair for all non-standing committees of the LNC which select their own permanent chair. The interim chair shall serve until a permanent chair is chosen by the committee.

Mr. Sarwark asked that any LNC member who would like to serve on this committee speak with him tonight and that any further discussion on the remaining members to be selected be deferred until tomorrow without objection.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to take up the issue of the Koerner proposal for twenty (20) minutes immediately following a recess until 4:05 p.m. Mr. Redpath's motion PASSED by a show of hands.

The LNC then entered a short recess.

KOERNER PROPOSAL

The general consensus of the LNC was favorable to Mr. Koerner's presentation and ideas; however, the LNC is unclear on actual costs. Mr. Koerner fielded additional questions.

Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for an additional five (5) minutes without objection.

Mr. Goldstein moved that it was the sense of the LNC that we intend to pursue an agreement with Mr. Koerner at terms that are favorable to both parties and work over the next two months to come up with a proposal for consideration at the December meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	14	1	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-1-1. [180929-12]

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE⁶

Caryn Ann Harlos, as Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee, submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix N**) and supplemented with an oral report.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual at Section 1.03.1 “Committee Appointments and Terms of Office” as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Historical Preservation Committee	Up to Five <u>seven</u> Members	Committee Chair selected by LNC; remaining four members selected by the Committee Chair	LNC

Mr. Longstreth moved to amend as follows:

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Historical Preservation Committee	<u>A minimum of Five and up to seven</u> Members	Committee Chair selected by LNC; remaining four members selected by the Committee Chair	LNC

The Longstreth amendment PASSED without objection.

The Harlos motion, as amended, PASSED without objection. [180929-13]

BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE

POPULATION OF THE BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE

The following motion passed via Email Ballot 2018-14 on July 22, 2018:

The Blockchain Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party affiliates and candidates for public office a document and training detailing Blockchain donation compliance info, outreach strategies, and issues in line with the LP platform for advocacy in the Blockchain space for use by candidates and affiliates.

⁶ Mr. Sarwark noted that this report was mistakenly placed under Reports of Special Committees rather than Reports of Standing Committees.

The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC meeting of the term.

The Committee will develop, with support of LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff/volunteers, both online and to be presented in LP training workshops.

The committee will be composed of 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates and 8 non-LNC members of the LP. The 3 LNC members are appointed by the LNC with an Interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair, the 8 Non-LNC Members are appointed by the 8 regional reps each choosing one member from their region to serve.

The Committee will submit a final document at the LNC meeting immediately preceding the LP National Convention in 2020.

Nominations were opened for the three (3) LNC member appointments for this committee and proceeded as follows:

- Mr. Nekhaila nominated himself.
- Mr. Phillips nominated Mr. Merced.
- Ms. Harlos nominated Ms. Van Horn.

Ms. Harlos moved to appoint Mr. Merced, Mr. Nekhaila, and Ms. Van Horn as the LNC members of the Blockchain Committee. This motion PASSED without objection. [180929-14]

Mr. Sarwark appointed Mr. Merced as interim chair.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

POPULATION OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Harlos reminded the LNC of the composition of this committee as follows:

- **Size:** Five (5) members including at least one (1) LNC member, at least two (2) under the age of 27 and at least one (1) shall be a current college student.
- **Member Selection:** LNC
- **Chair Selection:** Committee self-selects

Ms. Mattson further noted the scope as passed by the convention was to make recommendations to the LNC on conducting outreach and education to younger voters.

Discussion was held regarding the various qualifications and the possibility that several of them could be met by the same person, but that the intent of the committee was to engage and involve new people, particularly in the youth demographic and to advise the LNC.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved, and then subsequently withdrew, to table this item until tomorrow.

Mr. Longstreth moved, without objection, to extend time for five (5) minutes.

Mr. Longstreth moved to open nominations for an election to appoint one (1) and only one (1) LNC member to the Youth Engagement Committee. This motion PASSED without objection. [180929-15]

Nominations were opened as follows:

- Mr. Longstreth nominated Ms. Lee.
- Mr. Goldstein nominated Mr. Nanna.
- Ms. Mattson nominated Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Lyons withdrew his nomination without objection. Mr. Longstreth moved that the vote be restricted to one (1) candidate of choice. This motion PASSED without objection.

Ballots were distributed with the following results:

ELECTION OF ONE (1) LNC MEMBER TO THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180929-16		
VOTE TELLERS: Brent Olsen, Robert Pepiton, Christopher Thrasher		
VOTING METHOD: Pick One		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES – 15 BALLOTS CAST
Paige Lee	11	Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Sarwark, Van Horn
Dustin Nanna	4	Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Phillips, Redpath
NOTA		

Ms. Lee was elected as the LNC member of the Youth Engagement Committee. [180929-16]

Mr. Sarwark confirmed that voting for the non-LNC members would take place at some point tomorrow. Ms. Harlos reminded everyone to participate in the test OpaVote ballot sent to their email inboxes.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

CREATION OF A MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Merced moved the following:

Create a Membership Support Committee consisting of nine (9) members, which can be LNC Members or Non-LNC Members. The members are appointed by the LNC Chair based on recommendations from the LNC. The LNC Chair will appoint an Interim Chair of the Membership Support Committee until a permanent Chair can be elected by its members.

The Membership Support Committee will seek to find ways to support LP staff in matters of membership growth and retention. The committee will submit a report of its activities at the 2nd and 4th LNC meetings each year.

Mr. Longstreth moved to amend by striking the words “Chair based on recommendations from the LNC” from the second sentence. The amendment PASSED without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by striking the last sentence. The amendment PASSED without objection.

The main motion as amended then read:

Create a Membership Support Committee consisting of nine (9) members, which can be LNC Members or Non-LNC Members. The members are appointed by the LNC. The LNC Chair will appoint an Interim Chair of the Membership Support Committee until a permanent Chair can be elected by its members.

The Membership Support Committee will seek to find ways to support LP staff in matters of membership growth and retention.

Mr. Merced added in response to a question that the intention is to solicit applications for this committee as has been this LNC’s practice.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by adding the following sentence to the end of the main motion:

The Chair and director-level employees shall have discretion regarding what data is provided to each member of the committee.

Time for this item was extended for five (5) minutes without objection.

Mr. Merced moved to amend Ms. Mattson’s amendment to read:

The Chair and director-level employees shall have discretion regarding what data, if any, is provided to each member of the committee.

The Merced amendment PASSED by a show of hands with a vote of 12-1. The amended Mattson amendment PASSED by a show of hands with a vote of 11-2. The amended main motion then read:

Create a Membership Support Committee consisting of nine (9) members, which can be LNC Members or Non-LNC Members. The members are appointed by the LNC. The LNC Chair will appoint an Interim Chair of the Membership Support Committee until a permanent Chair can be elected by its members.

The Membership Support Committee will seek to find ways to support LP staff in matters of membership growth and retention.

The Chair and director-level employees shall have discretion regarding what data, if any, is provided to each member of the committee. [180929-17]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein			X
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson			X
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	13	0	3

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 13-0-3. [180929-17]⁷

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Redpath moved to change the starting time for tomorrow's meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The motion FAILED by a show of hands with a vote of 7-6.

The LNC adjourned for the day without objection at 5:45 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

⁷ An additional minor amendment was made to this motion as the first order of business the following morning.

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting back to order at 9:03 a.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Harlos mentioned Brent DeRidder's (NC) "Liberty Coalition for Disaster Relief" which is providing mutual aid assistance to storm victims.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

CREATION OF A MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE (REVISITED)

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules to return to consideration of the issue of the Membership Support Committee created yesterday for the purpose of proposing an amendment. This motion PASSED without objection.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman then moved to amend the wording for the previously created Membership Support Committee to add the word "LNC" before "Chair" in the final sentence so that it would now read:

The LNC Chair and director-level employees shall have discretion regarding what data, if any, is provided to each member of the committee.

This amendment PASSED without objection. [180929-17 previously adopted]

AMEND POLICY MANUAL – LNC REVIEW OF DIRECTOR CONTRACTS

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the final paragraph of Policy Manual Section 2.04.3 as follows:

Independent contractors doing business with the LNC are required to sign formal contracts that clearly set forth the parties' intention that they be treated as independent contractors. Each contract for director-level employment and any related advice from General Counsel must be circulated to the LNC on a strictly confidential basis following EPCC approval and no later than 10 days prior to the Chair signing the contract.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu		X	
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein		X	
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth		X	
Lyons			X
Mattson	X		
Merced		X	

Nekhaila		X	
Phillips		X	
Redpath		X	
Sarwark		X	
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	5	10	1

This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 5-10-1. [180930-1]

APPLY END DATE TO EMAIL BALLOT 2018-19

Ms. Mattson moved to amend previously adopted email ballot 2018-19 as follows:

that until the adjournment of the 2020 regular convention the Libertarian National Committee agrees to be bound by the decisions of the top-seven vote-getters for the Judicial Committee at the 2018 Convention as if they were elected in the normal course of convention business and follow the procedures and rules set forth in our Bylaws. It is acknowledged that this agreement is not binding upon any member or affiliate.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu			X
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth		X	
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips		X	
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn			X
TOTALS	10	3	3

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 10-3-3. [180930-2]

AMEND POLICY MANUAL – BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE PERMANENT CHAIR

Ms. Mattson moved to amend previously adopted email ballot 2018-14 as follows:

Move to create an ad hoc Blockchain Committee. The Blockchain Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party affiliates and candidates for public office a document and training detailing Blockchain donation compliance info, outreach strategies, and issues in line with the LP platform for advocacy in the Blockchain space for use by candidates and affiliates. The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC **meeting session** of the term. The Committee will develop, with support of

LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff/volunteers, both online and to be presented in LP training workshops. The committee will be composed of 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates and 8 non-LNC members of the LP. The 3 LNC members are appointed by the LNC with an Interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair, the 8 Non-LNC Members are appointed by the 8 regional reps each choosing one member from their region to serve. The Interim Chair shall serve until the committee selects its own chair. The Committee will submit a final document at the LNC **meeting session** immediately preceding the LP National Convention in 2020.

This motion PASSED without objection. [180930-3]

RESCIND NEALE RULE FOR APRC APPROVALS

Ms. Mattson related the relevant background behind the "Neale Rule"⁸ as it relates to the policy in the Policy Manual.

Ms. Mattson moved to rescind the "Neale Rule."

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu			X
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	14	0	2

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-0-2. [180930-4]

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

AUDIT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

POPULATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (NON-LNC MEMBERS) (cont'd)

The ballots from this election were received with the following results:

⁸ This was an Executive Order issued by former LNC Chair Geoff Neale that was never formally codified in the Policy Manual as an Enduring Executive Order (see **Appendix O**).

ELECT NON-LNC MEMBERS OF AUDIT COMMITTEE		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180930-5		
VOTE TELLERS: Brent Olsen, Robert Pepiton, Christopher Thrasher		
VOTING METHOD: Pick up to Two		
APPLICANT	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES (NON-OFFICERS ONLY) – 12 BALLOTS CAST
James Aragon	4	Bishop-Henchman, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn
Richard Bowen	7	Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Phillips
Mike Colburn		
John Daly		
Conner Drigotas		
Brent Elrod		
Colin Grabhart		
Michael Layne		
Rory Leckband		
Roberto Lombardo	1	Lyons
Jason McWhorter		
Ahmed Mostafa		
David Penna		
Omar Recuero	2	Nekhaila, Van Horn
Gilberto Rodriguez	1	Hewitt
Elijah Rogers		
Kyle Steckel		
Carl Wessels		
John Yeutter	1	Bilyeu
NOTA		
FLOOR NOMINATIONS		
Julie Fox	8	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath
Secretary's Notes: Names in blue are not state party members, and names in red are neither national nor state party members.		

Mr. Bowen and Ms. Fox were elected as the two (2) non-LNC members of the Audit Committee. [180930-5]

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

AMEND POLICY MANUAL – APRC

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual Section 2.02.2 as follows:

Section 2.02 COMMITTEE SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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2) Advertising & Publication Review Committee

The APRC shall review and ~~advise~~ either approve or disapprove whether public communications of the Party ~~violate our bylaws, Policy Manual, or advocate moving public policy in a different direction other than a libertarian direction, as delineated by the Party Platform~~ based on two criteria:

- Does the proposed communication violate our bylaws, Policy Manual, or advocate moving public policy in a different direction other than a libertarian direction, as delineated by the Party Platform?
- Does the proposed communication harm the image of the Party?

Public communications may be defined in either of two categories: time-sensitive or enduring.

- Public communications that are of a time-sensitive nature, namely mass e-mails, news releases, ~~twitter posts~~ social media posts, and blog entries, shall be made available to the APRC ~~upon~~ prior to their publication. This requirement may be waived for specific categories or publications upon discretion of the Chair who shall report this waiver to the LNC.
- Public communications that are of a more enduring nature, such as LP News, Liberty Pledge News, self-published party literature, and fundraising letters, shall be made available to the APRC before the final proof is approved for printing and distribution.

Staff may seek advance advice from the APRC on any proposed communication.

Staff may reasonably conclude that the failure of the APRC to provide advice in a timely manner is tantamount to the committee's approval.

- In the case of public communications that are of a time-sensitive nature, a response is considered timely if made within six hours of staff's submission of the subject matter to the committee, if submitted prior to its publication; and within forty-eight hours, if submitted after its publication.
- In the case of public communications that are of a more enduring nature, a response is considered timely if made within twenty-four hours of staff's submission of the subject matter to the committee.

These time frames may be shortened if the entire APRC weighs in prior to the expiration of same. A majority vote or failure to respond is required for approval. A majority vote is required for disapproval, and any APRC member may change their vote until the entire APRC has weighed in and the vote is closed. Staff may attempt to cure any objections by any APRC member in order to achieve greater

approval. The APRC may also provide non-binding suggestions for improvement to any public communication.

If a majority of the committee ~~concludes that a public communication violates the bylaws, Policy Manual, or advocates moving public policy in a different direction other than a libertarian direction, as delineated by the Party Platform~~ disapproves any communication based upon the criteria above, the committee chair shall report such to the Executive Director and the LNC Chair, citing the specific platform plank, bylaw or Policy Manual section, if applicable, or otherwise providing an explanation for the disapproval. Official decisions of the APRC that are overridden shall be promptly reported to the LNC without revealing confidential employer-employee matters.

Communications between the APRC, staff, and the LNC Chair are in the nature of confidential employer-employee communications. However, the APRC may by majority vote agree to consult with other relevant individuals about matters that come before it, conditioned upon the prior agreement by such individuals to maintain confidentiality of the discussions. The LNC Chair in his bylaws-defined role as Chief Executive Officer of the Party retains the sole right to discipline and discharge employees who repeatedly contravene official party positions.

The APRC Chair shall report to the LNC at each meeting if there were any disapproval votes by any APRC member that were in the minority and the reasons for same as long as such can be done without violating confidential employer-employee matters. The secrecy of the APRC should only be maintained to the extent of protecting those matters or other items at the discretion of the Chair with transparency being the default on everything else.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend by adding the word “may” before the phrase “either approve or disapprove” in the first sentence.

Time was extended for five (5) minutes without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the amendment by striking the phrase “either approve or disapprove” and retain the words “advise whether” from the original language.

Mr. Longstreth raised a Point of Order on whether the amendment to the amendment is germane as “either approve or disapprove” presents an optional action and Ms. Mattson’s amendment forecloses any option. Mr. Sarwark ruled the amendment to the amendment in order on the basis of germaneness but out of order because it renders the sentence unintelligible.

Ms. Mattson moved to extend for five (5) minutes in order to improve her amendment to the Goldstein amendment; the motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to lay this agenda item on this table. This motion PASSED by a show of hands with a vote total of 13-2. [180930-6]

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

POPULATION OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Mr. Sarwark noted that the population of the remainder of this committee was postponed until this time. The required qualifications of this committee were re-stated as follows:

- **Size:** Five (5) members including at least one (1) LNC member, at least two (2) under the age of 27 and at least one (1) shall be a current college student.

Ms. Lee was previously elected as the LNC member of the Committee and fills the additional qualifications of being under the age of twenty-seven (27) and a current college student.

Mr. Goldstein suggested that the voting method be approval voting but limited to only six (6) choices. Mr. Hewitt suggested that the number be eight (8). Mr. Sarwark treated the suggestions as informal requests for fill in the blanks and polled the LNC by a show of hands in which a limit of eight (8) candidates was chosen.

Nominations were then opened.

Mr. Goldstein moved to nominate each applicant that is also a member of the national Party. Ms. Van Horn nominated Dustin Nanna (Region 3 LNC Alternate). Mr. Longstreth nominated everyone on the list whether national Party members or not. Mr. Goldstein nominated Traci Baker (OK).

Mr. Sarwark read aloud the membership status of the applicants (noted on ballot results tally).

Mr. Goldstein moved to extend for fifteen (15) minutes (without objection).

- Mr. Bishop-Henchman spoke on behalf of Matt Long, Garrett Roush, Aeris Stewart, and Spencer Dias and noted the diversity of these applicants among demographics and viewpoints.
- Mr. Lyons spoke on behalf of Matt Long, Garrett Roush, Aeris Stewart, and Andrew Moore.
- Mr. Phillips spoke on behalf of Matthew Geiger.
- Mr. Goldstein spoke on behalf of Zoe Harness and Dustin Nanna.
- Ms. Harlos spoke on behalf of Richard Fast and Zoe Harness.
- Mr. Nekhaila spoke on behalf of Spenser Garber.
- Mr. Longstreth spoke on behalf of Austin Anderhold.
- Mr. Redpath spoke on behalf of Jason Spyres.
- Dr. Lark spoke on behalf of Aaron Sobczak.

- Ms. Van Horn spoke on behalf of Aeris Stewart.
- Without objection, Ms. Lee spoke on behalf of Austin Anderhold, Richard Fast, Matthew Geiger, Matt Long, Aeris Stewart, Dustin Nanna, and Traci Baker.
- Without objection, Daniel Hayes spoke on behalf of Richard Fast.

Dr. Lark moved to set the deadline for submitting the completed ballots for noon in order to consider these endorsements and the information given. This PASSED without objection.

The LNC rose to give a one-minute round of applause to Wes Benedict for his dedicated service to the Party and then took a recess.

REGIONAL REPORTS

As the meeting was called back to order following recess, Ms. Harlos was preparing for the OpaVote demonstration, so Ms. Mattson served as Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to take up regional reports. There was no objection.

REGION 1 REPORT

Region 1 Representative Mr. Longstreth had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix P**). There were no questions.

REGION 2 REPORT

Region 2 Representative Mr. Nekhaila had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix Q**). He and Region 2 Alternate Ms. Lee supplemented with an oral report to summarize its highlights.

REGION 3 REPORT

Region 3 Representative Ms. Van Horn had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix R**), and she supplemented with an oral report to summarize its highlights.

REGION 4 REPORT

Region 4 Alternate Dr. Olsen had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix S**). Region 4 Representative Mr. Hewitt supplemented with an oral report to summarize its highlights.

REGION 5 REPORT

Region 5 Representative Dr. Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix T**). Mr. Bishop-Henchman, chair of the D.C. affiliate, spoke regarding candidates in D.C. running in ballot access races. Mr. Redpath summarized the noteworthy campaigns of Libertarian Party of Virginia candidates.

Dr. Lark had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see **Appendix U**), an International Representative Report (see **Appendix V**), and an Awards Committee Report (see **Appendix W**).

REGION 6 REPORT

Region 6 Representative Mr. Phillips had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix X**), and he supplemented with an oral report regarding changes in the leadership of the North Dakota affiliate.

REGION 7 REPORT

Region 7 Representative Ms. Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix Y**), and she supplemented with an oral report to summarize its highlights. Ms. Daugherty spoke about her Justice of the Peace campaign.

REGION 8 REPORT

Region 8 Representative Mr. O'Donnell had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix Z**). Region 8 Alternate Mr. Lyons supplemented with an oral report. Christopher Thrasher noted the upcoming Road to Liberty Forum on October 27 in Rhode Island.

Ms. Harlos resumed the Secretary role.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

OPAVOTE DEMONSTRATION

Ms. Harlos had set up a mock test election using the OpaVote website in order to highlight some options that the LNC might consider for future use at LNC meetings, and ultimately, perhaps at conventions. Of particular note is the ease by which various forms of RCV can be used that would be cumbersome to calculate by hand and how different RCV methods yield slightly different results with the same data. She will be relaying this information to the proposed convention voting procedure committee if created by the LNC. A copy of the information distributed about OpaVote is attached hereto as **Appendix AA**.

CREATION OF CONVENTION VOTING PROCEDURE COMMITTEE⁹

Ms. Harlos moved the following:

Create a special committee to examine and make recommendations to improve the voting methods and processes used at our national conventions (Voting Process Committee). This committee shall provide reports of its progress at each LNC meeting leading up to the 2020 national convention and shall work with, and confer

⁹ The language referring to this proposed committee in the agenda differs from the actual language proposed.

with, the Convention Oversight Committee as appropriate. The Committee shall comprise nine (9) members appointed by the LNC with an interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair. The Committee shall select its own Chair at its first meeting.

The LNC Chair and LNC Secretary shall be ex officio members of this Committee.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend by inserting the words “and Bylaws and Rules Committee” after “Convention Oversight Committee.” This amendment PASSED without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by inserting the word “Additionally” at the beginning of the final sentence. This amendment PASSED without objection.

Dr. Lark moved to insert the word “non-voting” before the phrase “ex officio” in the final sentence. This motion PASSED upon a show of hands with a vote total of 11-2.

Mr. Longstreth moved to insert the parenthetical phrase “(with at least one (1) of the members being an LNC member or alternate)” after “nine (9) members” in the second to last sentence. The amendment FAILED by a show of hands with a vote total of 6-7.

After amendment, the main motion read as follows:

Create a special committee to examine and make recommendations to improve the voting methods and processes used at our national conventions (Voting Process Committee). This committee shall provide reports of its progress at each LNC meeting leading up to the 2020 national convention and shall work with, and confer with, the Convention Oversight Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee as appropriate. The Committee shall comprise nine (9) members appointed by the LNC with an interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair. The Committee shall select its own Chair at its first meeting.

Additionally, the LNC Chair and LNC Secretary shall be non-voting ex officio members of this Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu			X
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X

Van Horn			X
TOTALS	13	0	3

The motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 13-0-3. [180930-7]

CONFORMING GRAMMAR STYLE CHANGES TO PLATFORM & BYLAWS

The following motions were presented pursuant to this Convention Rule:

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM

8. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.

Ms. Harlos moved to make the following conforming changes to fit style and intent:

Platform

2.4 Government Finance and Spending

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax and oppose any increase on any taxes for any reason. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded in a voluntary manner.

This motion PASSED without objection. [180930-8]

Ms. Harlos moved to add the Oxford comma to serial lists in platform planks 1.2, 1.4, 2.12, 3.5, 3.6.

This motion PASSED without objection. [180930-9]

Ms. Harlos moved to make the following conforming changes to fit style and intent:

Bylaws

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.

2. Article 3, Section 1, or this Section, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

Ms. Harlos WITHDREW this motion without objection.

AMEND POLICY MANUAL REGARDING BRANDING

Region 2 Representative Mr. Nekhaila left the meeting, so Region 2 Alternate Ms. Lee took a seat at the table.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

Section 2.06 PARTY COMMUNICATIONS

2) Graphic Symbols and Colors

The Statue of Liberty graphic and the Torch Eagle graphic are considered the appropriate graphic symbols to be used on Party materials. Yellow, black, and grey are the appropriate primary colors to be used on Party Materials.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein			X
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark			X
Lee	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced	X		
Phillips			X
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn			X
TOTALS	10	1	5

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 10-1-5. [180930-10]

The LNC took a short recess.

AMEND EMPLOYMENT MANUAL

The LNC returned from recess.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Employment Manual as follows:

The Libertarian way is a logically consistent approach to politics based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Each individual has the right to control his/her own body, actions, speech, and property. ~~Government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves against force and fraud.~~ Government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by inserting "The Party's Platform delineates our principles in more detail." instead of the sentence in the Harlos motion.

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the amendment by adding the phrase "and the Statement of Principles" after the phrase "The Party's Platform." The Harlos amendment to the Mattson amendment PASSED without objection. The amended Mattson amendment PASSED by show of hands with a vote total of 13-0.

Ms. Bilyeu moved to amend by striking the original language as moved by Ms. Harlos without adding any additional language. This amendment FAILED by a show of hands with a vote total of 6-8.

The main motion to amend the Employment Manual as amended then read:

The Libertarian way is a logically consistent approach to politics based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Each individual has the right to control his/her own body, actions, speech, and property. ~~Government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves against force and fraud.~~ The Party's Platform and Statement of Principles delineate our principles in more detail.

The main motion as amended PASSED without objection. [180930-11]

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules in order to take up the final population of the Youth Engagement Committee. This motion PASSED by a show of hands.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

POPULATION OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Ballots to elect the non-LNC members of the Youth Engagement Committee were tabulated as follows:

ELECT NON-LNC MEMBERS OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BALLOT NUMBER: 180930-12

VOTE TELLERS: Brent Olsen, Robert Pepiton, Christopher Thrasher

VOTING METHOD: Pick up to Eight

APPLICANT	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES – 16 BALLOTS CAST
Austin Anderhold	2	Longstreth, Nekhaila
Christopher Armitage		
Joshua Avoil		
Tyler James Lee Bargenquast		
Zach Berly		
Kaden Brown		
Sean Brown		
Mario D'Angelo		
Spencer Dias	9	Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Hewitt, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn
Conner Drigots	2	Bilyeu, Merced
Richard Fast	9	Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Goldstein, Hewitt, Longstreth, Nekhaila, Phillips, Sarwark
Spenser Garber	3	Hewitt, Longstreth, Nekhaila
Matthew Geiger	9	Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn
Charlie Gers	3	Hagan, Hewitt, Lark
Dov Greenspan		
Dallas Guymna	1	Longstreth
Zoe Harness	5	Goldstein, Harlos, Hewitt, Mattson, Van Horn
Alexander Hartman		
Luke Henderson		
Victor Hinojosa	1	Merced
Mohammed-Reza Khosh-Sirat	2	Lark, Van Horn
Tyler Kolber		
Matt Long	14	Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Sarwark, Van Horn
Reinaldo "Ron" Loperena		
Jayson Lynn	1	Bilyeu
Alexander Martin		
Jared Martin		
Alisha Mikluch		
Hayden Millward		
Andrew Moore	1	Sarwark
Matthew Mullen		
Alexander Olsen		
James Pesutuch		
Simone Price		
Samson Racioppi		
Gilberto Rodriguez		
Garett Roush	7	Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Van Horn
Dylan Sears		
Aaron Sobczak	4	Hewitt, Lark, Redpath, Sarwark

Jason Spyres	5	Goldstein, Lark, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark
Joshua Stein		
Aeris Stewart	15	Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Sarwark, Van Horn
Alicia Taylor		
Justin Thompson		
Kaleigh Walker		
Henry Wissmiller	2	Goldstein, Phillips
Bradley Yocum		
NOTA		
FLOOR NOMINATIONS		
Dustin Nanna	9	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark
Traci Baker	5	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Harlos, Merced, Phillips
Total votes cast 109 out of a potential 128		
<i>Secretary's Notes: Names in yellow are not national Party members; names in blue are not state party members, and names in red are neither national nor state party members. Many thanks are extended to Mr. Thrasher for his great assistance in creating his own spreadsheet for double-verification. It would have been an informative exercise if the choices were ranked so that the results could be run through various RCV methods that take over-votes into consideration to see if the results would have been different.</i>		
19 Under-votes Noted		
Bilyeu	1	
Bishop-Henchman	4	
Hagan	1	
Lyons	4	
Mattson	4	
Redpath	4	
Van Horn	1	

Matt Long and Aeris Stewart were elected. [180930-12]

A second ballot was prepared to break the four-way tie between Spencer Dias, Richard Fast, Matthew Geiger, and Dustin Nanna.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

AMEND POLICY MANUAL – E-VOTING

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

Section 1.04 ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES

1) Electronic Mail Ballots

~~Electronic mail ballots shall not include an accompanying argument for or against passage of the motion.~~ Notification of an electronic mail ballot shall be made by the Secretary by electronic mail. This notification shall not include an accompanying

argument for or against passage of the motion. An LNC Member may change ~~his or her~~ their vote on an electronic mail ballot, provided that the change is received by the Secretary by the deadline for return of ballots.

This motion PASSED by a show of hands with a vote total of 13-2. [180930-13]

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

POPULATION OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (cont'd)

The second round of ballots to elect the non-LNC members of the Youth Engagement Committee were tabulated as follows:

ELECT NON-LNC MEMBERS OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - ROUND TWO		
BALLOT NUMBER: 180930-14		
VOTE TELLERS: Brent Olsen, Robert Pepiton, Christopher Thrasher		
VOTING METHOD: Pick up to Two		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES – 16 BALLOTS CAST
Spencer Dias	5	Bishop-Henchman, Hewitt, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced
Richard Fast	8	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark
Matthew Geiger	9	Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Lee, Longstreth, Mattson, Phillips, Van Horn
Dustin Nanna	10	Bilyeu, Goldstein, Lark, Lee, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn
<i>Secretary's Notes: The tellers reported fifteen (15) ballots cast, but upon audit, there were sixteen (16) ballots cast.</i>		

Dustin Nanna and Matthew Geiger were elected as the two (2) remaining members of the Youth Engagement Committee. [180930-14]¹⁰

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

AMEND POLICY MANUAL – LNC RECORDS HANDOFF PROCEDURE

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

2.07 Party Records

6. At the beginning of each year, each LNC member shall provide to the Executive Director copies of final work product prepared and required documents and information obtained during the discharge of their duties, preferably in electronic editable form, to insure proper succession hand-off from one LNC term to another and for unexpected mid-term vacancies. To the extent possible, upon

¹⁰ In preparing these minutes, the Secretary noted the potential discrepancy with the earlier decision to elect only one (1) LNC member to this committee and alerted the rest of the LNC.

completion of their terms, each LNC member shall promptly facilitate the transfer of such Party records to their successors.

Dr. Lark moved to postpone indefinitely which PASSED by a show of hands with a vote total of 11-4. [180930-15]

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET DEFICIT

A general discussion was had regarding the budget situation to clarify how this situation arose and what remediation might be needed. Mr. Sarwark fielded questions. The LNC took no action.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to take up the issue of the Party website before discussion of the LNC goals. This motion PASSED upon a show of hands.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

DISCUSSION OF WEBFORM TO EMAIL ENTIRE LNC

Mr. Longstreth moved to instruct staff to implement a means to email the entire LNC with appropriate spam prevention measures.

Mr. Merced moved to amend by striking the phrase "the entire LNC" and replacing with "appropriate Libertarian Party representatives."

The Merced amendment PASSED by a show of hands with a vote total of 9-2 so that the amended main motion now read:

Move to instruct staff to implement a means to email appropriate Libertarian Party representatives with appropriate spam prevention measures.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results (noting that Mr. Bishop-Henchman had left the meeting):

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu		X	
Goldstein		X	
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark			X
Lee	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons		X	
Mattson			X
Merced	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Van Horn	X		
TOTALS	9	3	3

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 9-3-3. [180930-16]

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

DISCUSSION OF LNC GOALS FOR THE 2018-2020 TERM

This was postponed to take place as an informal discussion after adjournment without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements, a round of applause in appreciation to the members who chose to attend, and some words in remembrance of the passing of Stephen Gordon, the meeting adjourned without objection at 2:15 p.m. Following adjournment, Dr. Lark led a brief discussion on the topic of LNC goals for this term.

TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
180929-1	Amend Policy Manual Section 2.03.6	PASSED
180929-2	Approve the 2006 convention minutes	PASSED
180929-3	Approve the 2018 convention minutes	PASSED
180929-4	Approve the July 3, 2018 post-convention minutes	PASSED
180929-5	Election to fill APRC vacancy	Bishop-Henchman was elected
180929-6	Appeal of the ruling of the Chair regarding eligibility of alternates to serve on the Audit Committee	SUSTAINED
180929-7	Election of non-officer LNC member of the Audit Committee	Adams was elected
180929-8	Encumber \$5,000 for Maine registration drive	FAILED
180929-9	Open nominations to fill LNC positions on Convention Oversight Committee	PASSED
180929-10	Appoint Adams, Bilyeu, Goldstein, Mattson by acclamation	PASSED
180929-11	Elect LNC members of the EPCC	Bishop-Henchman, Lark, and Redpath were elected
180929-12	Intent to pursue mutually agreeable contract with Koerner	PASSED
180929-13	Amend Policy Manual to increase size of LPHPC	PASSED
180929-14	Appoint Merced, Nekhaila, and Van Horn to Blockchain Committee	PASSED

180929-15	Open nominations for LNC member of Youth Engagement Committee	PASSED
180929-16	Elect LNC member of the Youth Engagement Committee	Lee was elected
180929-17	Create Membership Support Committee	PASSED
180930-1	Amend Policy Manual regarding review period for contractors	FAILED
180930-2	Amend previously adopted email ballot 2018-19	PASSED
180930-3	Amend previously adopted email ballot 2018-14	PASSED
180930-4	Rescind the "Neale Rule"	PASSED
180930-5	Elect non-LNC members of the Audit Committee	Richard Bowen and Julie Fox were elected
180930-6	Amend Policy Manual regarding APRC	TABLED
180930-7	Create Convention Voting Process Committee	PASSED
180930-8	Make conforming style changes to Platform	PASSED
180930-9	Make conforming style changes to Platform	PASSED
180930-10	Amend Policy Manual regarding Party colors	PASSED
180930-11	Amend Employment Manual regarding scope of government	PASSED
180930-12	Elect non-LNC members of Youth Engagement Committee (Round One)	Matt Long and Aeris Stewart were elected
180930-13	Amend Policy Manual regarding electronic ballots	PASSED
180930-14	Elect non-LNC members of Youth Engagement Committee (Round Two)	Matthew Geiger and Dustin Nanna
180930-15	Amend Policy Manual regarding Party Records	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY
180930-16	Instruct staff to implement procedure to email Party representatives	PASSED

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**APPENDIX A
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE ROSTER AND COMMENTS**

GALLERY ATTENDANCE SHEET

NAME	STATE
David Pratt Demarest	NE
Ruth Ellen Demarest	NE
Alexander DiBeneddetto	NV
Jenn Gray	AZ
Bishop Hayes	LA
Daniel Hayes and Mother	LA
Robin Koerner	WA
Robert Pepiton	AZ
Johnny "Goddamn" Rocket	WA
Kim Ruff	AZ
David Sexton	TN
Christopher Thrasher	CT
David Van Horn	IN
Resa Willis	TX

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT¹¹

ROBERT PEPITON (AZ)

As treasurer of the Arizona Libertarian Party and Chairman of the Maricopa Libertarian Party, he thanked everyone for coming and hope that we were enjoying the Phoenix weather.

CHRISTOPHER THRASHER (CT) -

He thanked the Executive Committee for its support of the successful Connecticut ballot access drive. In theory, as long as they obtain 1% in the gubernatorial race they will not have to petition for any candidates for the next four years. The Libertarian Party of Connecticut and Chair Dan Reale successfully sued the city of Meriden for being kicked out of a public park/festival while petitioning and recently settled the case for \$37,000.00. Chair Reale has provided Secretary Harlos a generic template for a complaint in federal district court cases regarding the issue of being disallowed to petition in a public place with the hopes that it will be widely disseminated and used (a copy attached as part of Appendix A). Mr. Goldstein inquired whether the LNC would be reimbursed its initial support in light of the successful settlement and was informed that such a question would be better directed to Chair Reale. Mr. Redpath thanked Mr. Thrasher for all his efforts in this petition drive.

¹¹ Notation of these comments does not entail approval by the LNC. The video recording of the commentary can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/libertarian-party1>.

APPENDIX A-1
SAMPLE COMPLAINT FOR INTERFERENCE WITH PETITIONERS

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF _____**

PLAINTIFF

CAUSE NO. _____

DEFENDANT

COMPLAINT

DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW (42 USC §1983)

1. The Plaintiff is a resident of _____
2. The Defendant is a resident of _____, who was acting in the official capacity of/as a(n) _____ at all times complained of herein.
3. The Court has the authority to hear this Complaint pursuant to 42 USC §1983 and 28 USC §1331.
4. On or about _____, the Plaintiff was circulating a ballot petition, at _____, held on public property and generally accessible to the public for no entry fee, for the purpose of placing candidates on the ballot, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and so required by law. This constituted an act of freedom of speech and assembly.
5. No access to the public location where the Plaintiff was circulating the petition was blocked or impeded, nor was any crime or disruption being committed. The entire interaction with the public and those who chose to sign or not sign was happy, pleasant and otherwise the part of an ordinary day at a publicly accessible location.
6. The Defendant caused to have the Plaintiff removed from _____. The Defendant also violated the Plaintiff's civil rights by _____.

7. The Plaintiff suffered damages in the following ways:

8. The Plaintiff had a right to circulate a ballot petition as protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

9. The Defendant's unlawful acts, made with the implied threat of physical and deadly force, caused the Plaintiff to leave public property and chilled the expression of his rights as protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

10. Public places historically associated with the free exercise of expressive activities, such as streets, sidewalks and parks, are public forums, and the Defendant's unlawful acts to restrict the content of the Plaintiff's exercise of his freedom of speech and assembly. The unlawful act had no basis in city ordinance, statute or otherwise codified local or state authority. In short, the unlawful order was arbitrary, capricious, oppressive and designed to thwart the Plaintiff's and others' attempts to place candidates on the statewide ballot for which every elector may choose to vote or not vote for.

THE PLAINTIFF,

Erin Adams

- Board Member, The Feldman Foundation
- Volunteer, Rex Lawhorn's campaign for Governor in Oklahoma
- Co-host of the Crossover TV show
- Elected Chair of Libertarian Party of Oklahoma 2018
- Elected Chair of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance 2018
- Networking Director for Roads to Freedom Foundation

Whitney Bilyeu

- Member, Steering Committee of the Foreign Policy Alliance
- Husband is a candidate for Texas House District 135
- Husband is Vice-Chair of the Harris County Libertarian Party
- Member of the executive team of Mark Tippetts for Texas Governor

Joseph Bishop-Henchman

- Executive Vice President, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC
- Chair, DC Libertarian Party

Craig Bowden

- Chair, Libertarian Party of Weber County in Utah
- Candidate for the United States Senate from Utah
- Founder: Libertarian Party Candidate Resources. Group on Facebook
- President: 5 & 1 Project. A Libertarian PAC

Sam Goldstein

(none)

Tim "T Rex" Hagan

- Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Nevada
- Candidate for US Senate for Nevada

Caryn Ann Harlos

- Social Media Volunteer, national Libertarian Party
- Page Owner/Admin multiple FB groups/Pages, largest of which is Libertarian Party USA
- Husband Wayne Harlos was elected Chair of the CO affiliate in March 2017
- Owns a liberty activist YouTube channel – Pink Flame of Liberty
- Host of Libertarian Party oriented podcast – The Big L Podcast
- Husband is a candidate for Town Council, Castle Rock, CO

Jeff Hewitt

- Mayor, Calimesa, California
- Member, Libertarian Millennial Caucus
- Member, West Riverside County Council of Governments
- Member, West Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority
- Candidate for Riverside County Supervisor

Susan Hogarth

- Chair, LP of North Carolina
- Board member, LPRadicalCaucus

Jim Lark

- Secretary, Board of Directors, Liberty International (formerly known as International Society for Individual Liberty)
- Board of Advisors, Students For Liberty
- Board of Advisors, Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation (Fundacja Wolnosci Przedsiębiorczosci) in Poland
- Secretary, Jefferson Area Libertarians
- Member, Faculty Network, Foundation for Economic Education
- Secretary, Libertarian Party of Virginia

Victoria Paige-Lee

- Healthcare policy advisor- Larry Sharpe campaign
- Tennessee liaison- The Feldman Foundation
- Carroll County Chair- Libertarian Party of Tennessee

Richard Longstreth

- Works for Lowe's Home Improvement
- Member of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus

Jeff Lyons

- Campaign Manager, Dan Fishman for Auditor (MA)
- Libertarian Association of Massachusetts, Executive Committee Member (Membership Director)
- Young Americans for Liberty: Chapter President at Bunker Hill Community College
- YAL Legacy Society
- Member of the LPCaucus
- Member of the Libertarian Veteran Caucus
- Thinks Bill Weld is a good libertarian

Alicia Mattson

- Secretary, Libertarian National Campaign Committee

Alex Merced

- Senior Policy Advisor for the Larry Sharpe for Governor Campaign
- Media Director of Manhattan LP

Dustin Nanna

(none)

Steven Nekhaila

- Treasurer, Libertarian Party of the Florida Keys

- At-large director, Libertarian Party of Florida
- Alumni member, Young Americans for Liberty

Brent Olsen

- Northern Vice-Chair, Libertarian Party of California
- Chair, Kings County affiliate in the in Libertarian Party of California
- Employee, CA Dept of Corrections
- Wife is Treasurer for the Kings County affiliate of the Libertarian Party of California

John Phillips

- Candidate for County Board
- Candidate for VP
- County Chair
- Gas Station and Owner/Operator
- Executive Board (CFO) of Decatur Defenders - an anti-violence organization
- Secretary Libertarian Unity Caucus
- Incorrigible Smart Ass

Bill Redpath

- Treasurer of Fairvote (formerly the Center for Voting and Democracy)
- Treasurer, Citizens in Charge Foundation
- Treasurer, Citizens in
- Vice-Chair, Libertarian Party of Virginia
- Treasurer, Cliff Hyra for Governor Campaign in Virginia

Nick Sarwark

- Ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the State Committee of the Arizona Libertarian Party
- Candidate for Mayor of Phoenix, AZ

Elizabeth Van Horn

(none)

Chair's Report - 7/4/2018 - 9/28/2018

- Attended FreedomFest on behalf of the party, speaking on a main stage panel and provided interviews to the media.
- Met with major donors in person and on the phone to keep them updated on Libertarian Party progress and plans.
- Gave many media interviews, including the Liberty Extract podcast, the Break it Up Podcast, Freedom's Phoenix, New Mexico Political Report, and the New York Times.
- Spoke to the Arizona State University Young Americans for Liberty chapter.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases and statements on issues.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including lawsuits, appeals, and amicus briefs.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.



Vice Chair Report #1

By Alex Merced

7/4/2018 - 9/28/18

- Have been active in contributing to the LP facebook page and twitter page with the social media team.
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- Done several podcast and blog interviews post convention focusing on a message of optimism for the parties future.
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- Have been producing graphics and images for many candidates across the country. Also been doing regular livestreams from my Vice Chair FB page to update membership on committee business and party encouragement.
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- Working on rebranding the “Libertarians Working for You” podcast to the new title, “Meet the Libertarians”. Working currently on some hosting and podcast listing logistics with LP staff.
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- Livestreamed down to the Lowndes county, MS convention. Have reached out to region-less states (MS & ID) and am working on making reports on these states for future meetings.
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- Planning to speak at events in FL and RI. Also discussing state convention stops with many states for 2019.
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- Put forward and passed motion to establish ad hoc Blockchain Committee for current term, also have put forward motion to create a new standing membership committee.

The August End-of-Month Financial Reports are attached.

The reserve, at \$18,742, has become positive but is still below the reserve target.

Budget line 90-Project, Program, Other, was budgeted at \$5000 to cover LPedia and Historical Preservation. There is \$123 left in the budget for this expense. This program is normally running about \$150/month in expenses. The 40-Administrative expenses is currently \$19,075 below budget, so it can be decreased. I will have a motion to move \$1000 from Administrative to Project, Program, Other.

We have been making payments on the bill from the Hyatt Regency, and still owe them \$77k. We are on track to pay off the Hyatt bill by the end of November.

The mortgage is now down to \$215,138.



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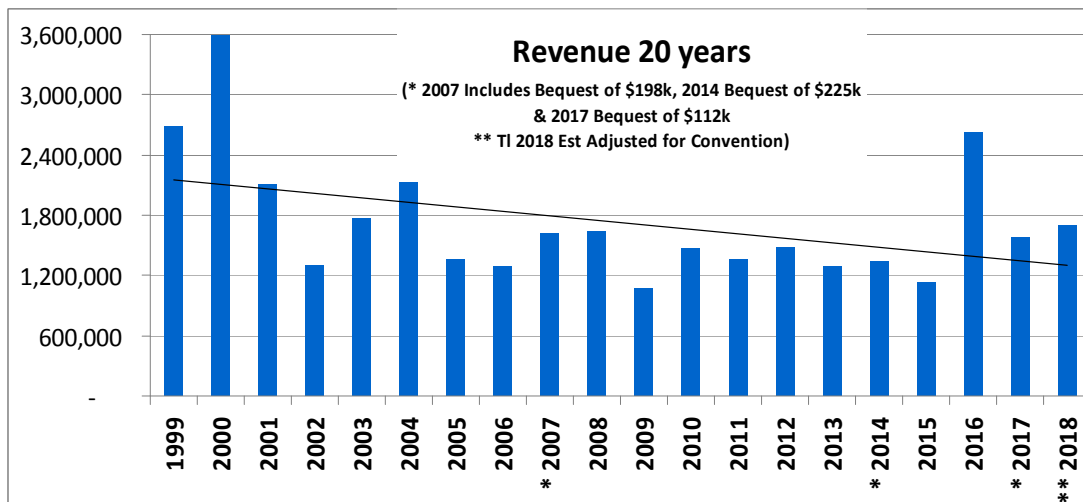
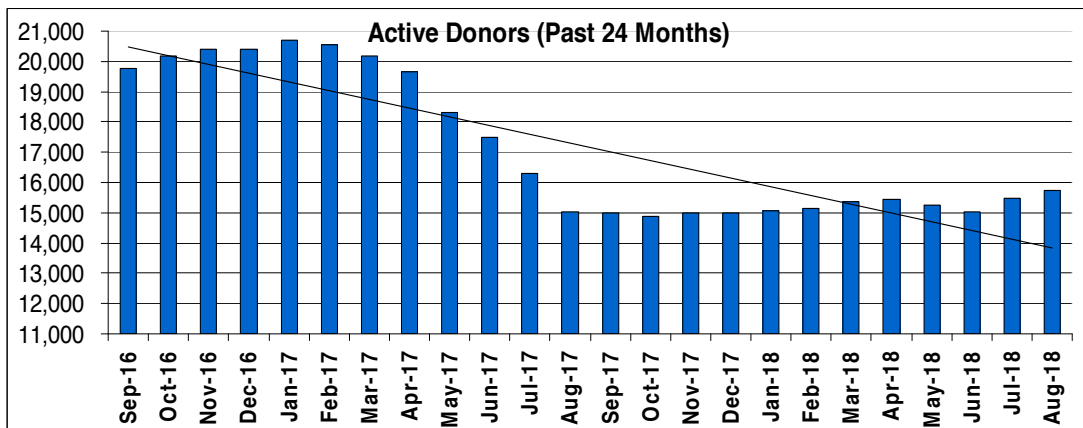
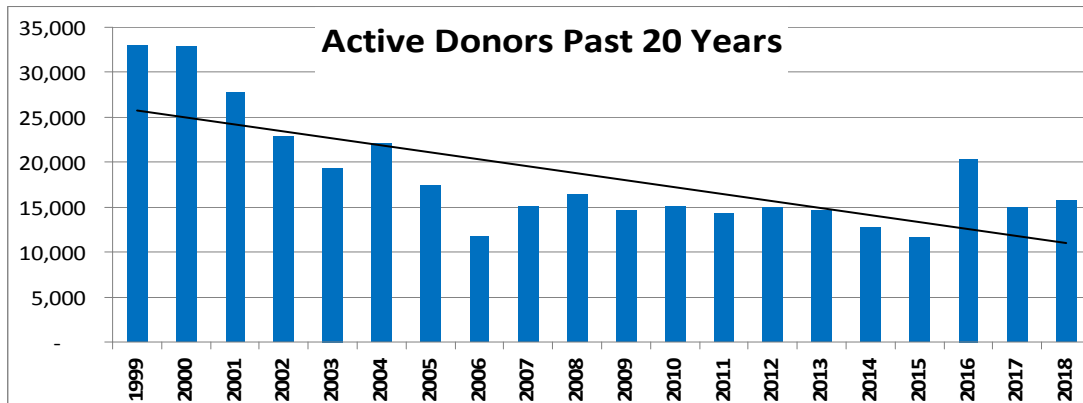
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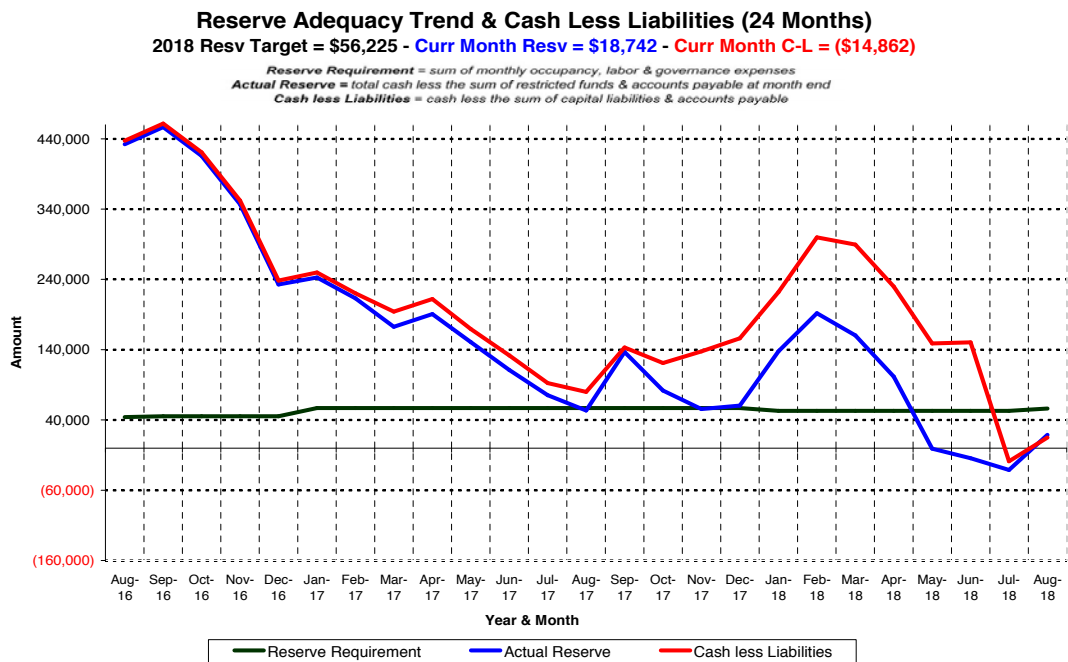
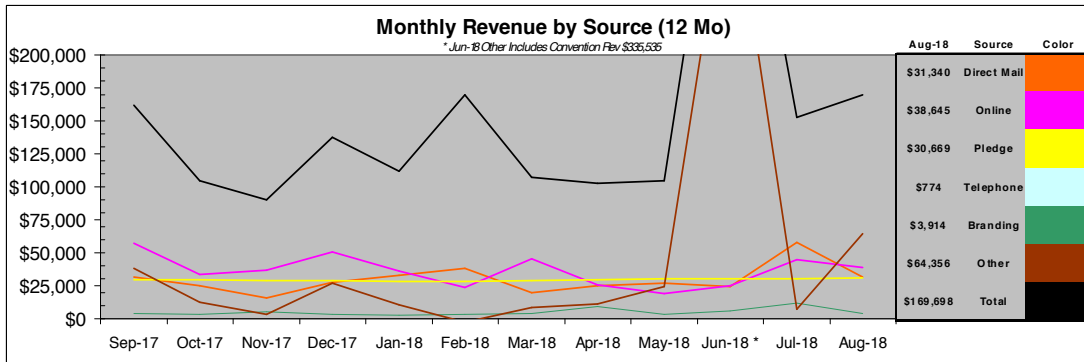
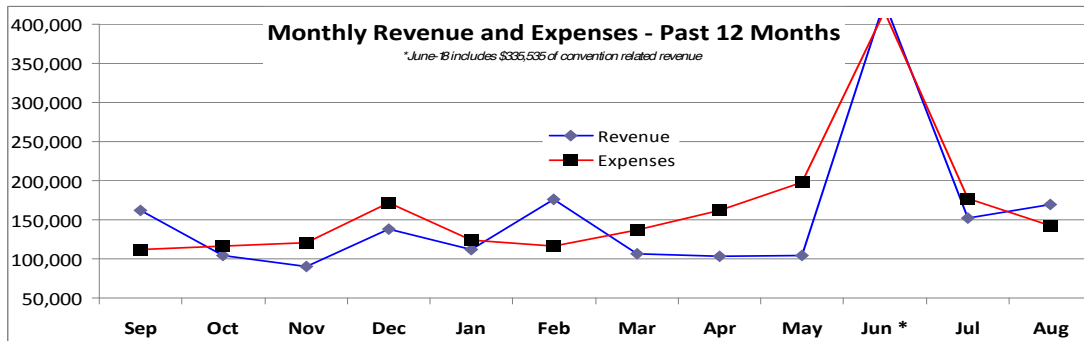
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End of Month Reports – Financial Summary

Statement of Operations Summary

Last Month & YTD

	Total Aug 18	2018 YTD	2018 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget YTD	Total Annual Budget 2018	2018 Budget Remaining
Support and Revenue	169,698	1,356,696	1,363,467	(6,770)	1,900,200	543,504
Cost of Support and Revenue	20,681	561,830	603,933	(42,103)	765,900	204,070
Net Support Available for Programs	149,017	794,867	759,533	35,333	1,134,300	339,433
Program Expense	121,505	906,146	1,041,976	(135,830)	1,562,964	656,818
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	27,513	(111,279)	(282,443)	171,164	(428,664)	(317,385)

P&L Acct Summary Last Month Plus YTD

January through August 2018

	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	TOTAL
Revenue									
4000 · General Fundraising	107,814	169,453	96,520	85,782	100,808	84,059	136,647	138,693	919,776
4100 · Project Revenue	360	20	35	0	0	2,000	0	0	2,415
4200 · Events and Conventions	0	0	0	7,655	0	340,535	0	0	348,190
4300 · Program Revenue	3,443	3,835	10,313	9,364	3,833	5,876	15,869	31,006	83,539
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Comm - P	0	2,333	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,333
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	0	(15)	(25)	0	0	0	0	0	(40)
4700 · Other Receipts	0	0	208	0	0	276	0	0	484
Total Income	111,617	175,626	107,051	102,801	104,641	432,746	152,516	169,699	1,356,697
Gross Revenue	111,617	175,626	107,051	102,801	104,641	432,746	152,516	169,699	1,356,697
Expense									
7000 · General Fundraising Expe	33,117	32,486	45,433	51,426	50,269	33,816	30,555	25,473	302,575
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	49	137	445	669	0	0	0	0	1,300
7200 · Events and Conventions I	296	503	1,622	1,732	1,228	286,332	4,315	1,368	297,396
7300 · Program-Related Expense	49,575	36,626	40,248	55,960	98,982	60,058	89,311	67,705	498,465
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	17,888	16,895	18,309	18,607	19,138	15,628	19,380	22,393	148,238
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expen	13,459	16,227	23,210	25,569	19,494	13,716	10,421	17,200	139,296
8200 · Professional Services	1,432	11,000	6,000	6,225	6,170	6,000	21,500	6,000	64,327
8300 · Depreciation Expense	1,984	1,984	1,984	1,984	1,984	2,364	2,047	2,047	16,378
Total Expense	117,800	115,858	137,251	162,172	197,265	417,914	177,529	142,186	1,467,975
Net Revenue (or Loss)	(6,183)	59,768	(30,200)	(59,371)	(92,624)	14,832	(25,013)	27,513	(111,278)

Balance Sheet Summary - Current vs Prior Month

	Jul 31, 18	Jun 30, 18	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Total Checking/Savings	106,627.57	127,236.52	(20,608.95)	-16.20%
Total Other Current Assets	82,099.41	88,997.96	(6,898.55)	-7.75%
Total Current Assets	188,726.98	216,234.48	(27,507.50)	-12.72%
Total Fixed Assets	824,770.82	826,817.97	(2,047.15)	-0.25%
Total Non Current - Other	72,959.99	72,959.99	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,086,457.79	1,116,012.44	(29,554.65)	-2.65%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Total Current Liabilities	136,697.29	186,294.23	(49,596.94)	-26.62%
Total Long Term Liabilities	225,836.73	233,307.27	(7,470.54)	-3.20%
Total Liabilities	362,534.02	419,601.50	(57,067.48)	-13.60%
Total Equity	723,923.77	696,410.94	27,512.83	3.95%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,086,457.79	1,116,012.44	(29,554.65)	-2.65%

APPENDIX E TREASURER'S REPORT

Standard Statement of Operations - Jan-Dec 2018 Budget vs. Actual

	Un- restricted Aug18	Temp. Restricted	Total Aug 18	Total Jan- Dec 18	Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget YTD	Annual Budget 2018 *	2018 Budget Remaining
Support and Revenue								
20-Membership Dues	55,405		55,405	425,032	367,067	57,965	550,600	125,568
21-Donations	15,354		15,354	244,190	151,200	92,990	226,800	(17,390)
22-Recurring Gifts	30,669		30,669	236,515	308,933	(72,418)	463,400	226,885
23-Board/ED Solicitation Major Gifts	35,950		35,950	38,912	40,000	(1,088)	60,000	21,088
24-Convention Revenue	0		0	280,892	290,000	(9,108)	290,000	9,108
25-Project Program Revenue	27,092	0	27,092	44,142	15,867	28,275	23,800	(20,342)
26-Brand Dev / Political Materials	3,914		3,914	41,812	83,333	(41,521)	125,000	83,188
27-Ballot Access & Related Donations	1,315		1,315	44,718	102,133	(57,416)	153,200	108,482
28-Membership Communication	0		0	0	4,933	(4,933)	7,400	7,400
29-Other Revenue	0		0	484	0	484	0	(484)
Total Support and Revenue	169,698	0	169,698	1,356,696	1,363,467	(6,770)	1,900,200	543,504
Cost of Support and Revenue								
32-Fundraising Costs	8,406		8,406	99,568	125,600	(26,032)	188,400	88,832
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	12,275		12,275	175,966	190,600	(14,634)	285,900	109,934
35-Convention	0		0	277,446	280,000	(2,554)	280,000	2,554
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	0		0	8,789	7,733	1,056	11,600	2,811
37-Building Fundraising Exp	0		0	60	0	60	0	(60)
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	20,681	0	20,681	561,830	603,933	(42,103)	765,900	204,070
Net Support Available for Programs	149,017	0	149,017	794,867	759,533	35,333	1,134,300	339,433
Program Expense								
40-Administrative Costs	25,247		25,247	219,568	238,643	(19,075)	357,964	138,396
45-Compensation	54,523		54,523	336,276	357,067	(20,790)	535,600	199,324
50-Affiliate Support	19,130		19,130	49,921	73,333	(23,412)	110,000	60,079
55-Brand Dev / Political Materials	6,150		6,150	41,854	83,333	(41,479)	125,000	83,146
58-Campus Outreach	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	4,097		4,097	48,311	62,133	(13,822)	93,200	44,889
70-Ballot Access VR & Related Exp	(500)		(500)	148,173	143,733	4,439	215,600	67,428
75-Litigation	0		0	889	4,000	(3,111)	6,000	5,111
80-Media	3,817		3,817	17,340	34,000	(16,660)	51,000	33,660
85-Member Communication	7,768		7,768	30,575	36,400	(5,825)	54,600	24,025
88-Outreach	1,020		1,020	8,361	6,000	2,361	9,000	639
90-Project Program Other	252	0	252	4,877	3,333	1,544	5,000	123
Total Program Expense	121,505	0	121,505	906,146	1,041,976	(135,830)	1,562,964	656,818
Total Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	27,513	0	27,513	(111,279)	(282,443)	171,164	(428,664)	(317,385)
Unrestricted Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)			27,513	(122,586)			(354,264)	

* Budget adjusted for amendments made at April & June board meetings plus Aug email votes.

APPENDIX E TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations - 2018 v. 2016 Comparision

	Total Aug 18	Aug-16	Diff 18 v 16	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 16	Diff 18 v 16
Support and Revenue						
20-Membership Dues	55,405	79,849	-24,444	425,032	610,703	-185,671
21-Donations	15,354	186,270	-170,915	244,190	567,991	-323,801
22-Recurring Gifts	30,669	32,491	-1,823	236,515	224,755	11,760
23-BoardSolicitation MajorGifts	35,950	0	35,950	38,912	0	38,912
24-Convention Revenue	0	0	0	280,892	291,294	-10,402
25-Project Program Revenue	27,092	10,000	17,092	44,142	15,385	28,757
26-Brand Dev / Pol Materials Rev	3,914	100,115	-96,201	41,812	203,506	-161,694
27-BallotAccess Donations	1,315	4,236	-2,921	44,718	148,994	-104,276
28-Publications Materials Other	0	0	0	0	10,040	-10,040
29-Other Revenue	0	0	0	484	230	254
Total Support and Revenue	169,698	412,960	-243,262	1,356,696	2,072,899	-716,202
Cost of Support and Revenue						
32-Fundraising Costs	8,406	30,536	-22,130	99,568	131,380	-31,812
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	12,275	8,389	3,886	175,966	81,058	94,908
35-Convention	0	0	0	277,446	218,607	58,839
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	0	0	0	8,789	5,830	2,960
37-Building Fundraising Exp	0	0	0	60	0	60
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	20,681	38,925	-18,244	561,830	436,875	124,955
Net Support Available for Programs	149,017	374,035	-225,018	794,867	1,636,024	-841,157
Program Expense						
40-Administrative Costs	25,247	30,105	-4,858	219,568	211,632	7,936
45-Compensation	54,523	51,145	3,378	336,276	318,170	18,106
50-Affiliate Support	19,130	4,990	14,140	49,921	28,662	21,259
55-Brand Dev / Pol Materials	6,150	142,876	-136,726	41,854	259,596	-217,742
58-Campus Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	4,097	0	4,097	48,311	14,426	33,886
70-BallotAccess Petitioning Related Exp	-500	94,417	-94,917	148,173	384,399	-236,226
75-Litigation	0	0	0	889	441	447
80-Media	3,817	37	3,780	17,340	1,088	16,252
85-Member Communication	7,768	3,017	4,752	30,575	37,020	-6,445
88-Outreach	1,020	0	1,020	8,361	5,194	3,167
90-Project Program Other	252	0	252	4,877	0	4,877
Total Program Expense	121,505	326,587	-205,083	906,146	1,260,628	-354,483
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	27,513	47,448	-19,935	-111,279	375,396	-486,675

APPENDIX E **TREASURER'S REPORT**

P&L Acct Detail w-Funct Alloc of Exps Last Month Plus YTD **January through August 2018**

	<u>Aug 18</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Revenue		
4000 · General Fundraising		
4010 · Direct Mail Fundraising		
4010-10 · DM - House Fundraising General	13,335.01	64,863.90
4010-11 · DM - House Fundraising Renewal	874.00	9,624.00
4010-12 · DM - House Fundraising NewDonor	0.00	335.00
4010-20 · DM - Donor Renewal	16,731.00	159,983.42
4010-30 · DM - New Donor Prospecting	400.00	21,508.00
Total 4010 · Direct Mail Fundraising	<u>31,340.01</u>	<u>256,314.32</u>
4020 · Direct Solicitation Major Donor		
4020-10 · Board Solicitation	2,050.00	4,512.00
4020-20 · Chair Solicitation	33,900.00	34,400.00
Total 4020 · Direct Solicitation Major Donor	<u>35,950.00</u>	<u>38,912.00</u>
4030 · Online Contributions - Web		
4030-10 · Online Cont - General	1,980.00	31,569.08
4030-20 · Online Cont - Donor Renewal	23,355.00	149,348.66
4030-30 · Online Cont - New Donor Prosp	13,310.00	76,832.76
Total 4030 · Online Contributions - Web	<u>38,645.00</u>	<u>257,750.50</u>
4040 · Tele Fundraising - Phone Bank		
4040-10 · Tele Fund - General	39.11	78,166.11
4040-20 · Tele Fund - Donor Renewal	735.00	7,400.00
Total 4040 · Tele Fundraising - Phone Bank	<u>774.11</u>	<u>85,566.11</u>
4080 · Recurring Contrib - Pledge	30,668.52	236,515.03
4090 · Ballot Access / Voter Reg	1,315.00	44,717.76
Total 4000 · General Fundraising	<u>138,692.64</u>	<u>919,775.72</u>
4100 · Project Revenue		
4108 · Building Fund	0.00	2,405.00
4111 · Legal Offense Fund	0.00	10.00
Total 4100 · Project Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,415.00</u>
4200 · Events and Conventions		
4200-10 · Convention Revenue	0.00	280,892.00
4200-20 · Conv Fundraising - Unrestricted	0.00	59,643.00
4200-30 · Other Events	0.00	7,655.00
Total 4200 · Events and Conventions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>348,190.00</u>
4300 · Program Revenue		
4310 · Affiliate Development	25,559.00	35,211.00
4360 · Campaign Support & Initiatives		
4360-40 · Campaign/Candidate Support	1,227.76	4,372.76
Total 4360 · Campaign Support & Initiatives	<u>1,227.76</u>	<u>4,372.76</u>
4375 · Brand / Political Materials	3,914.05	41,812.14
4395 · LPedia Historical Preservation	305.00	2,142.76
Total 4300 · Program Revenue	<u>31,005.81</u>	<u>83,538.66</u>
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Com m - PACS	0.00	2,333.01
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	0.00	(40.00)
4700 · Other Receipts		
4710 · Interest & Dividends	0.00	484.09
Total 4700 · Other Receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>484.09</u>
Gross Revenue	<u>169,698.45</u>	<u>1,356,696.48</u>

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Expense	Aug 18	TOTAL
7000 · General Fundraising Expense		
7010 · Direct Mail Fundraising Exp		
7010-10 · DM - House General Expense	2,561.85	47,299.05
7010-20 · DM - Donor Renewal Expense	6,699.01	107,681.91
7010-30 · DM - New Donor Prospecting Exp	3,961.17	35,664.21
Total 7010 · Direct Mail Fundraising Exp	13,222.03	190,645.17
7030 · Online Contributions Exp - Web		
7030-10 · Online Cont Exp - General	110.00	110.00
7030-20 · Online Cont Exp - Donor Renewal	19.99	1,381.94
7030-30 · Online Cont Exp - New Donor	0.00	14,144.19
Total 7030 · Online Contributions Exp - Web	129.99	15,636.13
7040 · Tele Fundraising Expense		
7040-20 · Tele Fund Exp - Donor Renewal	1,485.00	16,984.00
Total 7040 · Tele Fundraising Expense	1,485.00	16,984.00
7080 · Recurring Contrib - Pledge	3,261.17	15,841.92
7085 · Building Fund Fundraising Exp	0.00	59.98
7090 · Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	0.00	8,789.48
7095 · Credit Card Prc Fees	1,905.14	28,454.90
7099 · Gen Fundraising Staff Salary	5,470.06	26,163.89
Total 7000 · General Fundraising Expense	25,473.39	302,575.47
7100 · Project-Related Expenses		
7106 · Campus Outreach Project		
7106-20 · Campus Outreach Staff Salary	0.00	631.43
Total 7106 · Campus Outreach Project	0.00	631.43
7111 · Legal Offense Fund	0.00	669.11
Total 7100 · Project-Related Expenses	0.00	1,300.54
7200 · Events and Conventions Exp		
7200-10 · Convention Expenses - General	0.00	135,194.50
7200-15 · Convention Expense - Travel/F&B	0.00	142,251.67
7200-20 · Convention Fundraising Expense	0.00	4,761.92
7200-30 · Other Events	677.67	3,210.24
7200-40 · Events & Conv Staff Salary	689.92	11,978.28
Total 7200 · Events and Conventions Exp	1,367.59	297,396.61
7300 · Program-Related Expenses		
7310 · Affiliate Support		
7310-10 · Affiliate Development & Support	19,130.00	49,921.13
7310-20 · Affiliate Support Staff Salary	640.64	3,704.21
Total 7310 · Affiliate Support	19,770.64	53,625.34
7320 · Outreach - PR & Marketing		
7320-10 · Outreach PR & Marketing General	1,020.14	8,360.74
7320-20 · Outreach PR Mrktng Staff Salary	2,759.67	10,065.49
Total 7320 · Outreach - PR & Marketing	3,779.81	18,426.23
7330 · Media Relations		
7330-10 · Media Relations General	3,817.17	17,340.17
7330-20 · Media Relations Staff Salary	147.84	830.11
Total 7330 · Media Relations	3,965.01	18,170.28
7340 · Membership Communications		
7340-10 · LP News	7,768.24	30,575.48
7340-20 · Mem Comm & Support Staff Salary	14,291.15	79,833.88
Total 7340 · Membership Communications	22,059.39	110,409.36

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7360 · Campaign Support & Initiatives	Aug 18	TOTAL
7360-40 · Campaign/Candidate Support	4,096.65	48,311.29
7360-60 · Camp/Cand Support -Staff Salary	6,258.54	39,037.75
Total 7360 · Campaign Support & Initiatives	10,355.19	87,349.04
7375 · Brand Development		
7375-10 · Brand / Political Materials	6,150.14	41,854.23
7375-20 · Brand Development Staff Salary	1,330.56	7,267.62
Total 7375 · Brand Development	7,480.70	49,121.85
7380 · Ballot Access - Other Related		
7380-10 · Ballot Access Petitioning Exp.	(500.00)	148,122.50
7380-30 · Ballot Access Legal	0.00	555.20
7380-40 · Ballot Access Lobbying	0.00	50.00
7380-60 · B/A & Petitioning Staff Salary	542.08	8,427.89
Total 7380 · Ballot Access - Other Related	42.08	157,155.59
7395 · LPedia Historical Preservation	251.76	4,208.19
Total 7300 · Program-Related Expenses	67,704.58	498,465.88
8000 · Salary & Related Expense		
8005 · Salary Bonus Sick & Vac (Admn)	10,118.07	60,728.86
8010 · Hourly Wages (Admin Portion)	2,103.34	13,425.24
8015 · Contract & Paid Internships	3,057.34	24,709.36
8020 · Employer Cont to P/R Tax	2,914.99	17,843.61
8030 · Employer Cont to 401K & Adm	1,330.64	8,242.94
8040 · Fed & State Unemployment	227.59	818.13
8060 · Health Insurance	2,453.50	20,016.21
8065 · Workers Comp Insurance	0.00	963.00
8080 · Payroll Service Fees	187.50	1,489.51
Total 8000 · Salary & Related Expense	22,392.97	148,236.86
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense		
8110 · Ofc Supplies & Non Cap Equipt	1,874.85	5,363.95
8120 · Telephone & Data Services	1,652.35	9,358.01
8125 · Equipment Leases & Maint.	784.18	5,563.77
8130 · Postage & Shipping	(9.58)	6,164.62
8140 · Travel, Meeting, & Meals Exp	1,514.43	13,997.93
8160 · Insurance - D/O Cyber - Other	0.00	7,758.00
8170 · Occupancy Expenses		
8170-10 · Mortgage Interest Expense	929.67	7,512.54
8170-20 · Utilities Expense	498.09	4,013.42
8170-30 · Property Taxes, Fees & Permits	787.67	6,301.43
8170-40 · Maintenance, Cleaning & Repairs	2,063.99	7,415.92
8170-50 · Property / GL Insurance	(51.00)	1,065.00
8170-60 · As sc Fees, Rent & Storage	842.39	4,555.12
Total 8170 · Occupancy Expenses	5,070.81	30,863.43
8180 · Printing & Copying	497.88	1,755.62
8190 · Software, Hardware & Other IT	5,479.90	53,838.52
8195 · Other Expenses & Bank Fees	335.12	4,631.95
Total 8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	17,199.94	139,295.80
8200 · Professional Services		
8210 · Legal		
8210-10 · Legal - General	4,500.00	36,395.00
8210-20 · Legal - Proactive	0.00	333.33
8210-30 · Litigation-Lobbying Staff Salary	0.00	98.78
Total 8210 · Legal	4,500.00	36,827.11
8220 · Accounting	0.00	15,500.00
8230 · FEC Filing & Consulting	1,500.00	12,000.00
Total 8200 · Professional Services	6,000.00	64,327.11
8300 · Depreciation Expense	2,047.15	16,377.18
Total Expense	142,185.62	1,467,975.45
Net Revenue (or Loss)	27,512.83	(111,278.97)

APPENDIX E TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet Current vs Prior Month As of August 31, 2018

	Aug 31, 18	Jul 31, 18	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
11 · Cash				
111 U · PNC Check Acct 1 (Unrestricted)	41,239.58	113,756.77	(72,517.19)	(63.75%)
112 U · BBT Check Acct 1 (Unrestricted)	61,468.44	4,060.20	57,408.24	1,413.93%
113 R · PNC Check Acct 2 (Restricted)	1,805.41	1,805.41	0.00	0.0%
114 R · BBT Chck Acct 2 (Restricted BF)	2,114.14	7,614.14	(5,500.00)	(72.23%)
Total 11 · Cash	106,627.57	127,236.52	(20,608.95)	(16.2%)
Total Checking/Savings	106,627.57	127,236.52	(20,608.95)	(16.2%)
Other Current Assets				
13 · Other Current Collectables				
130 · Bequests Expected - Current	68,800.00	68,800.00	0.00	0.0%
134 · Accrued Convention Revenue	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	(100.0%)
Total 13 · Other Current Collectables	68,800.00	73,800.00	(5,000.00)	(6.78%)
16 · Prepaid Expenses				
161 · Bulk Mail Account				
161-10 · Prepaid Bulk Mail VA	1,141.67	1,110.22	31.45	2.83%
161-20 · Prepaid Bulk Mail DC	505.56	505.56	0.00	0.0%
Total 161 · Bulk Mail Account	1,647.23	1,615.78	31.45	1.95%
165 · Prepaid Licenses	7,721.99	9,651.99	(1,930.00)	(20.0%)
166 · Prepaid Insurance	3,930.19	3,930.19	0.00	0.0%
Total 16 · Prepaid Expenses	13,299.41	15,197.96	(1,898.55)	(12.49%)
Total Other Current Assets	82,099.41	88,997.96	(6,898.55)	(7.75%)
Total Current Assets	188,726.98	216,234.48	(27,507.50)	(12.72%)
Fixed Assets				
17 · Fixed Assets				
172 · Furniture & Fixtures	25,878.73	25,878.73	0.00	0.0%
173 · Office Equipment	4,365.98	4,365.98	0.00	0.0%
174 · Computer Hardware	24,301.26	24,301.26	0.00	0.0%
175 · Computer Software	84,645.15	84,645.15	0.00	0.0%
176 · Capital Lease Assets	32,961.61	32,961.61	0.00	0.0%
177 · Office Building				
177-10 · Physical Structure	477,119.00	477,119.00	0.00	0.0%
177-20 · Land	347,881.00	347,881.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 177 · Office Building	825,000.00	825,000.00	0.00	0.0%
178 · Ofc Imprmnt Acq & Capt Expense	53,101.11	53,101.11	0.00	0.0%
179 · Accumulated Depreciation	(225,483.02)	(223,435.87)	(2,047.15)	(0.92%)
Total 17 · Fixed Assets	824,770.82	826,817.97	(2,047.15)	(0.25%)
Total Fixed Assets	824,770.82	826,817.97	(2,047.15)	(0.25%)
Other Assets				
18 · Non Current Collectables				
180 · Bequests Expected - Non Current	72,959.99	72,959.99	0.00	0.0%
Total 18 · Non Current Collectables	72,959.99	72,959.99	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Assets	72,959.99	72,959.99	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,086,457.79	1,116,012.44	(29,554.65)	(2.65%)

APPENDIX E TREASURER'S REPORT

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	Aug 31, 18	Jul 31, 18	\$ Change	% Change
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
21 · Accounts Payable	91,765.42	145,999.42	(54,234.00)	(37.15%)
Total Accounts Payable	91,765.42	145,999.42	(54,234.00)	(37.15%)
Other Current Liabilities				
24 · Accrued Expenses				
241 · Accrued Payroll	20,680.56	14,819.78	5,860.78	39.55%
242 · Accrued Vacation	22,676.00	23,118.00	(442.00)	(1.91%)
244 · Other Accrued Expenses	0.00	1,569.36	(1,569.36)	(100.0%)
245 · Accrued Real Estate Tax	1,575.34	787.67	787.67	100.0%
Total 24 · Accrued Expenses	44,931.90	40,294.81	4,637.09	11.51%
25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes				
251 · Payroll Tax Liabilities	(0.03)	0.00	(0.03)	(100.0%)
Total 25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	(0.03)	0.00	(0.03)	(100.0%)
Total Other Current Liabilities	44,931.87	40,294.81	4,637.06	11.51%
Total Current Liabilities	136,697.29	186,294.23	(49,596.94)	(26.62%)
Long Term Liabilities				
28 · Long Term Liabilities				
281 · Capital Lease - Postage Machine	1,755.69	1,755.69	0.00	0.0%
282 · Capital Lease - Copier	8,942.32	8,942.32	0.00	0.0%
Total 28 · Long Term Liabilities	10,698.01	10,698.01	0.00	0.0%
29 · Loans & Mortgages (Principal)	215,138.72	222,609.26	(7,470.54)	(3.36%)
Total Long Term Liabilities	225,836.73	233,307.27	(7,470.54)	(3.2%)
Total Liabilities	362,534.02	419,601.50	(57,067.48)	(13.6%)
Equity				
31 · General Operating	825,783.19	825,783.19	0.00	0.0%
32 · Temp. Restricted Balances				
3204 · Fund - Campus	1,805.41	1,805.41	0.00	0.0%
3210 · Fund - Building	7,614.14	7,614.14	0.00	0.0%
Total 32 · Temp. Restricted Balances	9,419.55	9,419.55	0.00	0.0%
Net Revenue (or Loss)	(111,278.97)	(138,791.80)	27,512.83	19.82%
Total Equity	723,923.77	696,410.94	27,512.83	3.95%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,086,457.79	1,116,012.44	(29,554.65)	(2.65%)

**APPENDIX E
TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Statement of Cash Flows
August 2018**

	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Revenue (or Loss)	27,512.83	(111,278.97)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:		
134 · Accrued Convention Revenue	5,000.00	0.00
161-10 · Prepaid Bulk Mail VA	(31.45)	(67.06)
165 · Prepaid Licenses	1,930.00	15,440.00
167-10 · Prepaid Convention General	0.00	5,331.02
167-15 · Prepaid Convention Travel/C	0.00	1,500.00
169 · Other Prepaid Expense	0.00	1,500.00
21 · Accounts Payable	(54,234.00)	91,627.40
241 · Accrued Payroll	5,860.78	11,607.97
242 · Accrued Vacation	(442.00)	1,502.00
244 · Other Accrued Expenses	(1,569.36)	(27,443.29)
245 · Accrued Real Estate Tax	787.67	1,575.34
251 · Payroll Tax Liabilities	(0.03)	(0.03)
272 · Deferred Convention Revenue	0.00	(101,728.00)
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	(15,185.56)	(110,433.62)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
174 · Computer Hardware	0.00	(1,499.99)
178 · Ofc Imprmnt Acq & Capt Expense	0.00	(1,650.00)
179 · Accumulated Depreciation	2,047.15	16,377.18
180 · Bequests Expected - Non Current	0.00	68,732.58
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	2,047.15	81,959.77
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
29 · Loans & Mortgages (Principal)	(7,470.54)	(21,179.14)
31 · General Operating	0.00	(1,745.89)
3210 · Fund - Building	0.00	2,405.00
3213 · Fund - Legal Offense Fund	0.00	(659.11)
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	(7,470.54)	(21,179.14)
Net cash increase for period	(20,608.95)	(49,652.99)
Cash at beginning of period	127,236.52	156,280.56
Cash at end of period	106,627.57	106,627.57

APPENDIX E TREASURER'S REPORT

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AS OF: 08/31/18

Related Party Donations	Mem Expires / BSM Expires	MTD Contributions	YTD Contributions	Lifetime Giving (Since 1990)	Liberty Pledge Club
Starchild ***	04/08/19 - 07/05/19	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,365.00	
Erin Adams	Life Member	\$ 10.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 1,242.70	Yes
Phillip Anderson	09/19/19 - 09/19/19	\$ -	\$ 169.00	\$ 269.00	Yes
Paul Bilyeu	Life Member	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 3,990.00	Yes
Whitney Bilyeu	Life Member	\$ 50.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 2,983.00	Yes
Ethan Bishop	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	
Joseph Bishop-Henchman	Life Member	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 5,163.50	Yes
Caleb Bowden	07/30/19 - 07/31/19	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Craig R. Bowden	12/31/18 - 05/01/19	\$ -	\$ 472.00	\$ 866.00	Yes
Christopher Campbell	04/04/19 - 04/04/19	\$ -	\$ 164.00	\$ 189.00	
David Pratt Demarest ***	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 13,435.47	
Sam Goldstein	Life Member	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,894.45	Yes
Kevin Hagan *	02/22/17 - 02/22/17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308.00	
Timothy Hagan	Life Member	\$ 15.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 9,436.82	Yes
Caryn Ann Harlos	Life Member	\$ 25.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 4,153.09	
Wayne Harlos	09/29/18 - 12/05/18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,199.00	
Daniel Hayes ***	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 13,500.00	
Jeffery Hewitt	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 709.00	\$ 2,808.00	
Susan Hogarth	12/31/18 - 09/01/19	\$ 15.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 2,205.88	Yes
Joshua Katz ***	06/20/18 - 12/27/18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,442.00	
James Lark	Life Member	\$ 15.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 77,932.30	Yes
Victoria Lee	01/05/19 - 05/23/19	\$ -	\$ 293.00	\$ 455.50	
Richard Longstreth	12/31/18 - 09/03/2019	\$ 15.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 614.00	Yes
Jeffrey Lyons	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 1,654.00	\$ 1,704.00	
Edward Marsh ***	Life Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,045.00	
Alicia Mattson	Life Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,310.00	
Alex Merced	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 2,460.70	
Dustin Nanna	07/06/19 - 07/06/19	\$ -	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,738.00	
Steven Nekhaila	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,529.00	Yes
Steven Nielson **	03/31/18 - 03/31/18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Justin O'Donnell	12/31/18 - 08/03/19	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 229.00	Yes
Kenneth B. Olsen	10/31/18 - 11/30/18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 523.00	
Sean O'Toole ***	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 15,696.00	
John Phillips	06/30/19 - 07/10/19	\$ -	\$ 613.00	\$ 668.20	
William Redpath	Life Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,429.00	Yes
Frank Sarwark *	10/31/17 - 10/31/17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,436.00	
Nicholas Sarwark	Life Member	\$ 20.00	\$ 753.00	\$ 5,892.00	Yes
Valerie Sarwark *	07/17/19 - 07/17/19	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 482.00	
Steve Scheetz ***	Life Member	\$ -	\$ 484.00	\$ 2,408.00	
Joshua Smith	06/01/19 - 09/01/19	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,073.00	\$ 1,248.00	Yes
Aaron Starr *	Life Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,963.00	
Elizabeth Van Horn	08/22/19 - 08/22/19	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 228.00	
Arvin Vohra ***	11/01/18 - 06/26/19	\$ -	\$ 209.00	\$ 1,552.00	
Total Contributions:		\$ 339.00	\$ 22,481.00	\$ 342,133.61	

* Non LNC Member disclosed related party ** Thru 03/31/18 only *** Thru 06/30/18 only

Related Party Disbursements	Memo	MTD Disbursements	YTD Disbursements
Ms. Caryn Ann Harlos	Reimbursed Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,248.02
Illinois Libertarian Party	Ballot Access	\$ -	\$ 56,000.00
New York Libertarian Party Petitioning Co.	Ballot Access	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
Connecticut Libertarian Party	Ballot Access	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Alicia Mattson	Reimbursed Expense	\$ 1,086.04	\$ 1,086.04
Mr. Nicholas Sarwark	Reimbursed Expense	\$ 1,020.14	\$ 1,213.10
Total Disbursements:		\$ 9,606.18	\$ 100,547.16

CHAIR'S DISCRETIONARY DISBURSEMENTS AS OF: 08/31/18

Chair	Memo	MTD	YTD
Mr. Nicholas Sarwark	None yet	\$ -	\$ -

Libertarian National Committee Meeting

September 29-30, 2018

Phoenix, Arizona

Secretary's Report

Position Duties

Bylaws Article 6 – OFFICERS

5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary.

Further specific responsibilities are assigned by the following:

- Bylaws Articles 5.2; 7.2.c; 7.14; 8.3; 10.4.b; 10.9 (if Convention Secretary); 13.
- Convention Rules 2.2; 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 5.1.e-f; 7.3; 8.1.b; 8.2.b; 10.
- Policy Manual Special Rules of Order 1.01.4; 1.02.5; 1.02.6; 7.g; 7.m; 7.o; 7.p; 1.04.1.
- Policy Manual Standing Rules 2.01.2; 2.06.5; 2.07.2; 2.07.3; 2.07.4; 3.05.2; 3.05.3.

Status of Minutes Since Last Report

June 30, 2018
LNC session

Auto-approved on August 10, 2018

July 3, 2018
LNC session

Draft minutes were distributed in accordance with the LNC Policy Manual Special Rules of Order 1.02.6 and were scheduled for auto-approval on August 8, 2018; however, there was an objection and thus these minutes are to be addressed this session

July 12, 2018
EC Teleconference

Auto-approved on August 15, 2018

Note: The 2018 Convention minutes are in draft and need to be addressed this session. These draft minutes were produced within sixty (60) days of the adjournment of the convention and were posted on the Party website for at least fourteen (14) days prior to being submitted to the LNC for approval as required by Bylaws Article 10.9 making them eligible for approval at this session.

Tim Hagan is the winner of the Easter Egg hunt.

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Motions:

Move to approve the draft minutes for the July 3, 2018, LNC session.

Move to approve the draft minutes for the 2018 Convention.

Documents Updated¹

Policy Manual

- Updated footnotes as per Email Ballot 2018-18
- Created revision date in footer
- Created version with hyperlinked Table of Contents

Platform

- Post-convention typo corrected in Preamble

Conflicts of Interest

The start of a new LNC term necessitated a rebuild of the baseline listing of potential conflicts of interest that is distributed at each meeting and will be appended to the meeting minutes. Please note that an entry of "(none)" indicates that person has specifically noted they have none to list, and a blank entry means that person has not submitted nor disclaimed any conflicts.

Documents Created

- Tip Sheets to assist on-boarding new LNC members (<https://tinyurl.com/lnc tipsheets>)
- Email ballot tracking sheet (<https://tinyurl.com/lnc voting>)
- Meeting motion tracking sheet (<https://tinyurl.com/main motions>)
- Bylaws submissions by affiliates (contains confidential information)
- Zoom instructions (<https://tinyurl.com/lnc zoom instructions>)
- Extensive bundles of committee applications (confidential)
- Training video on LNC transparency (<https://tinyurl.com/lnc transparency>)

LNC Membership Changes Since Convention

- On July 6, 2018, Region 8 Representative Jim Rosenbeck resigned.
- On July 30, 2018, Justin O'Donnell was appointed as the new Region 8 Representative.

NOTE: Bill Redpath was appointed as the Assistant Treasurer.

Committee Membership Changes Since Convention

¹ Former Secretary Alicia Mattson made updates to the Policy Manual that were passed by the LNC up through the 2018 Convention as well as Convention-related updates to the Party Platform, Bylaws, and Convention Rules.

APPENDIX F SECRETARY'S REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Changes</u>
7/3/18	APRC	The LNC appointed Erin Adams, Whitney Bilyeu, Caryn Ann Harlos, Steven Nekhaila, and Brent Olsen. Just prior to this session, Erin Adams resigned creating a vacancy.
7/3/18	Ballot Access Committee	The LNC appointed Dustin Nanna, John Phillips, and Bill Redpath. The LNC Chair will be appointing the two-three (2-3) non-LNC members.
7/3/18	Candidate Support Committee	The LNC appointed Sam Goldstein, Tim Hagan, Victoria Paige-Lee, Richard Longstreth, and Brent Olsen. The LNC Chair will be appointing the two (2) non-LNC members.
7/3/18	Executive Committee	The LNC appointed Sam Goldstein, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath
7/3/18	Historical Preservation Committee	Caryn Ann Harlos appointed as Chair by the LNC
7/9/18	Historical Preservation Committee	Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos appointed Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, and Andrew Kolstee to fill the remaining positions. Joe Dehn was designated as Committee Secretary.

TO BE APPOINTED THIS MEETING

- Audit Committee: Two (2) non-LNC members and one (1) non-officer LNC member to be selected by the non-officers of the LNC
- Blockchain Committee: 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates appointed by the LNC and 8 non-LNC members of the LP appointed by the 8 regional representatives
- Convention Oversight Committee: The LNC Chair will be appointing at least the minimum of two (2) non-LNC members by October 2018. The minimum of at least four (4) LNC members will be selected by the LNC.
- IT Committee: Two (2) LNC members or alternates appointed by the LNC Chair (at a later date, the LNC Chair will appoint up to 5 non-LNC members who are recommended by the IT Committee).
- Youth Engagement Committee: 5 members, including at least one (1) LNC member, at least two (2) under the age of 27, and at least one (1) college student

The Judicial Committee is a special case after the convention convened without election. This was dealt with by Email Ballot 2018-19 (below).

Other Activities

- Submitted articles for the past two LP News issues

- Begin contact with state affiliate chairs to offer assistance
- Weekly Facebook Live meetings to give member updates
- Plan on attending (and assisting if needed) at the At-Large vote audit

Email Ballots

The following 13 email ballots were completed since the July 3, 2018, LNC session (emails are tracked at <https://tinyurl.com/lncvoting>):

Email Ballot 2018-10

Motion: Move to change the date for the next LNC meeting from September 8-9, 2018 to September 29-30, 2018 with the location remaining in Phoenix Arizona.

Sponsor: Sarwark as Chair

Started: July 7, 2018

Ended: July 14, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: Phillips

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Harlos, Lyons, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 13-0-4, the motion PASSES.

Email Ballot 2018-11

Motion: Move that the Libertarian National Committee acknowledge the election of the following to the Judicial Committee for a four-year term: D. Frank Robinson, Chuck Moulton, Darryl Perry, Ruth Bennett, Geoff Neale, Jim Turney, and Tricia Sprankle.

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Merced, Van Horn

Started: July 7, 2018

Ended: July 14, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hewitt, Phillips, Redpath, Smith

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark, Longstreth

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Lyons, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 6-7-4, the motion FAILS.

Email Ballot 2018-12

Motion: Move that the LNC would have an audit of the At-Large ballots done by two independent auditors appointed by the Chair, i.e., someone not in the race.

Co-Sponsors: Harlos, Longstreth, Mattson, Phillips

Started: July 12, 2018

Ended: July 19, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Phillips, Redpath, Smith

Voting "nay": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark, Nekhaila

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 11-3-3, the motion PASSES.

** Since the published vote period of 11:53 p.m. Pacific on 07/11/18 to 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific on 07/19/18 resulted in a voting period which exceeded 8 days, Ms. Mattson had expressed a belief that the end date should be changed from 7/19/18 to 7/18/18. During this final day of voting which is disputed, Mr. Redpath changed his vote from "no" to "yes." These reported results reflect the changed vote during the disputed time period, but the outcome of the vote is not impacted by the question of how to report this one vote.*

Email Ballot 2018-13

Motion: Move that the LNC would have an audit of the Judicial Committee ballots done by two independent auditors appointed by the Chair, i.e., someone not in the race.

Co-Sponsors: Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Phillips

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Lyons, Smith

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hewitt, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Redpath, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark

No Abstention via No Vote Cast: Phillips/Anderson and Sarwark did not vote

With a final vote tally of 5-9-3, the motion FAILS.

Email Ballot 2018-14

Motion: Move to create an ad hoc Blockchain Committee.

The Blockchain Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party affiliates and candidates for public office a document and training detailing Blockchain donation compliance info, outreach strategies, and issues in line with the LP platform for advocacy in the Blockchain space for use by candidates and affiliates.

The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC meeting of the term.

The Committee will develop, with support of LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff/volunteers, both online and to be presented in LP training workshops.

The committee will be composed of 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates and 8 non-LNC members of the LP. The 3 LNC members are appointed by the LNC with an Interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair, the 8 Non-LNC Members are appointed by the 8 regional reps each choosing one member from their region to serve.

The Committee will submit a final document at the LNC meeting immediately preceding the LP National Convention in 2020.

Co-Sponsors: Harlos, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Redpath, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 15-0-2, the motion PASSES.

Email Ballot 2018-15

Motion: Create an ad hoc Retention & Outreach Committee to research and prepare a document and training detailing causes and trends of member losses and gains then making recommendations to the LNC on actions it can take to improve membership retention and growth. The document should also include suggestions that candidates and affiliates can take to identify and retain "at-risk" donors and volunteers and an appendix of members who are subject experts that are open to being resources for targeted outreach.

The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC meeting of the term.

appointed by the LNC Chair, the 8 Non-LNC Members are appointed by the 8 regional reps each choosing one member from their region to serve.

The Committee will submit a final document at the LNC meeting immediately preceding the LP National Convention in 2020.

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Lyons, Merced, Van Horn

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Redpath, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 4-11-2, the motion FAILS.

** The original mover agreed that this motion should fail so that it can be discussed and refined in our September meeting.*

Email Ballot 2018-16

Motion: Move to set the dates of the Winter 2018 LNC meeting as December 1-2, 2018 with a preference for the meeting to be held at a facility close to the LP office at Alexandria, VA.

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Merced, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: July 16, 2018

Ended: July 23, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 16-0-1, the motion PASSES.

Email Ballot 2018-17

Motion: Move to amend Section 1.04 of the Policy Manual to add the following sentence: Electronic ballots shall end at 6:00 PM Pacific time / 9:00 PM Eastern time on the date they conclude.

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced

Email Ballot 2018-17

Motion: Move to amend Section 1.04 of the Policy Manual to add the following sentence:
Electronic ballots shall end at 6:00 PM Pacific time / 9:00 PM Eastern time on the date they conclude.

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced

Started: July 16, 2018

Ended: July 23, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Lee, Smith, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Phillips/Anderson, Redpath and Sarwark did not vote.

With a final vote tally of 5-9-3, the motion FAILS.

Email Ballot 2018-18

Motion: Move to amend the Policy Manual footnotes as follows:

- 44 Authorized by Bylaw Article [DEL: 7.6 :DEL] 6.6.
- 45 Authorized by Bylaw Article [DEL: 7.6 :DEL] 6.6.
- 48 Qualifications for sustaining membership are defined by Bylaw Article[DEL: s :DEL] [DEL: 4.3 and 4.5 :DEL] 4.4.

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Mattson, Merced

Started: July 20, 2018

Ended: July 27, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Hagan, Redpath, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 14-0-3, the motion PASSES.

Ballot Notes: Original ballot originally (incorrectly) listed the end date as 7/30/18 (ten days instead of the amended 7 days in our Bylaws) and thus Hagan's yes vote on the 29th was untimely. The correct end date should have been 7/27/18.

APPENDIX F SECRETARY'S REPORT

Email Ballot 2018-19

Motion: Move that the Libertarian National Committee agree to be bound by the decisions of the top seven vote-getters for the Judicial Committee at the 2018 Convention as if they were elected in the normal course of convention business and follow the procedures and rules set forth in our Bylaws. It is acknowledged that this agreement is not binding upon any member or affiliate.

Co-Sponsors: Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips

Started: July 25, 2018

Ended: August 1, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, Olsen, Phillips, Redpath

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Lyons, Mattson, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Sarwark, Smith

With a final vote tally of 10-5-2 the motion PASSES.

Ballot Notes: Goldstein voted no twice (but it of course was only counted once). Region 1 Alternate Bowden had also voted yes, but Region 1 Representative Longstreth's yes vote is the one that was counted. Region 5 Alternate Hogarth had also voted yes, but Region 5 Representative Lark's yes vote is the one that was counted. Region 8 Representative O'Donnell did not vote and explicitly stated that he yielded to Region 8 Alternate Lyons' no vote. Region 8 Alternate Lyons re-affirmed his no vote.

Email Ballot 2018-20

Motion: Decrease the budget for line 70-Ballot Access VR & Related Exp by \$34,400 from \$250,000 to \$216,600 (a \$34,400 decrease) and increase the budget for line 60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives from \$58,800 to \$92,200 (a \$34,400 increase) to cover the cost of existing candidate recruitment and campaigns advisor support staff, and to provide up to \$20,000 for candidate field support expenses through the end of the budget year.

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Longstreth, O'Donnell, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: August 3, 2018

Ended: August 10, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Smith

With a final vote tally of 13-0-4, the motion PASSES.

Ballot Notes: Olsen also voted yes as Region 4 alternate; however, the Regional Representative Hewitt voted so Olsen's vote was not counted. Regional Alternates Adams, Hogarth, Bowden, Lee, Lyons, Anderson, and Nanna did not vote. This did not deprive any region of a vote since the Regional Representatives did vote in each of those cases.

Email Ballot 2018-21

Motion: Move to change the budget line 24-Convention Revenue from \$160,000 to \$290,000, and to change the budget line 35-Convention Expenses from \$150,000 to \$280,000.

Co-Sponsors: Hagan, Harlos, Nekhaila, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: August 10, 2017

Ended: August 17, 2017

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Lee, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, O'Donnell, Phillips, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: Sarwark, Smith

With a final vote tally of 15-0-2, the motion PASSES.

Ballot Notes: Regional Representative Nekhaila did not vote, so the yes vote of Regional Alternate Lee was counted in the final tally. Regional Alternates Olsen and Bowden also voted yes.

Email Ballot 2018-22

Motion: Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party supports the free market and therefore the right of privatization of property as an extension of the individual;

WHEREAS, the Statement of Principles of The Libertarian Party explicitly supports the right to private property ownership, including the right to do business utilizing that property as capital;

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party strongly supports the rights of individuals to own private property including land, structures, natural resources, and other private space through homesteading, purchase, and other lawful libertarian means;

WHEREAS, ownership of private property, including but not limited to land and housing, does not require continual or personal use to exist as justly owned property unless otherwise abandoned;

WHEREAS, these have been part of the principles of the Libertarian Party since its inception;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that socialist and communist property ownership schemes, including the collectivization of property, unlawful usurpation of property, and incorrect characterizations of private property, unless otherwise voluntarily agreed by all parties, are incompatible with the philosophy of the Libertarian Party.

Co-Sponsors: Caryn Ann Harlos, Richard Longstreth, Steven Nekhaila, Justin O'Donnell, Joshua Smith

Started: August 15, 2018

Ended: August 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Adams, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Smith

Voting "nay": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

Abstention via No Vote Cast: None (see notes).

With a final vote tally of 7-10 the motion FAILS.

Ballot Notes: Regional Alternate Adams' aye vote is counted in the main tally as Regional Representative Bilyeu opted to waive her right to vote. Regional Alternate Hogarth's nay vote is not counted in the main tally as Regional Representative Lark recorded a vote. Regional Alternate Olsen had voted aye, but that vote was superseded by Regional Representative Hewitt's vote of nay. Regional Alternate Lyons had voted nay, but that vote was superseded by Regional Representative O'Donnell's vote of aye. Regional Alternate Bowden had voted nay for the record though Regional Representative Longstreth's aye vote is the one counted in the tally. Regional Alternates Anderson, Lee, and Nanna have not recorded votes.

Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary

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**APPENDIX G
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 7/3/18 LNC MINUTES**

Prelude

~~Some public comment was taken prior to the calling of the meeting to order. Concerns and issues raised during this period are briefly summarized following the Attendance Roster attached hereto as Appendix A. During the period of public comment Mr. Sarwark received an unofficial text that the results of the At Large elections were finalized so that the following would be added to the LNC as At Large Representatives:~~

- ◆Sam Goldstein
- ◆Joseph Bishop Henchmen
- ◆Joshua Smith
- ◆Bill Redpath
- ◆Alieia Matson

~~Mr. Goldstein relayed that Mr. Redpath expressed his regret that he would not be able to attend this meeting but was willing to serve on the Ballot Access Committee and the Executive Committee if asked.~~

~~The potential agenda for this meeting was also discussed prior to the Call to Order. Mr. Sarwark requested that the Secretary use the Agenda from the June 30, 2018 meeting as a loose template. Dr. Lark noted several items that either must be done at this meeting or might be desirable to be done including:~~

- ◆Appointment of the Executive Committee
- ◆Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- ◆Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- ◆Appointment of the Youth Outreach Committee (YOC)
- ◆Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- ◆Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training¹
- ◆Number the Regions
- ◆Set Date of Next Meeting
- ◆Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- ◆Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- ◆Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)

~~Mr. Sarwark inquired if the convention resolution required that the Youth Outreach Committee be appointed at this meeting and was informed that it did. Dr. Lark and Mr. Goldstein noted that there were very specific requirements for the members of this committee. Mr. Sarwark noted that the Convention Oversight Committee would continue to remain in existence with the same membership until ninety (90) days after the convention at which time they would submit their final report.~~

~~Press Secretary Richard Fields requested a time for comments prior to the appointment of the new APRC.~~

The Regional Representatives introduced themselves and their alternates and identified the states comprising their regions as follows:

Region 1

Representative: Richard Longstreth

Alternate: Craig Bowden

Member States: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Region 2

Representative: Steven Nekhaila

Alternate: Victoria Paige Lee

Member States: Florida, Georgia, Tennessee

Region 3

Representative: Elizabeth Van Horn

Alternate: Dustin Nanna

Member States: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

Region 4

Representative: Jeffrey Hewitt

Alternate: Brent Olsen

Member States: California, Nevada

Region 5

Representative: Jim Lark

Alternate: Susan Hogarth

Member States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 6

Representative: John Phillips

Alternate: Phillip Anderson

Member States: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Region 7

Representative: Whitney Bilyeu

Alternate: Erin Adams

Member States: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8

Representative: Jim Rosenbeck

Alternate: Jeff Lyons

Member States: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Idaho and Mississippi are the only states presently not in a region.

Call to Order

Mr. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. (all times Central Daylight Time). Additional time for public comment was granted in supplement to the period given prior to the Call to Order. Mr. Merced was handed the gavel in the midst of the public comment period.

Attendance

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Joseph Bishop-Henchman, Sam Goldstein, Alicia Mattson, Joshua Smith

Regional Representatives: Richard Longstreth (Region 1), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), John Phillips Jr. (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Jim Rosenbeck (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Victoria Paige Lee (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Brent Olsen (Region 4), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), Phillip Anderson (Region 6), Erin Adams (Region 7), Jeff Lyons (Region 8)

Not attending were: Bill Redpath (At-Large), Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alt)

It is noted that Alicia Mattson and Dustin Nanna arrived late due to their involvement with other convention-related duties.

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus, and Press Secretary Richard Fields. Contractors Lauren Daugherty (Head of Development) and Andy Burns (State Affiliate Development Specialist) were present.

| The gallery contained many other attendees as noted in the Attendance Roster ~~and Comments~~ attached hereto as Appendix A.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Merced asked Ms. Harlos to read the proposed agenda discussed during the informal portion of the meeting as follows:

- Appointment of the Executive Committee
- Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- Appointment of the Youth Outreach Committee (YOC)
- Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training
- Region Numbers and Regional Agreements
- Set Date of Next Meeting
- Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)
- Appointment of a re-created blockchain committee

Ms. Harlos also noted that there were several motions submitted to her in writing regarding blockchain and electronic voting committees and that she wished to add an item regarding potential style issues in Bylaws and Platform amendments adopted at this convention.

~~Mr. Goldstein inquired whether re-creating a blockchain committee could be handled via email.~~

Mr. Hagan requested two (2) minutes on the agenda for a Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Nekhaila requested five (5) minutes on the agenda for a motion to create an electronic voting committee.

Mr. Goldstein moved to postpone the consideration of a re-created blockchain committee until the motion can be presented in writing and to remove it from the agenda. Mr. Goldstein indicated the same intent for consideration of an electronic voting committee. These were removed from the agenda without objection to be considered by email ballot.

Mr. Nekhaila requested five (5) minutes to be added to the agenda for the creation of a legislative watchdog committee.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman requested that consideration of any committees that would include non-LNC members be postponed in order to give members an opportunity to apply. There was no objection to that request.

Mr. Sarwark took back the gavel from Mr. Merced.

Mr. Longstreth moved to strike the Youth Outreach Committee from the agenda until the specific requirements for members were made clear. Ms. Harlos noted a point of order that the creating resolution required appointment at this meeting. Mr. Sarwark ruled this motion in order as appointment of the committee members was impracticable due to the specific and unknown

requirements and the need to solicit applications from the membership prior to appointment. Mr. Longstreth's motion to strike was adopted without objection.

No agenda was officially adopted at the beginning of consideration of business items but the meeting proceeded using the items from the amended informal agenda. Mr. Sarwark took up the adoption of a formal agenda in mid-discussion of the Candidate Support Committee.

Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition Training

Mr. Sarwark requested that Mr. Kraus obtain email addresses and telephone numbers of LNC members for use by the national office and to make arrangements to distribute the Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training video for review.

Executive Sessions

~~Dr. Lark suggested that the legal issues regarding Executive Session be mentioned.~~

Regional Formations

Ms. Mattson confirmed that she has the regional agreements and will forward them to Ms. Harlos. There are eight (8) regions with Idaho and Mississippi electing to be region-less. In such cases the Vice-Chair would be their liaison to the LNC if they should need assistance.

Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) – Permanent Committee²

Ms. Harlos confirmed that the prior HPC members comprised herself, Joe Buchman, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, and James Gholston and that they were all active and participating. Ms. Harlos requested that the committee remain the same as they are in the middle of a major LPedia re-structuring project.

Mr. Goldstein *moved that Ms. Harlos be re-appointed as Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee.* This motion passed without objection. [Motion 180703-1]³

Dr. Lark asked that the LNC thank Ms. Harlos and her committee members for their fine work; the LNC provided a round of applause.

Candidate Support Committee (CSC) – Permanent Committee⁴

Mr. Goldstein reported the past membership of the CSC as himself, Jim Turney (FL non-LNC), Tim Hagan, Erin Adams, Jeff Hewitt, and Caryn Ann Harlos. One non-LNC member was missing since the resignation of Mark Miller (TX).

Ms. Harlos and Mr. Hewitt indicated that they do not seek re-appointment to the CSC to give others a chance to serve.

The following LNC members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the CSC:

- Erin Adams
- Joe Bishop-Henchman
- Sam Goldstein
- Tim Hagan
- Victoria Paige Lee
- Richard Longstreth
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith

Mr. Goldstein explained the purpose and mission of the CSC. This business was re-taken up later in the session.

Adoption of the Agenda (Continued)

Mr. Sarwark apologized that he realized that an agenda was not formally adopted and took up continued consideration of the adoption of an agenda at this time.

Ms. Harlos agreed to strike her request for consideration of style corrections. Mr. Nekhaila agreed to strike his request for consideration of a legislative watchdog committee.

The agenda as amended would then read as follows:⁵

- Appointment of the Executive Committee
- Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- Appointment of the LNC Members of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training
- Region Numbers and Regional Agreements
- Set Date of Next Meeting
- Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)
- Brief Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hewitt moved to adopt this amended agenda which was adopted without objection.

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

~~This report has not yet been handed off from the prior Secretary to the current Secretary.~~ Mr. Sarwark asked that current and new LNC members email their initial report of potential conflicts of interest or their amendments to their prior reports to the Secretary for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Adams reported the following updates to her conflicts:

- Elected Chair of Libertarian Party of Oklahoma
- Elected Chair of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance
- Networking Director for Roads to Freedom Foundation

Appointment of the Executive Committee – Permanent Committee⁶

Mr. Sarwark and Dr. Lark explained the customary function and composition of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee typically acts upon time-sensitive items that must be addressed before an LNC meeting can be called or an email ballot completed. The Executive Committee comprises the four (4) officers and three (3) non-officer members. The prior non-officer members were Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath.

Mr. Phillips *moved that Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath be re-appointed to the Executive Committee as the non-officer members.* [180703-2] Mr. Sarwark inquired if there were any further nominations or interest and received none. The motion passed by a show of hands.⁷

~~(Footnote 7 says: It is noted that this should have been a roll call vote (or without objection) as it is substantive.)~~

Appointment of the Advertising Publication and Review Committee (APRC) – Permanent Committee⁸

The past members of the APRC were noted as:

- Erin Adams
- Whitney Bilyeu
- Caryn Ann Harlos
- Steven Nekhaila
- Arvin Vohra

Mr. Sarwark explained the function and required composition of the APRC. Mr. Fields commented on his experiences with the APRC and sought clarification on the current policies. Other LNC members indicated interest in revamping procedures.

The following members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the 2018-2020 APRC:

- Erin Adams
- Whitney Bilyeu
- Caryn Ann Harlos
- Susan Hogarth
- Dustin Nanna
- Steven Nekhaila
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith
- Elizabeth Van Horn

Balloting for the above candidates proceeded as follows:⁹

[...no changes to table titled, “BALLOT 1 FOR APRC 7/3/18”...]

Ms. Adams, Ms. Bilyeu, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Nekhaila, and Dr. Olsen were elected to the APRC.¹⁰ [180703-3]

Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC) – Permanent Committee¹¹

The Ballot Access Committee comprises three (3) LNC members and two (2) non-LNC Party members. Last term, the LNC members were Mr. Marsh, Mr. Nanna, and Mr. Redpath. Mr. Marsh is no longer on the LNC. Both Mr. Nanna and Mr. Redpath would like to serve again. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Van Horn expressed interest in filling the vacancy. All of the LNC candidates present were given time to speak in favor of their appointment. Ms. Van Horn withdrew her name from consideration. ~~Ken Moellman (former BAC Chair) reminded everyone that this is a committee that requires a great deal of work.~~

Dr. Lark ***moved that Mr. Nanna, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Redpath be appointed as the LNC members to the Ballot Access Committee.*** [180703-4] The motion was adopted without objection. Mr. Sarwark noted that he will appoint the two (2) non-LNC members and asked Ms. Harlos for a reminder.

~~Mr. Goldstein noted that it would be a good practice to send out one email to the members noting all of the committee positions that are available. Dr. Lark noted that this should also be included in LP News.~~

Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (continued)

The following members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the CSC as one of the five (5) LNC member appointments:

- Joe Bishop-Henchman
- Sam Goldstein

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- Tim Hagan
- Victoria Paige Lee
- Richard Longstreth
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith

Each of the above was given a few moments to speak in favor of their appointments. Mr. Bishop-Henchman removed his name from consideration.

Balloting for the CSC positions proceeded as follows:¹²

[...no changes to table titled, "BALLOT 1 FOR CSC 7/3/18"...]

Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hagan, Ms. Lee, Mr. Longstreth, and Mr. Olsen were elected to the CSC after a coin toss broke the tie between Ms. Lee and Mr. Smith. [180703-5]

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hagan reported the following monies were raised over the course of the convention:

- \$74,600.00 in direct donations
- \$9,900.00 in one-time pledges
- \$710.00 in monthly pledges

with additional monies still being raised so that we may yet exceed the 2016 numbers.

~~Mr. Sarwark also awarded so many new Life Memberships that he ran out of Life Member pins.¹³ There is an opportunity to raise more monies if LNC members were interested in donating their faces for pie target practice.~~

~~(Footnote 13 says: "Life memberships are included in the monies raised in direct donations.")~~

Appointment of an Assistant Treasurer¹⁴

This position has no requirement of being a current LNC member.

Ms. Bilyeu nominated Drew Layda. Mr. Hagan nominated Bill Redpath. Mr. Longstreth nominated Joe Buchman.

Mr. Hagan explained the role and importance of this position. Mr. Kraus noted that Mr. Redpath is the current Assistant Treasurer ~~and has been very responsive. He is also located near the national office and is already named on the Party bank accounts.~~

Balloting for the Assistant Treasurer position proceeded as follows:

[...no changes to table titled, "BALLOT 1 FOR ASSISTANT TREASURER 7/3/18"]

Mr. Redpath was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer. [180703-6]

LNC Contact Information

Mr. Sarwark noted that it is up to each LNC member how much contact information is included on the website and that these preferences and information should be provided to Mr. Benedict via email.

Set Next LNC Meeting Date and Location

Mr. Goldstein suggested scheduling the next two meetings, and the LNC discussed possible scheduling conflicts.

The next meeting was set for September 8-9, 2018 with a fundraiser to be planned for September 7, 2018. The location was narrowed down to either Alexandria, VA or Phoenix, AZ with Phoenix selected by show of hands.¹⁵

Adjournment

~~Dr. Lark suggested that the LNC thank the members of the public who attended this meeting, which was met with a round of applause. Mr. Goldstein extended his thanks to everyone who made this convention a success.~~

~~Ms. Mattson informed the LNC that the Judicial Committee election results are not yet available and requested that members of the LNC and interested public stay after the meeting to assist in the tallying efforts.~~

The LNC adjourned without objection at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Caryn Ann Harlos
Secretary, Libertarian Party and Libertarian National Committee

Appendix A

Public Attendance Roster ~~and Comments~~

[...no changes to table titled “Gallery Attendance Sheet”...]

~~BRIEF SUMMARIES OF ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT~~¹⁶

~~(Footnote 16 says: “Notation of these comments does not entail approval by the LNC. The video recording of the commentary can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/libertarian-party1>.”)~~

~~Ken Moellman (KY)~~

~~Advised that Mr. Nanna would be arriving in about twenty minutes.~~

~~Darryl Perry (NH)~~

~~Noted that the convention had suspended the rules for electing At Large Committee members and inquired that since the convention rules provide that the same method is used for electing the Judicial Committee if this meant that the same method will be used for the Judicial Committee. Mr. Sarwark stated that this had come up right after adjournment, and it was his understanding that this was the case. He thinks an appeal of this understanding, if any, should be taken up at the LNC meeting when in session.~~

~~Roland Riemers (ND)~~

~~Gave an update about the election proceedings in North Dakota and disputes with the Secretary of State in order to maintain ballot access status. He is hoping that the LNC would consider obligating up to \$2,000 in legal expenses if it became necessary. Mr. Sarwark informed Mr. Riemers that the last LNC committed to running an Independent on the ballot in case the recount was not successful. Mr. Sarwark noted that the gavel used during the convention was a gift from Mr. Riemers.~~

~~Dan Reale (CT)~~

~~Asked that the LNC consider financial assistance in the amount of \$20,000 to Connecticut for a petitioning deadline of August 8, 2018. He also mentioned a tool called “Machine of Knowledge” that he would like to demonstrate. This tool identifies where all the registered voters are with a robo-call function in order to insure they receive enough votes in ballot access critical races. Mr. Sarwark asked if they will be able to meet the petitioning requirements without LNC assistance, and Mr. Reale stated that it would be iffy and that they will be able to make the minimal requirements but it is a safety margin they are seeking.~~

~~David James (GA)~~

~~Gave some detail about his past bad experiences with the family courts and father’s rights. Dean Ahmad helped him with a draft resolution that he read aloud. Mr. Sarwark suggested that this language be emailed to the Secretary who can forward it to the future Platform Committee.~~

~~Ken Moellman (KY)~~

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Wanted to suggest the recommendation of Sean O'Toole (former IT Committee Chair) to abolish the IT Committee in favor of hiring an IT Director or consider adding more flexibility as to the membership of committees for which LNC members may not have the requisite expertise.

Christopher Thrasher (CT)

Noted that he would like to be considered for the Ballot Access Committee.

Paul Frankel (formerly of AL)

Noted that he also would like to be considered for the Ballot Access Committee and asked for the link of today's livestream.

George Phillies (MA)

Strongly encouraged the LNC to consider a voluntarily funded restricted fund to support the Chairman in his travels.

Brent Olsen (CA)

Asked the LNC to renew the rule that was eliminated last meeting, which would require the Chair to submit any employment contract to the LNC ten days prior to its consideration.

Preston Smith (PA)

Requested that reappointment of the Blockchain Committee be added to this agenda.

Tyler Danke (WI)

Requested assignment to the Youth Committee. Chair Sarwark asked if he met any of the qualifications.

Chuck Moulton (PA)

Noted that the scheduling of a national convention for July 4th weekend is terrible for Pennsylvania as it is their biggest petitioning days of the two year period.

Michael Kielsky (AZ)

Urges the LNC to establish an Electronic Voting Committee to research practical solutions and recommend Bylaws changes to resolve some of the extreme timing issues that occurred this convention.

Spencer Dias (NH)

Would like to nominate himself for the Youth Committee and gives his qualifications.

Andrew Holding (NH)

Would also like to be considered for the Youth Committee.

Shawn Levasseur (ME)

Gave an update on Maine ballot access retention and raffle for 20lbs of lobster that is being held to assist in efforts to get Libertarian voters out to the polls.

Hap Werther (LA)

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~~Mentioned the possibility of a three-day blockchain vote and requested to be included on the Blockchain Committee.~~

Joe Burnes (TX)

~~Asked that the national party remove Nathan Larson from its life member roster as the Virginia party removed him from their membership. He believes that this is possible through parliamentary processes.~~

Jeff Caldwell (KS)

~~Backed up Mr. Kielsky on the need to speed up our elections process.~~

Jim Cavoli (OH)

~~Offered his services in kind for software development for the next calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.~~

Richard Brown (LA)

~~Served as the convention parliamentarian (and was given a round of applause) and wanted to thank us for the opportunity to serve these past two conventions and to compliment Mr. Sarwark on his presiding skills. He also urged us to look into electronic voting solutions.~~

Darryl Perry (NH)

~~Cautioned that “blockchain” is not a magic or simple solution and that we cannot just throw the word blockchain on something as a panacea for all problems.~~

Steven Nekhaila (FL)

~~Provided further discussion on electronic and blockchain voting.~~

Erin Adams (OK)

~~Electronic voting was looked into by the Convention Committee and was cost prohibitive.~~

Frank Rossa (IN)

~~Would also like to serve on an Electronic Voting Committee as Indiana is involved in the same process.~~

Timothy Perkins (OR)

~~Would also like to serve on an Electronic Voting Committee particularly as it may involve Bylaws changes.~~

Starchild (CA)

~~Read from a handwritten list of suggestions that he provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The Secretary agreed to include these suggestions; however, the time to transcribe would take her away from other duties so they are included as a scan of the handwritten notes following these summaries of public comments. Starchild may submit a typed copy for inclusion during the minutes draft period.~~

Aaron Starr (CA)

~~Continued the discussion on electronic voting and the history of problems of getting delegate acceptance for same. Alicia Mattson had written a program that met all of the needed requirements but delegates still voted it down. He thinks that it is very likely that it will be rejected again and it is a shame because a lot of work was put into it.~~

Ben Leder (TX — not on attendance roster)

~~Indicated that in any electronic voting scheme, he would want a receipt to be able to show how he voted and be able to be held accountable.~~

SUGGESTIONS BY STARCHILD (TRANSCRIPTION OF HANDWRITTEN NOTES)

1. Transparency
 - payments re: staff salaries, contract, committee operations
 - put your signatures/names on your emails
2. Make LP.org interactive
 - Let LNC members blog
 - Let LP members post, have social media type profiles
3. Crowdfund, instead of direct mail, email fundraising
 - disclose overhead costs when soliciting funds
4. Stop paying for meeting rooms, catered food, flying staff to meetings (1 maybe, 2-3 equals overkill)
5. Ask for volunteers before paying—fill any paid positions on basis of competitive bidding
 - consider getting people to do work on task-by-task basis rather than creating a staff position and having that one person do a bunch of stuff
6. When you plan the 2022 convention try to plan something more like PorcFest—festival-type event, longer (one week w/business on weekend?)
7. Allow more participation including adequate opportunity for public comment (on each topic, or speak without special recognition rather than just beginning/end of meetings)
8. Insist on functional committees—have votes on stuff, agreed-upon reports from entire committee, not just chair or a few
9. Check out holocracy (try on one committee first?)
10. Youth Committee
 - Don't fill positions before putting word out and giving members adequate time to apply for vacancies

Staff Reports

Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

September 29, 2018

Phoenix, Arizona

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Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Wes Benedict

By many measures, the Libertarian Party is in very good shape.

Detailed Membership and Financial reports are provided separately.

Fundraising is very strong, as reported by our Director of Development, Lauren Daugherty, and that was accomplished even while our Chair and Development Director have also been leading on the political front by running for public office this year. We should expect fundraising to be strong in 2019 as well.

Back in June 10, 2018, Ballot Access guru Richard Winger commented on the blog Independent Political Report that

- *The Libertarian Party is in its best ballot access position by far, currently.*
- *Also Libertarian Party registration is at an all-time high, percentagewise as well as raw numbers.*
- *Also we have legislators in two states now. We didn't have any legislators from 2002 through 2015.*

In the same post, former LNC Vice Chair Chuck Moulton wrote the following:

The biggest positive steps forward I see are:

- 1) *We have a building that works for our staff and are well on our way to paying off its mortgage, which will free up money previously spent on rent/mortgage payments for other projects.*

- 2) *We are on a more solid ballot access foundation going into 2020 than we have been in decades (perhaps ever) thanks to both the Johnson campaign's vote totals and LNC early investments.*
- 3) *We've improved our IT infrastructure in terms of the website backend, email, and LPedia.*
- 4) *It looks like we're on a path to implementing a data solution that will work well for state and county affiliates: the CiviCRM project with LP customizations.*
- 5) *The reach of our social media continues to expand.*
- 6) *We now have specific staff members focused on winning elections, recruiting & supporting candidates, affiliate support, and fundraising. In the past we usually had general purpose staffers wearing many hats who were not as specialized or suited for those roles.*

While every member, donor, volunteer, candidate, and officer in our party shares in the credit, I think our staff is a top reason for the strong performance in recent years.

From 2009 to 2011, we had around 7 to 8 staff members. While our balance sheet and cash in the bank was strong, I put forward a proposal to expand the budget to add staff, but that expansion was stopped by the LNC. I was personally highly involved with almost all fundraising, the writing of most fundraising letters, emails, LP News articles, blog posts, Liberty Pledge News, media appearances, candidate and affiliate support (what little I had time for), and even graphic design work.

In contrast, today we have 16 staff members with added staff focusing on campaigns, candidate recruitment, a press secretary, graphic designer, affiliate support, and three or more people mostly focused on fundraising.

Our quality of work and quantity has improved dramatically.

I think staff should continue to be the number one focus for investment with any new funds the party raises. If the LNC had an extra million dollars to invest, I'd recommend they invest most of it in more staff.

A million dollars invested in an advertising campaign might get a burst of attention would have very short-term effects. A million dollars invested in five campaigns for public office might result in growing our number of elected Libertarians from 173 to 174 or 175.

In contrast, an additional million dollars invested in staff could see our staff grow from 16 to 32 and would provide more services to our candidates and affiliates in more ways than we imagine is possible today. The result would likely be a far higher number of candidates, active affiliates, and elected Libertarians, than if, instead, a million dollars in cash grants were handed out.

The opinions above regarding investing in staff are mine, and they are certainly not universal. There are plenty of Libertarian Party activists who think the party would do better with volunteers trying to manage most of the day-to-day operations and activities while keeping up with all the latest technologies and practices and that most of the funds raised by the LNC should be granted to affiliates or candidates, with or without strings attached.

The ultimate decision with how to invest available LNC funds is made by the LNC during the budgeting process—something you'll handle at the December meeting in Alexandria.

Below is a list of our staff and their primary duties.

Staff Tasks & Duties

Wes Benedict: Executive Director

Assure fundraising targets are met (with lots of help)
Write some fundraising letters & emails
Staff hiring, evaluation, assignment of tasks, supervision
Write staff contractors
Write contracts for ballot access
Oversee membership plans, renewals and prospecting
LNC/Chair interface
Brand development
Oversee LPStore.org content
Order literature and branded items for LPStore.org
Order LP stationery, letterhead, envelopes
Help with outreach events
Oversee LP.org structure and content
Database troubleshooting, including email contact list
Pre-approve expenditures by staff
Ensure staff complies with Policy Manual, federal and state election laws
LNC Meetings: post reports to LP.org, assemble handouts, broadcast mtg
Contact and meetings with outside organizations
Miscellaneous issues concerning members, candidates, affiliates, donors

Robert Kraus: Operations Director

Help with maintenance of LP.org; interface with technical support
Customer service - internal and external
Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)
Assist with mem database troubleshooting and cleanup
Supervision of Member Services Manager
Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers
Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC
Managing lawsuits and other legal matters with the chair & treasurer
Managing some ballot access matters & petitioning
Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ
Process refunds and contribution returns
Create new records for people who ask for information packets
Each month import website recurring gift transactions into Raiser's Edge
Import new inquiries and volunteers into RE
Generate bi-weekly inquiries mailing list
Answer and direct incoming phone calls
Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee & other conv duties
Staff liaison to the Building Fund & Other Committees
Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)

Preparation of financial and membership reports
Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing
Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
General purchasing and procurement
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues & audit
Record & Attend LNC meetings (12 hrs every 4 months)
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives
Data pulls for donor acknowledgments (thank you notes)
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff
Create and maintain Employee Manual
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)
Process & manage monthly gifts for direct account draft
Assist staff with processing and entering contributions into RE
Assist in general office upkeep, organization, and ordering of supplies
Re-check of daily deposits and cash audits
Miscellaneous: Filing, research, member correspondence

Eric Dixon: Editor & Technology Developer

LP News editor
Post blog entries, press releases, poll and other information on LP.org
Writing/Editing blog, press releases, videos, LP News, web content
Technical support for LP.org, iContact, other areas as needed

Lauren Daugherty: Development Director

Develop and manage fundraising campaigns
Write fundraising letters; oversee graphic design
Write fundraising emails
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments for lists
Major donor cultivation
Thank donors
Update donors (on plans, progress, etc.)
Prospecting
Promote convention sales
Oversee convention branding
Post content on LP.org
Send fundraising emails
Creation of LP literature
Fundraising events
Update iContact email database

Richard Fields: Press Secretary

Monitor breaking news and select topics for press releases
Draft content for press releases

Get party leadership and candidates publicity via earned media
Serve as spokesman for the party in some media appearances
Track media hits and contacts
Manage media contact list

Elizabeth Brierly: Media Coordinator & Assistant Editor

Respond to media inquiries in collaboration with press secretary
Guide and shape our branding/messaging as needed
Maintain media contacts list
Schedule, coordinate, and seek media interviews
(including e-mailed "interviews") of LNC, E.D., press secretary
Solicit candidates & other spokespeople as needed
Follow up on interviews
Monitor and track media coverage for inclusion in blog, other publications
Assistant Editor and content developer of Liberty Pledge News
Suggest topics for press releases, blog, and LP News
Write, edit blog submissions and post content to LP.org
Fact-check publications; find and edit images
Support for other staff on special projects e.g. annual report, convention
I.T. troubleshooting (e.g., iContact, Wordpress)
Backup curator/editor for biweekly member e-mailings
Develop and lay out web pages as needed, e.g., "Dates of Interest"

Bob Johnston: Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist

Help candidates find out the information they need to run for office
Help candidates with FEC and state campaign finance questions
Keep track of our current ballot access in each state
Compile LP candidate data and update candidate list on LP.org
Monthly Donors: call and email those whose cards expire
Call and email expired members and ask to renew
Compile filing requirements for affiliates
Compile LP elected officials' data and update LP.org web site
Compile election results for LP candidates
Address general questions and complaints from members
Provides customer service to state and local affiliates
Manage LP.org blog
Maintain Events listing on LP.org
Other miscellaneous projects

Cara Schulz: Candidate Recruiting Specialist

Recruit candidates for public office
Provide campaign training and support for candidates for office
Train affiliates to help recruit and support candidates

Apollo Pazell: Campaigns Advisor

Recruit candidates for targeted races
Provide campaign support for candidates for targeted races
Provide candidate talking points

Andy Burns: Affiliate Development Specialist

Provide tools and support to state affiliates
Help states with fundraising
Help states with database management
Help states with marketing and support materials
Training on any facet of running a state affiliate
Provide customized marketing and support materials
Design websites for state affiliates
design websites for candidates
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists
Webmaster for LPStore.org
Create and manage best practices via LPAction.org
Identify ways to help state/national parties to work together
List to affiliate needs and present top needs to national LP

Denise Luckey: Designer

Graphic design for print, email, websites, and social media accounts
Layout and design of Liberty Pledge News
Help manage convention website
Prepare convention handouts and signage
(This position is a lot of work despite the short description.)

Jess Mears: Membership Manager

Manage membership prospecting, renewals, fulfillment processes
Manage membership relations and retention
Send membership renewal emails
Send membership prospecting emails
Analyze results on membership appeals and select segments for lists
Post membership promotions on social media
Social Media Management: Facebook, twitter, etc.
Liberty Pledge newsletter editor

Nick Dunbar: Membership and Pledge Programs. Special Projects

Work with vendors for mailings
Get renewal letters printed
Work with vendors for LP News printing and mailing
Update Board Report (Standard report which shows appeal results)

In house IT support for servers, PC's & phones
Process monthly gifts for members & get updated info for Pledge News

Matthew Thexton: Member Services Manager

Prepare packages for new and renewing members
Prepare information packets for new inquiries
Print and mail special mail projects (holiday cards, convention, etc.)
Print and send membership cards to monthly pledgers annually
Update and maintain records in RE
De-duplicate records in RE
Assist with convention and LNC Meeting Prep
Scan checks, deposit, electronically archive each deposit
Process and cage checks, credit cards & cash received via mail into RE
Process and cage all web transactions into RE
Print and send acknowledgements of donations
Greet visitors to the office
Put together and mail merchandise orders
Address general questions and complaints from members
Accept, open, and deliver courier packages
Accept, open, and sort mail from USPS
Process mail bounce-backs, obtaining new addresses when possible
Consolidate and send membership card data to vendor
Receive and stock inventory of literature & branded items
Receive and stock office supplies

Tyler Harris: Member Services Assistant

Assist with duties of the Members Services Manager
Assist Campaigns Advisor with campaign field management
Respond to inquiries made to info@lp.org
Assist with office filing/organization
Assist Membership Manager in analyzing membership data
Assist Development Director with the hand-addressing of mailings
Assist with compiling of candidate contact and website information
Assemble convention badges/ribbons
Various other tasks as assigned

Lindsay Horn: Development Assistant

Call expired members and ask them to renew
Assist with other fundraising and membership efforts

The regular chart we refer to as a "Board Report" reporting the details of direct mail fundraising efforts follows.

APPENDIX H STAFF REPORTS

Costs, Dates, and Revenue from Direct Mail Projects 2008 through 2018												
2018 Appeals as of 2018-09-18												
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1	Cost per Donor
House												
1801 HO HD	12/31/17	Ballot Access	472	HD	\$10,535.00	\$588.00	\$9,947.00	26	5.51%	\$405.19	\$0.06	\$17.92
1802 HO	2/1/18	General Fund and annual Contact	32,212	various	\$34,409.00	\$9,190.00	\$25,219.00	469	1.46%	\$73.37	\$0.27	\$3.74
1803 AR	3/5/18	Annual Report	5,992	active donors	\$7,436.00	\$10,089.00	-\$2,653.00	120	2.00%	\$61.97	\$1.36	\$0.74
1804 HO	4/5/2018	Urgent Ballot Access	20008	active donors	\$18,416.00	\$7,130.00	\$11,286.00	279	1.39%	\$66.01	\$0.39	\$2.58
1806 HO	6/10/18	Weld Letter	4,416	active donors	\$9,525.00	\$3,974.00	\$5,551.00	66	1.49%	\$144.32	\$0.42	\$2.46
1808 FT	9/5/18	Field Teams	5,238	active donors	\$985.00	\$4,195.00	-\$3,210.00	9	0.17%	\$109.44	\$4.28	\$0.23
1808 HO	8/1/18	Sex Workers Rights	4,910	half lapsed / Half long term donors	\$8,814.00	\$6,838.00	\$1,976.00	95	1.87%	\$95.80	\$0.78	\$1.25
Subtotal House			73,248		\$90,120.00	\$42,004.00	\$48,116.00	1,061	1.45%	\$84.94	\$0.47	\$2.15
1802 LP News	2/13/18	lft - General Giving	15,465	subscribers	\$37.00	\$1,211.00		1	0.01%	\$37.00		
1805 LP News	4/25/18	lft - Historic Preservation	15,653	subscribers	\$102.40	\$1,899.00		4	0.03%	\$25.60		
1808 LPN	8/8/18	lft - CRM	15,681	subscribers	\$5,135.00	\$1,166.00		68	0.43%	\$75.51		
Renewals												
1801 RE	1/24/18		4,828	6 month Expires	\$11,424.00	\$1,897.00	\$9,527.00	200	4.14%	\$57.12	\$0.17	\$6.02
1802 RE	2/27/18		4,231	6 month Expires	\$12,587.00	\$2,077.00	\$10,510.00	184	4.35%	\$68.41	\$0.17	\$6.06
1803 RE	3/31/18		3,713	6 month Expires	\$11,450.00	\$1,419.00	\$10,031.00	213	5.74%	\$53.76	\$0.12	\$8.07
1804 RE	4/27/18		3,908	6 month Expires	\$7,465.00	\$1,546.00	\$5,919.00	130	3.33%	\$57.42	\$0.21	\$4.83
1805 RE	5/22/18		4,002	6 month Expires	\$8,257.00	\$1,474.00	\$6,783.00	132	3.30%	\$62.55	\$0.18	\$5.64
1806 RE	7/3/18		4,041	6 month Expires	\$9,355.00	\$1,474.00	\$7,881.00	174	4.31%	\$53.76	\$0.16	\$6.35
1807 RE	7/31/18		4,024	6 month Expires	\$13,081.00	\$1,570.00	\$11,511.00	186	4.62%	\$70.33	\$0.12	\$8.33
Subtotal Renewals			28,747		\$73,619.00	\$11,457.00	\$62,162.00	1,219	4.24%	\$60.39	\$0.16	\$6.43
Lapsed												
1804 LA	4/20/18		39,996		\$8,008.00	\$12,186.00	-\$4,178.00	158	0.40%	\$50.68	\$1.52	\$0.66
Subtotal Lapsed			39,996		\$8,008.00	\$12,186.00	-\$4,178.00	158	0.40%	\$50.68	\$1.52	\$0.66
Prospecting												
1805 PR1	4/17/18		20,234		\$1,042.00	\$6,474.00	-\$5,432.00	30	0.15%	\$34.73	\$6.21	\$0.16
1805 PR2	4/21/18		18,471		\$8,651.00	\$6,099.58	\$2,551.42	78	0.42%	\$110.91	\$0.71	\$1.42
Subtotal Prospecting			38,705		\$9,693.00	\$12,573.58	-\$2,880.58	108	0.28%	\$89.72	\$1.30	\$0.77
Web & White mail												
Web Contributions		Donations			\$23,156.00		\$23,156.00	321		\$72.14		
Web New Members		New Members			\$77,785.00		\$77,785.00	2,112		\$36.83		
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$153,103.00		\$153,103.00	3,065		\$49.95		
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$6,337.00		\$6,337.00	49		\$134.83		
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$5,721.00		\$5,721.00	88		\$65.01		
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$266,102.00		\$266,102.00	5,633		\$47.24		
SPECIAL PROJECTS												
2018 GRAND TOTAL					\$447,579.00	\$79,431.58	\$368,147.42	8,180		\$54.72		

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2017 Appeals as 2018-09-30													
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1701 HO	1/23/17	Cats and Marijuana	24,992	recent contributors	\$11,853.00	\$8,546.00	\$3,307.00	166	0.66%	\$71.40	\$6.72	91.39	\$51.68
1702 AR	5/2/17	Annual report	11,367	965+ recent contributors	\$10,451.00	\$19,343.00	-8,892.00	113	0.99%	\$92.49	\$5.48	95.41	\$71.50
1702 AR HD	5/2/17	Annual report Deluxe	274	High Donors	\$100.00	\$746.00	-646.00	10	0.36%	\$100.00	\$7.46	90.13	\$746.00
1703 HO	5/11/17	Letter's Academy	20,000	recent IRA contributors	\$14,201.00	\$10,884.00	\$3,317.00	117	0.59%	\$113.68	\$9.22	91.86	\$84.36
1705 HO	5/31/17	Life LP	19,994	Recent Donors	\$11,746.00	\$6,884.00	\$4,862.00	147	0.74%	\$243.00	\$6.88	91.26	\$19,994.00
1705 HO HD	5/7/17	Lay Foundation for 2018	79,978	High Donors	\$7,360.00	\$31,001.00	-23,641.00	8	1.03%	\$2,605.00	\$6.37	91.42	\$14,166.00
1706 HO HD	7/6/17	Path to 2018 #2	70,000	High Donors	\$3,620.00	\$2,884.00	\$736.00	113	0.33%	\$116.89	\$6.37	91.42	\$1,166.00
1708 HO	8/17/17	Tipping Point	35,006	Contributors and inquirers	\$16,044.00	\$11,328.00	\$4,716.00	252	0.72%	\$247.00	\$6.00	91.97	\$25.20
1709 HO HD	9/15/17	Path to 2018 #3	220	High Donors	\$6,140.00	\$511.00	\$5,629.00	13	5.91%	\$38.46	\$8.10	90.12	\$328.00
1712 HO HD	10/18/17	Path to 2018 #4	1,800	High Donors	\$500.00	\$4,271.00	-3,771.00	0	0.00%	\$143.00	\$6.37	91.97	\$7,480.00
1712 HO	11/21/18	ES Shift Insert	20,007	recent contributors	\$14,411.00	\$7,460.00	\$6,951.00	20	0.16%	\$397.00	\$7.46	91.97	\$7,460.00
Subtotal House			119,409		\$97,188.00	\$70,130.00	\$27,058.00	1,033	0.87%	\$102.00	\$6.72	91.39	\$67.18
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News													
					\$104,736.00	\$70,130.00	\$34,606.00	811,210	HDV01	\$93.41	\$6.72	91.49	\$62.18
Renewals													
1701 RE	1/30/17	was upgrade appeal	3,862	6 month Expirs	\$12,495.00	\$1,414.00	\$11,081.00	213	5.52%	\$52.66	\$0.11	98.84	\$6.66
1702 RE	4/8/17	was upgrade appeal	4,415	6 month Expirs	\$12,777.00	\$1,469.00	\$11,308.00	249	4.99%	\$47.29	\$0.11	98.83	\$7.19
1703 RE	7/31/17	was upgrade appeal	5,833	6 month Expirs	\$12,440.00	\$1,730.00	\$10,710.00	201	3.35%	\$56.30	\$0.14	97.19	\$8.84
1704 RE	4/30/17	was upgrade appeal	7,117	6 month Expirs	\$13,860.00	\$2,062.00	\$11,798.00	201	2.83%	\$58.68	\$0.13	96.72	\$10.20
1705 RE	2/26/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	8,068	6 month Expirs	\$18,775.00	\$2,651.00	\$16,124.00	105	1.30%	\$156.88	\$0.68	91.46	\$25.50
1706 RE	7/7/17	free lapel pin	9,130	6 month Expirs	\$11,375.00	\$4,911.00	\$6,464.00	227	2.49%	\$49.23	\$0.44	92.58	\$11.21
1707 RE	7/21/17	was upgrade appeal	8,847	6 month Expirs	\$13,245.00	\$2,645.00	\$10,600.00	240	2.71%	\$55.19	\$0.20	95.01	\$11.10
1708 RE	9/5/17	was upgrade appeal	8,911	6 month Expirs	\$11,885.00	\$2,308.00	\$9,577.00	250	2.75%	\$47.11	\$0.12	95.18	\$7.95
1709 RE	10/5/17	was upgrade appeal	7,636	6 month Expirs	\$7,663.00	\$2,371.00	\$5,292.00	128	1.64%	\$61.30	\$0.31	93.23	\$18.81
1710 RE	11/12/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	7,321	6 month Expirs	\$5,897.00	\$3,002.00	\$2,895.00	118	1.61%	\$25.44	\$0.51	96.96	\$25.44
1711 RE	11/12/17	was upgrade appeal	7,436	6 month Expirs	\$15,505.00	\$4,247.00	\$11,258.00	247	3.28%	\$62.74	\$0.13	97.52	\$8.11
1712 RE	12/31/18	was upgrade appeal	6,224	6 month Expirs	\$14,436.00	\$1,897.00	\$12,539.00	235	3.78%	\$61.43	\$0.13	97.61	\$8.00
Subtotal Renewals			84,410		\$142,446.00	\$28,521.00	\$113,925.00	2,415	2.80%	\$59.00	\$6.28	94.99	\$11.10
Lapsed													
1703 LA		Nick S. Renewals	21,990		\$20,299.00	\$0.00	\$20,299.00	368	HDV01	\$55.15	\$0.00	HDV01	\$60.60
1703 LA (UB)	2/26/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	11,932		\$4,825.00	\$1,773.00	\$3,052.00	136	0.46%	\$22.45	\$1.00	90.63	\$80.00
1710 LA	11/2/17	Blockbuster year - free gift	21,886		\$2,900.00	\$4,874.00	-1,974.00	78	0.66%	\$37.18	\$1.68	89.59	\$62.00
Subtotal Lapsed			33,816		\$28,020.00	\$17,549.00	\$10,471.00	582	1.72%	\$48.14	\$0.45	92.21	\$21.00
Prospecting													
1702 PRW	2/21/17	please join	20,012	GI list	\$1,150.00	\$6,024.00	-4,874.00	36	0.18%	\$31.94	\$4.24	90.29	\$167.00
1703 PR	3/16/17	join gift shirt	19,832	GI list	\$1,482.00	\$8,369.00	-6,887.00	93	0.46%	\$17.85	\$1.00	90.63	\$80.00
1705 PR 1	5/31/17	free gift shirt	16,984	GI list	\$1,496.00	\$6,992.00	-5,496.00	52	0.31%	\$28.77	\$3.63	90.22	\$133.00
1705 PR 2s	5/11/17	choose a shirt	50,001	GI list	\$6,600.00	\$16,107.00	-9,507.00	200	0.41%	\$32.04	\$2.44	90.41	\$78.00
1711 PR	5/11/17	choose a shirt	50,001	GI list	\$6,077.00	\$14,726.00	-8,649.00	120	0.24%	\$50.60	\$2.82	90.41	\$122.00
Subtotal Prospecting			156,810		\$18,805.00	\$52,146.00	-33,341.00	506	0.32%	\$37.16	\$2.75	90.36	\$103.00
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations	\$31,595.00		\$31,595.00	\$0.00	\$31,595.00	360		\$87.76			
Web New Members		Donations	\$1,455,800.00		\$1,455,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,455,800.00	2,554		\$571.61			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships	\$162,266.00		\$162,266.00	\$0.00	\$162,266.00	2,825		\$57.44			
Web Mail Contributions		Donations	\$8,861.00		\$8,861.00	\$0.00	\$8,861.00	163		\$106.76			
Web Mail for White Mail		Membership	\$10,054.00		\$10,054.00	\$0.00	\$10,054.00	146		\$95.56			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$338,785.00	\$0.00	\$338,785.00	5,058		\$56.86			
SPECIAL PRODUCTS													
2017 GRAND TOTAL													
					\$632,792.00	\$161,350.00	\$469,442.00	10,380		\$59.81			

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2016 Appeals as 2017-12-31													
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1601 HO	2/1/16	Sarawak 2016 BA	20,005	recent contributors	\$29,758.00	\$8,779.00	\$20,979.00	350	1.75%	\$59.92	\$0.36	\$3.38	\$25.08
1603 HO	3/25/16	urgent yellow BA	19,985	recent contributors	\$47,517.00	\$5,887.00	\$41,630.00	390	1.95%	\$121.84	\$0.12	\$8.07	\$15.09
1604 HO	4/22/16	2015 annual report	19,946	2015-16 stakeholders	\$43,818.00	\$6,913.00	\$36,905.00	337	1.69%	\$109.02	\$0.14	\$6.34	\$20.45
1605 HO	5/7/16	dangerous times	20,103	recent contributors	\$31,787.00	\$7,126.00	\$24,661.00	238	1.18%	\$103.56	\$0.24	\$4.44	\$29.94
1606 HO	6/23/16	no tensor - be revolutionary	24,980	24 month contributors	\$64,408.00	\$3,322.00	\$61,086.00	459	1.84%	\$134.32	\$0.08	\$19.21	\$7.24
1608 HO	8/10/16	all rights	22,439	recent contributors, volunteers	\$26,832.00	\$6,755.00	\$20,077.00	256	1.14%	\$104.84	\$0.25	\$3.91	\$26.39
1609 HO	9/16/16	GOTV	34,979	recent contributors	\$20,114.00	\$11,352.00	\$8,762.00	232	0.66%	\$36.76	\$0.34	\$1.77	\$48.93
1610 HO	10/14/16	Year of the Libertarian	34,979	recent contributors	\$10,008.00	\$10,530.00	-\$522.00	130	0.37%	\$76.99	\$1.09	\$0.95	\$81.06
1612 HO	12/9/16	Year of the Libertarians 2	25,000	recent contributors	\$13,864.00	\$8,482.00	\$5,382.00	100	0.40%	\$138.64	\$0.64	\$1.61	\$84.82
Subtotal House			222,416		\$288,106.00	\$69,146.00	\$218,960.00	2,492	1.12%	\$115.64	\$0.24	\$4.17	\$27.75
2015 LP NEWS	VARIES						\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl LP News							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Renewals													
1601 RE	2/3/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,281	6 month expires	\$12,433.00	\$1,305.00	\$11,128.00	222	6.77%	\$50.00	\$0.10	\$9.53	\$5.88
1602 RE	2/29/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,327	6 month expires	\$13,165.00	\$1,313.00	\$11,852.00	176	5.29%	\$74.80	\$0.10	\$10.03	\$7.46
1603 RE	3/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,054	6 month expires	\$11,700.00	\$1,271.00	\$10,429.00	180	5.89%	\$58.00	\$0.11	\$9.21	\$7.06
1604 RE	4/30/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,667	6 month expires	\$7,485.00	\$1,105.00	\$6,380.00	118	4.42%	\$53.29	\$0.13	\$6.71	\$9.36
1605 RE	5/24/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,422	6 month expires	\$5,841.00	\$1,075.00	\$4,766.00	99	4.09%	\$59.00	\$0.18	\$5.43	\$10.86
1606 RE	6/28/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,251	6 month expires	\$11,756.00	\$1,051.00	\$10,705.00	178	7.91%	\$66.04	\$0.09	\$11.19	\$5.90
1607 RE	8/6/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,495	6 month expires	\$18,940.00	\$1,095.00	\$17,845.00	286	11.46%	\$66.22	\$0.09	\$17.30	\$3.83
1608 RE	8/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,423	6 month expires	\$7,940.00	\$1,079.00	\$6,861.00	137	5.65%	\$57.94	\$0.14	\$7.38	\$7.88
1609 RE	9/26/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,448	6 month expires	\$6,590.00	\$1,864.00	\$4,726.00	118	4.82%	\$55.85	\$0.28	\$3.54	\$15.80
1610 RE	11/3/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,765	6 month expires	\$10,432.00	\$1,395.00	\$9,037.00	176	6.37%	\$59.27	\$0.13	\$7.48	\$7.93
1611 RE	11/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,003	6 month expires	\$9,585.00	\$1,162.00	\$8,423.00	141	4.70%	\$67.98	\$0.12	\$8.25	\$8.24
1612 RE	12/28/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,071	6 month expires	\$9,656.00	\$1,272.00	\$8,384.00	149	4.85%	\$64.81	\$0.13	\$7.55	\$8.54
Subtotal Renewals			33,207		\$125,503.00	\$14,987.00	\$110,516.00	1980	5.96%	\$63.39	\$0.14	\$8.17	\$7.57
Lapsed													
1605 LA	5/7/16	dangerous times	9,882	recent lapsed	\$6,578.00	\$3,503.17	\$3,074.83	134	1.36%	\$49.09	\$0.53	\$1.88	\$26.14
1605 LA2	5/23/16	alternatives	31,061	recent and long term lapsed	\$6,775.00	\$8,049.00	-\$1,274.00	104	0.33%	\$65.14	\$1.14	\$0.84	\$77.39
1608 LA	8/10/16	all rights	12,572	recent and long term lapsed	\$1,050.00	\$3,800.00	-\$2,750.00	17	0.14%	\$61.76	\$3.62	\$0.28	\$221.53
Subtotal Lapsed			53,515		\$14,403.00	\$15,352.17	-\$949.17	255	0.48%	\$56.48	\$1.07	\$0.94	\$60.28
Prospecting													
1602 SFL	2/19/16	SFL Conference		Students for Liberty	\$125.00			262	#DIV/0!	\$0.48	\$0.06	#DIV/0!	\$0.06
1603 PR	4/8/16	Alternatives	29,982	house inquiries and exchange lists	\$7,965.00	\$11,995.00	-\$4,030.00	178	0.59%	\$44.75	\$1.51	\$0.66	\$67.39
1605 PR	6/6/16	dangerous times	1,277	exchange list	\$2,650.00	\$425.40	\$2,224.60	12	0.94%	\$220.83	\$0.16	\$6.23	\$35.45
1612 PR	12/2/16	wes member appeal	24,834	GJ prospect list	\$3,627.00	\$5,527.00	-\$1,900.00	41	0.17%	\$88.46	\$1.52	\$0.68	\$134.88
Subtotal Prospecting			56,093		\$14,367.00	\$17,947.40	-\$3,580.40	493	0.88%	\$29.14	\$1.24	\$0.86	\$36.48
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$257,555.00		\$257,555.00	1,744		\$147.68			
Web New Members		New Members			\$318,204.00		\$318,204.00	6,691		\$47.56			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$205,536.00		\$205,536.00	3,272		\$62.81			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$138,901.00		\$138,901.00	206		\$674.28			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00	206		\$82.49			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$937,179.00		\$937,179.00	12,119		\$77.33			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													

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White Mail for Membership	Membership				\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00	206		\$82.49			
2015 Appeals as 2016-12-31													
1505 HO	6/1/15	Annual Report	18,068	stakeholders Jan 01, 2014 - Present	\$14,198.00	\$13,876.00	\$322.00	176	0.97%	\$80.67	\$0.98	\$1.02	\$78.84
1506 HO	6/29/15	Jugo survey	19,986	most recent contributors	\$12,227.00	\$8,561.00	\$3,666.00	343	1.72%	\$35.65	\$0.70	\$1.43	\$24.86
1507 HO	8/3/15	OK Ballot Access	21,156	recent contributors + OK all + 5yr BA	\$22,542.00	\$7,542.00	\$15,000.00	216	1.02%	\$104.36	\$0.33	\$2.99	\$34.92
1510 HO	10/14/15	New Logo	19,989	recent contributors	\$18,270.00	\$8,056.00	\$10,214.00	337	1.69%	\$54.21	\$0.44	\$2.27	\$23.91
1511 HO	11/20/15	BA	19,890	recent contributors	\$17,222.00	\$8,239.14	\$8,982.86	86	0.43%	\$200.26	\$0.48	\$2.09	\$95.80
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Subtotal House			159,545		\$134,847.00	\$67,144.14	\$67,702.86	1,961	1.23%	\$68.76	\$0.50	\$2.01	\$34.23
2015 LP NEWS	VARIES								#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Renewals													
1501 RE	1/29/15	was upgrade appeal	5,226	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,169.00	\$1,516.00	\$11,653.00	243	4.65%	\$54.19	\$0.12	\$8.60	\$6.24
1502 RE	3/6/15	was upgrade appeal	4,585	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,855.00	\$1,521.00	\$10,334.00	213	4.65%	\$55.66	\$0.13	\$7.79	\$7.14
1503 RE	3/26/15	was upgrade appeal	4,046	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,187.00	\$1,444.00	\$10,743.00	226	5.59%	\$53.92	\$0.12	\$8.44	\$6.39
1504 RE		was upgrade appeal		Std 6 Mo renewal		\$0.00			#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
1505 RE	5/31/15	was upgrade appeal	3,394	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$4,545.00	\$1,227.00	\$3,318.00	77	2.27%	\$59.03	\$0.27	\$3.70	\$15.94
1506 RE		was upgrade appeal	2,848	Std 6 Mo renewal (combined with 1506 LA)		\$0.00			0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
1507 RE	7/23/15	was upgrade appeal	4,353	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$30,137.00	\$1,486.00	\$28,651.00	536	12.31%	\$56.23	\$0.05	\$30.23	\$2.77
1508 RE	8/25/15	was upgrade appeal	4,205	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,990.00	\$1,362.00	\$13,628.00	273	6.49%	\$54.91	\$0.09	\$11.01	\$4.99
1509 RE	9/30/15	was upgrade appeal	3,460	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$7,925.00	\$1,335.00	\$6,590.00	131	3.79%	\$60.90	\$0.19	\$5.90	\$10.10
1510 RE	10/28/15	was upgrade appeal	3,563	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,276.00	\$1,249.00	\$11,027.00	214	6.01%	\$5.84	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
Subtotal Renewals			42,048		\$134,100.00	\$13,516.00	\$120,584.00	2,361	5.62%	\$56.80	\$0.10	\$9.92	\$5.72
Lapsed													
1502 LA	2/9/15	Please Renew Your Mem	29,989	long term expired	\$5,356.00	\$9,580.00	-\$4,224.00	114	0.38%	\$46.98	\$1.79	\$0.50	\$84.01
1508 LA	8/12/15	Please Renew Your Mem	26,120	long term expired	\$4,025.00	\$7,487.00	-\$3,462.00	103	0.39%	\$39.08	\$1.86	\$0.54	\$72.69
1512 LA	12/9/15	3 leaser test	25,586	long term expired	\$5,053.00	\$12,357.00	-\$7,304.00	84	0.33%	\$60.15	\$2.45	\$0.41	\$147.11
Subtotal Lapsed			81,695		\$14,434.00	\$29,424.00	-\$14,990.00	301	0.37%	\$47.93	\$2.04	\$0.49	\$97.73
Prospecting													
1502 SFL				Students for Liberty	\$1,495.00			349	#DIV/0!	\$4.28	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Prospecting			0		\$1,495.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.00	349	#DIV/0!	\$4.28	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Web & White mail													
Web Contributions	Donations				\$28,297.30		\$28,297.30	279		\$101.42			
Web New Members	New Members				\$35,900.00		\$35,900.00	1,024		\$35.06			
Web Renewals	Renewal Memberships				\$97,881.65		\$97,881.65	1,727		\$56.68			
White Mail Contributions	Donations				\$48,134.91		\$48,134.91	100		\$481.35			
White Mail for Membership	Membership				\$10,638.55		\$10,638.55	156		\$68.20			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$220,852.41		\$220,852.41	3,286		\$67.21			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
2015 GRAND TOTAL					\$370,881.41	\$42,940.00	\$327,941.41	6,297		\$58.90			

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White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00	206		\$82.49			
2014 Appeals as 2015-12-31													
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1	ROI	Cost per Donor
House													
1402 HO	2/10/14	urgent yellow	34,992	most recent contributors	\$29,089.00	\$10,714.91	\$18,374.09	509	1.45%	\$57.15	\$0.37	\$2.71	\$21.03
1403 HO	3/21/14	annual report	19,584	stakeholders Jan 01, 2013 - Present	\$28,958.00	\$19,034.62	\$9,923.38	289	1.48%	\$100.20	\$0.66	\$1.52	\$65.86
1405 HO	5/15/2014*	building Fund	800	previous building fund donors (first class)	\$9,458.00	\$1,192.00	\$8,266.00	87	10.88%	\$108.71	\$0.13	\$7.93	\$13.70
1406 HO	6/13/14	Voter Demand	19,998	most recent contributors	\$14,641.00	\$7,573.00	\$7,068.00	244	1.22%	\$60.00	\$0.52	\$1.93	\$31.04
1408 HO	9/3/14	Urgent - Layoff	19,992	most recent contributors	\$28,020.00	\$6,274.00	\$21,746.00	394	1.97%	\$71.12	\$0.22	\$4.47	\$15.92
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							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal House			117,927		\$130,471.00	\$52,127.53	\$78,343.47	1,763	1.49%	\$74.01	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$29.57
2014 LP NEWS	VARIES								#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			117,927		\$130,471.00	\$52,127.53	\$78,343.47	1,763	1.49%	\$74.01	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$29.57
Renewals													
1401 RE	1/31/14	2012 2013 letter	4,104	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,580.00	\$1,560.11	\$8,019.89	182	4.43%	\$52.64	\$0.16	\$6.14	\$8.57
1402 RE	2/28/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,562	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,149.00	\$1,354.82	\$10,794.18	210	5.90%	\$57.85	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1403 RE	4/6/14	2012 2013 MM letter	4,502	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,194.00	\$1,567.79	\$8,626.21	206	4.58%	\$49.49	\$0.15	\$6.50	\$7.61
1404 RE	4/24/14	2012 2013 MM letter	7,976	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,777.00	\$1,380.16	\$8,396.84	196	4.97%	\$49.88	\$0.14	\$7.08	\$7.07
1406 RE	7/10/14	life member	12,834	current non-life members	\$23,421.00	\$8,213.45	\$15,207.55	55	0.43%	\$425.84	\$0.35	\$2.85	\$149.34
1407 RE	7/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,100	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$15,534.00	\$1,342.00	\$14,192.00	295	9.52%	\$52.66	\$0.09	\$11.58	\$4.55
1408 RE	9/17/14	wes upgrade appeal	3,713	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$18,465.00	\$1,294.00	\$17,171.00	326	8.78%	\$56.64	\$0.07	\$14.27	\$3.97
1409 RE	10/8/14	wes upgrade appeal	4,211	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,814.00	\$1,652.40	\$13,161.60	256	6.08%	\$57.87	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1410 RE	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	2,540	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,720.00	\$783.00	\$9,937.00	191	7.52%	\$4.10	\$0.07	\$13.69	\$4.10
1411 RE	12/12/14	wes upgrade appeal	5,402	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$17,662.00	\$2,026.00	\$15,636.00	286	5.29%	\$61.76	\$0.11	\$8.72	\$7.00
1412 RE	1/12/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,234	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,245.00	\$1,781.00	\$9,464.00	210	4.01%	\$53.55	\$0.16	\$6.31	\$8.48
Subtotal Renewals			55,603		\$162,546.00	\$24,021.64	\$138,524.36	2602	4.68%	\$62.47	\$0.15	\$6.77	\$9.23
Lapsed									#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Lapsed			44,034		\$21,828.50	\$11,913.21	\$9,915.29	386	0.88%	\$56.55	\$0.55	\$1.83	\$30.86
Prospecting													
1404 PR-1	4/10/14	Reg LP - book, t-shirt	29,295	Registered Libertarians (plus cost of prem)	\$4,539.00	\$8,784.41	-\$4,245.41	122	0.42%	\$37.20	\$1.94	\$0.52	\$72.00
Subtotal Prospecting			58,591		\$7,086.95	\$17,568.82	-\$10,481.87	176	0.30%	\$40.27	\$2.48	\$0.40	\$99.82
WEB													
Web Contributions	Donations				\$63,970.00		\$63,970.00	646		\$99.02			
Web New Members	New Members				\$53,491.00		\$53,491.00	1,556		\$34.38			
Web Renewals	Renewal Memberships				\$171,774.00		\$171,774.00	2,654		\$64.72			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions	Donations				\$30,149.00		\$30,149.00	175		\$172.28			
White Mail for Membership	Membership				\$14,615.00		\$14,615.00	180		\$81.19			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$333,999.00		\$333,999.00	5,211		\$64.09			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
1404 HO		bullet fund - email		prtyx	\$8,285.00		\$8,285.00	153		\$54.15			
2014 GRAND TOTAL					\$664,216.45	\$105,631.20	\$558,585.25	10,291		\$64.54			

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White Mail for Membership		Membership		\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00		206		\$82.49			
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1	ROI	Cost per Donor
2013 Appeals (6- of 2014-12-31)													
House													
1301 HO	1/28/13	Big Opportunity	20,694		\$20,825.00	\$7,115.00	\$13,710.00	214	1.03%	\$97.73	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$31.40
1303 HO	4/2/13	Building fund	13,336		\$54,186.00	\$9,464.00	\$44,722.00	201	1.51%	\$220.58	\$0.17	\$5.73	\$47.08
1303 HO email	4/4/13	Building fund email	130,454		\$2,501.00	\$0.00	\$2,501.00	6	0.01%	\$387.84	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1303 HO 3	4/22/13	Second Notice (bldg fund)	13,337		\$12,550.00	\$5,729.00	\$6,821.00	84	0.63%	\$149.40	\$0.46	\$2.19	\$68.20
1303 HO email	5/8/13	Building fund email	137,609		\$10,689.00	\$0.00	\$10,689.00	17	0.01%	\$628.76	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1305 HO	5/24/13	2012 Annual Report	19,793		\$22,112.00	\$11,820.00	\$10,292.00	282	1.42%	\$78.41	\$0.31	\$1.87	\$41.91
1306 HO	6/11/13	Extremely Time Sens. ARF	19,887		\$16,096.00	\$6,374.00	\$9,722.00	243	1.22%	\$68.24	\$0.40	\$2.31	\$39.23
1307 HO	8/13/13	ballot access	19,000		\$21,142.00	\$9,184.00	\$11,958.00	285	1.50%	\$81.20	\$0.40	\$2.52	\$32.23
1309 HO	9/30/13	corrections and donations	40,000		\$32,712.00	\$8,067.00	\$24,645.00	549	1.37%	\$59.58	\$0.21	\$4.06	\$14.69
1310 HO	10/30/13	Heros	22,840		\$9,669.00	\$6,724.00	\$2,945.00	168	0.74%	\$37.51	\$0.70	\$1.44	\$40.02
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1311 HO	11/15/14	Invest in growth	20,188		\$11,382.00	\$6,357.95	\$5,024.05	178	0.88%	\$63.94	\$0.56	\$1.79	\$31.72
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1312 Ballot Fund	12/23/14	Special message - Gary Johnson	20,003		\$20,968.20	\$7,157.76	\$13,810.44	272	1.36%	\$77.09	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$26.32
Subtotal House			457,138		\$236,632.20	\$77,992.71	\$158,641.49	\$2,500.08	0.55%	\$94.63	\$0.31	\$3.03	\$31.20
2013 LP NEWS	VARIES				\$2,935.00			62	#DIV/0!	\$47.34			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			457,138		\$239,567.20	\$77,992.71	\$161,574.49	2,562	0.56%	\$93.51	\$0.31	\$3.07	\$30.44
Renewals													
1301 RE	1/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,228		\$11,571.49	\$2,280.00	\$9,291.49	214	5.06%	\$54.07	\$0.20	\$5.08	\$10.65
1303 RE	2/20/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,694		\$12,733.00	\$1,813.00	\$10,920.00	278	7.47%	\$46.13	\$0.14	\$7.02	\$6.57
1303 RE	3/15/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,305		\$13,815.00	\$1,334.00	\$12,481.00	260	7.87%	\$49.20	\$0.10	\$9.61	\$5.13
1304 RE	4/23/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,803		\$11,675.00	\$1,259.00	\$10,416.00	242	8.63%	\$48.24	\$0.11	\$9.27	\$5.20
1305 RE	6/1/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,685		\$9,440.00	\$1,428.00	\$8,012.00	186	6.93%	\$50.75	\$0.13	\$6.61	\$7.68
1306 RE	6/26/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,081		\$19,865.00	\$1,379.00	\$18,486.00	399	8.31%	\$58.60	\$0.08	\$11.08	\$2.40
1307 RE	7/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,970		\$20,137.00	\$1,478.00	\$18,659.00	384	7.73%	\$52.44	\$0.07	\$13.62	\$3.85
1308 RE	8/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,151		\$13,098.00	\$1,549.04	\$11,548.96	270	5.24%	\$48.51	\$0.12	\$8.46	\$5.74
1308 RE	8/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,151		\$13,298.00	\$1,773.00	\$11,525.00	275	5.34%	\$48.36	\$0.13	\$7.49	\$6.46
1309 RE	9/24/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,619		\$16,495.00	\$1,573.00	\$14,922.00	318	5.66%	\$51.87	\$0.10	\$10.49	\$4.95
1310 RE	10/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,546		\$13,660.00	\$1,538.34	\$12,121.66	249	4.46%	\$54.86	\$0.11	\$8.88	\$6.18
1311 RE	11/15/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,075		\$9,479.00	\$1,795.20	\$7,683.80	121	2.36%	\$78.85	\$0.15	\$5.23	\$14.12
1312 RE	12/31/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,453		\$8,685.00	\$1,805.90	\$6,879.10	157	3.53%	\$55.32	\$0.21	\$4.81	\$11.50
Subtotal Renewals			56,561		\$172,851.49	\$21,146.24	\$151,705.25	3297	5.83%	\$52.43	\$0.12	\$8.17	\$6.41
Lapsed													
1308 LA	9/4/13	Please Renew Your Mem	39,057	long term expired	\$17,854.00	\$14,021.00	\$17,309.00	378	0.96%	\$47.74	\$0.78	\$1.27	\$37.49
1312 LA			25,000	long term expired	\$7,645.00		\$1,710.00	181	0.72%	\$42.24	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
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							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Lapsed			64,057		\$25,499.00	\$14,021.00	\$11,478.00	559	0.87%	\$45.94	\$0.55	\$1.82	\$21.26
Prospecting													
1311 PR	12/4/13		40,610		\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	\$-2,901.00	152					
							\$0.00						
Subtotal Prospecting			40,610		\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	\$-2,901.00	152	0.37%	\$49.94	\$1.38	\$0.72	\$69.03
WEB													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$31,149.00		\$31,149.00	452		\$68.91			
WebNew Members		New Members			\$85,850.00		\$85,850.00	2,394		\$35.86			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$137,101.00		\$137,101.00	2,761		\$49.66			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$45,252.00		\$45,252.00	130		\$348.09			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$11,135.00		\$11,135.00	187		\$59.55			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$310,487.00		\$310,487.00	5,924		\$52.41			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
12510 Facebook		online		facebook	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	46		\$27.39			
1311 Ballot Fund		prys		email list	\$28,256.78		\$28,256.78	586		\$48.22			
2013 GRAND TOTAL					\$785,514.47	\$123,651.95	\$661,862.52	13,124		\$59.86			

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White Mail for Membership	Membership				\$16,993.00		\$16,993.00	206		\$82.49			
2012 Appeals													
House													
1201 HO	2/6/12	Ron Paul Effect	29,725	House + Vols + lapsed	\$41,902.00	\$9,345.50	\$32,556.50	446	1.16%	\$121.10	\$0.25	\$4.48	\$27.0
1204-1 HO	4/16/12	BA urgent	18,937	House	\$13,388.00	\$4,452.42	\$8,935.58	201	1.06%	\$66.61	\$0.33	\$3.01	\$22.15
1205 HO	6/9/12	Annual Report	19,956	2011 constituents	\$25,213.00	\$8,867.31	\$16,345.69	230	1.65%	\$76.40	\$0.35	\$2.84	\$28.8
1206 HO	6/20/12	ARI - BA Alert	19,956	2011 constituents	\$15,124.00	\$6,044.14	\$9,079.86	222	1.11%	\$68.13	\$0.40	\$2.56	\$27.2
1207 HO	8/6/12	Don't let this hold back	25,404	house + Vols + GJ	\$33,261.00	\$8,014.62	\$25,246.38	382	1.52%	\$85.73	\$0.24	\$4.15	\$30.6
1209 HO	9/13/12	Urgent Libertarian Message	32,776	house + Vols + GJ + lapsed	\$19,684.00	\$9,911.30	\$9,772.70	320	0.98%	\$61.51	\$0.50	\$1.99	\$30.9
1210 HO	10/4/12	If all americans knew	21,909	house + GJ	\$16,646.00	\$7,147.73	\$9,498.27	182	0.83%	\$91.46	\$0.43	\$2.13	\$39.23
1210-2 HO	10/30/12	Is this the Good News, ?	22,333	house + GJ	\$11,461.00	\$7,060.00	\$4,401.00	134	0.60%	\$85.53	\$0.43	\$1.62	\$33.6
1211 HO	11/26/12	root stompin, smti making	20,650	house 18 + GJ	\$12,079.00	\$6,295.00	\$5,784.00	166	0.80%	\$72.73	\$0.52	\$1.92	\$37.92
1212 HO	12/31/12	You gotta see this, can't fail	18,773	house 18 + GJ less pledgers	\$16,395.00	\$6,072.00	\$10,323.00	0	0.00%	#DIV/0!	\$0.31	\$2.73	#DIV/0!
Subtotal House			230,509		\$205,353.00	\$73,210.01	\$132,142.99	2,289	0.99%	\$89.71	\$0.36	\$2.80	\$31.98
2012 LP NEWS	VARGES				\$625.00			0	#DIV/0!	\$69.44			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			230,509		\$205,978.00	\$73,210.01	\$132,767.99	2,289	1.00%	\$89.63	\$0.36	\$2.81	\$31.88
Renewals													
1201 RE	1/9/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,294		\$14,440.00	\$1,029.11	\$13,410.89	283	8.65%	\$50.67	\$0.07	\$14.03	\$3.6
1202 RE	2/8/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,327		\$12,431.00	\$1,029.75	\$11,401.25	263	7.91%	\$47.27	\$0.08	\$12.07	\$3.92
1203 RE	3/17/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,675		\$16,157.00	\$1,223.42	\$14,933.58	302	6.46%	\$53.50	\$0.08	\$13.21	\$4.05
1204 RE	4/12/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,654		\$13,419.00	\$1,222.00	\$12,197.00	295	6.23%	\$46.23	\$0.09	\$10.98	\$4.23
1205 RE	6/2/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,371		\$11,700.00	\$1,199.99	\$10,500.01	256	5.86%	\$45.70	\$0.10	\$9.92	\$4.61
1206 RE	7/2/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,606		\$13,195.00	\$1,208.00	\$11,987.00	256	5.56%	\$51.54	\$0.09	\$10.92	\$4.72
1207 RE		Please Renew Your Mem			\$0.00		\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
1208 RE	8/7/12	Please Renew Your Mem	5,347		\$26,746.00	\$1,313.92	\$25,432.08	516	9.11%	\$51.33	\$0.05	\$20.16	\$5.55
1209 RE	9/21/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,865		\$16,738.00	\$1,245.97	\$15,492.03	334	6.87%	\$50.11	\$0.07	\$13.43	\$3.73
1210 RE	10/16/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,308		\$13,863.00	\$1,170.13	\$12,692.87	273	6.38%	\$50.41	\$0.08	\$11.85	\$4.29
1211 RE	11/16/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,863		\$6,805.00	\$1,208.00	\$5,597.00	159	4.06%	\$43.34	\$0.18	\$5.65	\$7.66
1212 RE	12/22/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,325		\$18,880.00	\$1,163.00	\$17,717.00	387	8.95%	\$48.79	\$0.06	\$16.23	\$3.01
Subtotal Renewals			47,635		\$164,374.00	\$12,993.34	\$151,380.66	3324	6.98%	\$49.43	\$0.08	\$12.63	\$3.9
Lapsed													
1206 LA	7/3/12	Why haven't you been told	21,693		\$2,330.00	\$5,997.00	-\$3,667.00	31	0.24%	\$45.69	\$2.57	\$0.39	\$117.55
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							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
Subtotal Lapsed			21,693		\$2,330.00	\$5,997.00	-\$3,667.00	31	0.24%	\$45.69	\$2.57	\$0.39	\$117.55
Prospecting													
							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
			0		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
WEB													
Web Contributions	Donations				\$98,840.00		\$98,840.00	1,134		\$87.16			
Web New Members	New Members				\$138,345.00		\$138,345.00	3,533		\$39.16			
Web Renewals	Renewal Memberships				\$131,307.00		\$131,307.00	2,372		\$55.44			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions	Donations				\$46,323.00		\$46,323.00	182		\$254.52			
White Mail for Membership	Membership				\$15,249.00		\$15,249.00	199		\$76.14			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$430,564.00		\$430,564.00	7,420		\$58.03			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
doorhangers										#DIV/0!			
lapsed member intern calling										#DIV/0!			
2012 GRAND TOTAL					\$803,246.00	\$92,200.37	\$711,045.63	15,382		\$52.22			

LNC Development Department Report

September 2018

By Lauren Daugherty, Development Director

Results:

Fundraising has been strong this year.

Our 2018 Libertarian National Convention revenues exceeded those from our 2016 Libertarian National Convention, something none of us had thought possible despite the record-breaking advanced ticket sales. At the beginning of the convention, we ran the math with the updated numbers and saw that this was now in the realm of possibility, so we made it our goal. With the generous help of so many members and donors, we made it happen.

Our 2018 first-quarter revenues were the strongest we've had in over 10 years.

Our 2018 second-quarter revenues (which include national convention revenues) were the second strongest of the past 10 years, exceeded only by 2016's.

And, our 2018 third-quarter revenues are also the second strongest we've had in 10 years, exceeded only by 2016's.

The same holds true for our year-to-date fundraising. 2018 YTD revenues are the second strongest of the past 10 years, exceeded only by 2016's.

Our YTD revenue is 23% above the average of the same time periods of the last 10 years. And our YTD is 28% above the average of our revenues for the same time periods in 2014 and 2010.

These calculations exclude revenues from bequests.

Much of our fundraising success in 2017 and now in 2018 has been because of upgraded giving. Our members and donors have appreciated the increased attention and communication we have been giving them and they respond favorably and generously.

Staff transitions:

After the national convention, Jess Mears transitioned to her new role as Membership Manager and moved to DC to work from headquarters. She's been refining our membership recruitment, retention, and renewal processes at headquarters. She's doing a terrific job and her work will help us retain and grow our membership short-term and long-term.

Upgrading systems:

Communication is a critical part of fundraising. We are continually upgrading our systems and forms of outreach. To help continue that progress, we recently hired a part-time contractor to focus on these sorts of projects and upgrades.

Events:

Jess and I have prioritized attending important events, getting to know members and donors, and communicating with them more effectively.

This year, Jess attended many state conventions and other events on our behalf. This has been very fruitful in multiple ways. We've signed up new members, built relationships with members and donors, and helped get people more connected with the party. Sometimes LNC members have assisted with this also. We need to continue to prioritize outreach at other organizations' and state affiliates' events in 2019.

About a year ago, we started hosting house parties as fundraisers the evening before LNC meetings. These have been productive. I am working on lining up some additional events throughout the next several months. We need to be hosting more events throughout the year, to get more donors involved, and build relationships year-round in preparation for future elections.

Thanking members/donors:

Jess and I are spending more time thanking donors and members. For example, we have started replying to donors/members via email after they have given online and quickly thanking them. I've received some very positive feedback from donors and members about this. In a world where we are all bombarded by mass communications, people increasingly crave and appreciate personal communication.

Jess and I have also started facilitating some thank-you cards signed by staff. These go to new Lifetime Members, new Liberty Pledgers, and now also to new members. This helps show our appreciation, build the relationship, and humanize the party. As part of this, at this LNC meeting, I'm going to ask LNC members to sign Thanksgiving cards for top donors.

Of course, we continue to send our traditional, printed thank-you letters, as overseen by Mat Thexton at HQ. He does an excellent job and these play an important role in helping donors have confidence in the organization and feel good about giving to the national party.

Direct mail:

Over the last year we've been experimenting with some smaller, more personalized, targeting mailings and had some great successes and some flops. Each time, we learn and tweak for future mailings. We are continuously experimenting and looking for new ways to increase our effectiveness and inspire our donors and members to give.

Outreach to major donors:

I update our current major donors on a regular basis via phone, email, and fax. Other charitable organizations that are highly successful with fundraising have fundraising staff that travel and meet with donors all over the country on a regular basis. This is very important in getting people more engaged with the organization. We don't currently have the manpower for much of this but we need to prioritize it as soon as possible.



LIBERTARIAN

Membership Department Report

September 2018
Submitted By: Jess Mears

Team

The Membership Department consists of Wes Benedict (Executive Director), Jess Mears (Membership Manager), Mat Thexton (Member Services Manager), Nick Dunbar (Membership and Pledge Programs Special Projects), Tyler Harris (Members Services Assistant), Liz Botkin (Membership Assistant-Renewal Calls), Bob Johnston (Campaigns and Affiliate Support Specialist-Renewal Calls), and Robert Kraus (Operations Director). All of these individuals are involved with the LNC's membership processes in varying degrees.

Transition

I relocated as of August 2018 to work out of LPHQ and at the same time, transitioned from Development Manager to Membership Manager. In this capacity, I will focus on our membership processes for retaining existing members, marketing to prospective members, and exploring ways to improve the membership experience. While the transition is still very recent, I look forward to more regularity in the coming months through developing a written membership procedures document.

While in a phase of acquainting myself with the membership aspect of the LP operations, I have discussed processes with staff to gain a comprehensive view of our membership program. Phone conversations are underway with state chairs to learn more about the state affiliate membership methods and to find ways to grow both the state affiliate and LP National memberships. These phone calls have been well received by state chairs and will continue through the fall. Many are heavily involved in campaigns or running for office themselves at this time.

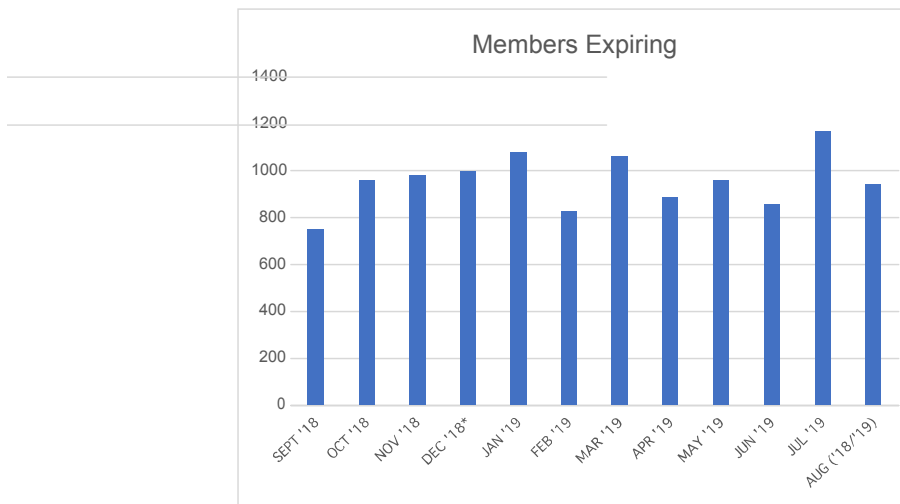
Key Departmental Responsibilities

- Process membership transactions
- Produce the *Liberty Pledge News* for monthly pledgers
- Send membership renewal appeals (letter, email, text, telemarketing, unpaid social media posts)
- Membership prospecting
- Respond and address membership related inquiries, concerns, feedback, suggestions
- Update membership records

Review of Membership Data

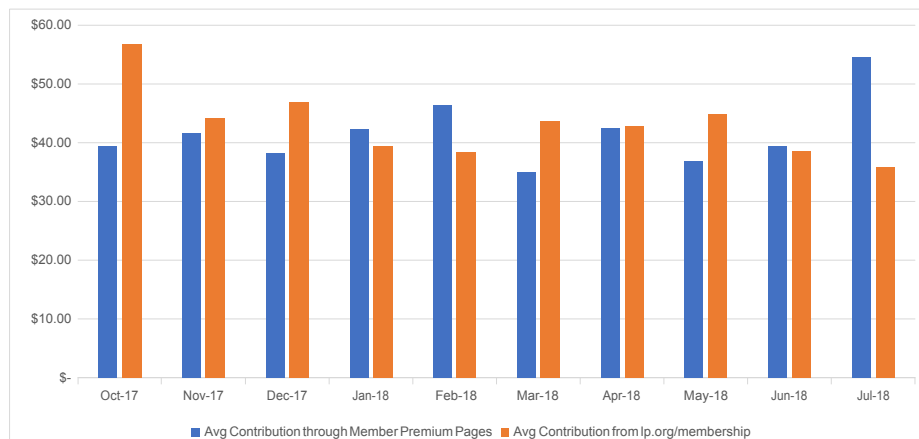
The Membership Department has reviewed data to discover trends, utilizing data research skills from Tyler Harris. For example, we looked at membership expiration dates to prepare for months ahead that have higher numbers of membership expirations than others. The highest number of members that will lapse on any given day will be July 11, 2019 with 131 expiring memberships.

Below is a graph of memberships depicting membership expiration dates per month during the upcoming year:



The Membership Department is in the process of reviewing digital membership transactions. There are numerous incentives that we have marketed online to increase membership conversions. We are reviewing data and will make recommendations related to refining the incentive program.

The graph below compares the monthly average donation with and without an incentive (premium pages-consistent program began in October 2017):



Quarter 4 Objectives

Following the mid-term elections, I look forward to continuing a review of our membership program and documenting the procedures. The team will review the membership program and consider modifications based upon industry best practices that complement our organization as well as historical data from membership appeals.

Membership week will run from 11/7 to 11/14. This will be a post-election campaign for new and renewing members with calls-to-action such as member-recruit-a-member appeals, guest appearances on social media from high visibility 2018 Libertarian campaigns for membership appeals, and to reflect on the successes of the 2018 election cycle.

The current 2018 membership card design (pictured below) will be retired shortly and replaced a new design. A two question survey will be sent to membership in early October via email to solicit input from our members on a new card design. There will be three options for our membership to select from and the design that receives the highest number of votes will be exchanged for the 2018 membership card design. Our Graphic Designer, Denise Luckey, has prepared the three options.



A membership satisfaction survey will be developed to better understand our members' interests, opinions, and motivations, as well as how LPHQ can better serve the membership. The goals are to determine if our members are actively involved with their state and county affiliates, gather opinion based data from the membership, and to determine if there are areas for improvement.

Membership prospecting will be a major focus in the final months of 2018. A digital marketing consultant (Lindsay Horn) was brought on to help improve webforms and digital marketing efforts to attract new members via digital efforts. Digital efforts could prove to have a greater return on investment for prospecting than mailing lists and multiple strategies will be tested. A budget of \$1,000 per month has been assigned for digital targeting for new and renewing members.

Additional Activity

A few team members from the Membership Department have assisted with our targeted elections to support the technology needs of Apollo Pazell and Cara Schulz. I have attended local events to network with like-minded organizations, including a Convention of States Project (2018 National Conventional vendor) event as well as a Blackbaud (LNC CRM provider) training session for end-of year giving.



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Social Media Report

September 2018
Submitted By: Jess Mears

The Libertarian Party maintains the following social media accounts:

Facebook	Facebook.com/libertarians
Twitter	Twitter.com/lpnational
Instagram	Instagram.com/libertarianpartyofficial/
LinkedIn	Linkedin.com/company/lpnational/
Pinterest	Pinterest.com/lpnational/
Snapchat	@LPNational
Mastadon	@Lpnational@mastodon.social
YouTube	Youtube.com/LibertarianParty
Tumblr	Tumblr.com/blog/lpnational

Our social media platforms have been managed by a team committed volunteers for many years. These volunteers have contributed significantly to the growth of our brand and ideas and their efforts are sincerely appreciated. During this mid-term election season, many volunteers are spread thin with campaign work. The primary platform for volunteer posting is Facebook. As shown above, the Libertarian Party has a presence on many platforms and more volunteers are needed to enhance our social media outreach efforts. A social media volunteer application is under development at this time to recruit more volunteers. In addition to recruiting new volunteers, a mechanism to crowdsource quotes, commentary, designs, videos, photographs, and news from virtually anyone is also being developed. An orientation process for new social media volunteers is being drafted as one did not previously exist.

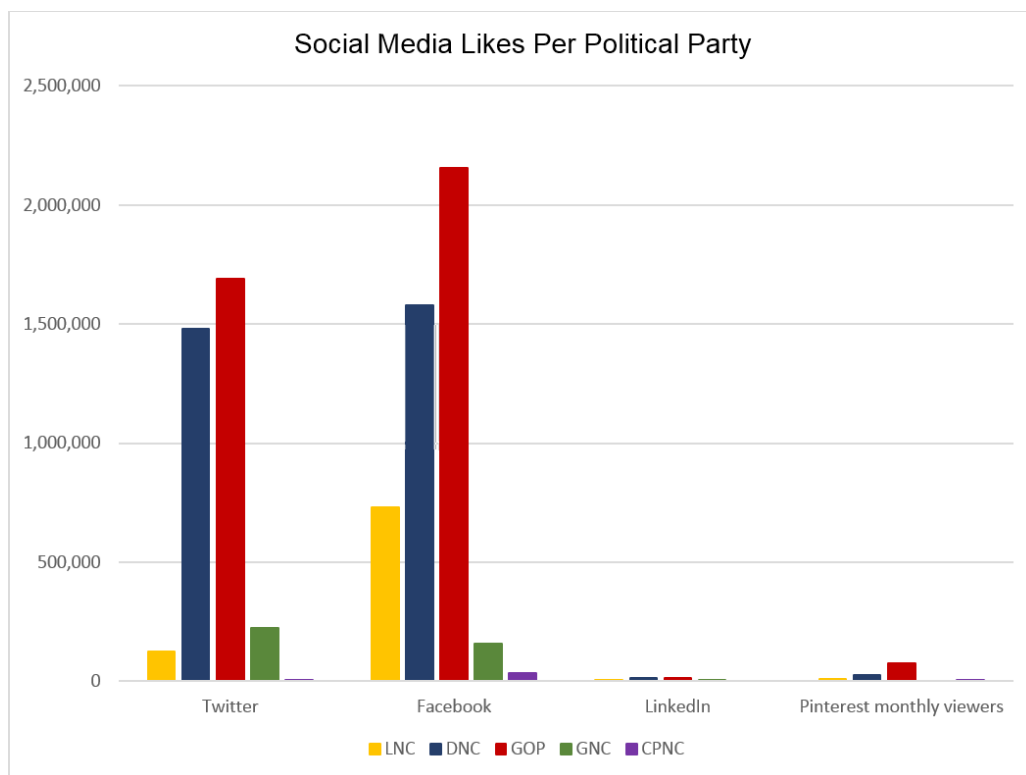
Certain platforms are more productive for reaching different demographics. In early 2017, I received access to the Instagram account, which had been managed by Matt Geiger of Maryland. The Instagram account has seen tremendous growth in followers in this time as Instagram is a growing platform in user totals. Our largest Instagram audience is between the ages of 25-34, followed by the 18-24 age range. We have tested out marketing strategies used by large corporations, such as Instagram and Snapchat takeovers with Larry Sharpe and Caryn Ann Harlos. Such efforts are difficult to quantify; however, it is important to educate our audiences on the functions of the Libertarian National Committee.

Due to easier opt-out options for emails from a mailing list, the Libertarian Party will need to increase efforts to obtain email addresses from individuals on social media. Nearly all organizations that utilize

an email service provider are struggling as emails from a mailing list are automatically sent to the Gmail “promotions” tab. This is not unique to the Libertarian Party. A monthly budget of \$1,000 has been approved to market to prospective members and lapsed members. A digital marketing consultant (Lindsay Horn) is in the process of developing pledge/lead pages to assist with collecting email addresses.

The social media team participated in a training session with Libertarian activist, Caitlin Cloven. Caitlin provided recommendations on a reformatted Facebook posting schedule, tips and suggestions for working with Facebook’s algorithms, and an organizational chart to provide more structure to the volunteer team.

Below is a comparison across social media platforms for likes/followers based upon political parties:



*Data collected as of September 24, 2018

Director of Operation's Report – Sept 2018

by Robert Kraus

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

Data Dumps continue to be sent out regularly & via the CRM to several states that are working with Andy Burns. As a reminder we have moved to the upgraded next generation cloud based database by Blackbaud called RE NXT. This also incorporates Online Express by Blackbaud which will tie some of our fundraising via the web site directly into the database. We have utilized this aspect currently for some of the board members & the regional reps. Please talk to Lauren if you would like your own page!

Here are a few examples:

<https://www.lp.org/carynann/>

<https://www.lp.org/paige/>

<https://www.lp.org/alex/>

Building Fund / Office

Curr mortg balc = \$215,128.72 as of 09/24/2018 – that would be about 40% of our original mortgage total!

Extra payments made so far this year = \$5,500

Curr in restricted fund \$2,114

In terms of the facilities, we've had several repairs of late including replacing our water heater & roofing repairs due to copious record amounts of rain this summer (over a years worth in 3 months). This also may have led to a clog in our a/c pan which also caused some water damage. Now that the leaks are plugged (for now) we will at some point need to re-pain. Any volunteers?

FEC Filing

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

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

Financial

We are back in "positive" territory at \$18,742 on the reserve although not up to the target amount yet (which increased to \$56,225 due to increase in compensation budget).

Based on current trends: 2018 total revenue - I am currently projecting about \$1.7M vs budget of \$1.9M & 2018 total expenses of \$1.95M vs budget of \$2.3M for a net loss of \$250k vs budgeted loss of \$429k

We would caution the LNC when it comes to any new expensive projects that are not already planned within the budget. We continue to allocate staff compensation on a monthly basis to functional programs / projects & fundraising as noted in the Monthly P&L Detail report.

Thank you!

Robert

Press Secretary's Report

As Press Secretary, I

- monitor breaking stories and research and draft press releases particularly when a breaking story has a distinctively libertarian angle that is not otherwise expressed in most media accounts.
- write about Libertarian candidates where their campaigns tell a story that has national implications.
- seek earned media opportunities for Party leadership and candidates in cooperation with Media Coordinator and Assistant Editor.
- track media hits through iContact and LinkedIn analytics,
- build and manage list of media contacts through iContact with sourcing through LinkedIn and organically.
- dampen fires whenever anyone described in the press as libertarian speaks or acts in an unlibertarian manner.

For Freedom,

Richard Fields
Press Secretary
Libertarian National Committee

Affiliate Development Specialist Q2 & Q3 2018 Report

By: Andy Burns

CRM Project

The [State CRM Project](#) is now a year old and we are undergoing our next major development phase; we signed the contract to build the customized User Dashboard on August 21, 2018. In short, this will allow county affiliate access in an intelligent way. If you would like the technical details of how this works, please contact me. The estimated time to completion is 4 – 6 months which puts us at in the February – April 2019 time frame. We are very excited about the way this will empower local volunteers like never before.

The total cost of this was reduced from \$50,000 to \$43,000 by working with CiviCRM to take advantage of current and future upgrades to CiviCRM. CiviCRM ran a [Make-It-happen Campaign \(MIH\)](#) for the [Contact Summary layout Editor](#) (CSLE) which is a dependency for the dashboard. The Libertarian Party also contributed \$1,000 to the CSLE MIH.

Once the dashboard is built, we will work with states to get armies of volunteers making calls to raise state / national membership and build local affiliates.

I am available to do demo's for states at any time.

LP National Affiliate Services (States on each system)

Website	CRM	Email
15	13	10

States Migrating:

- Colorado (December)
- Kentucky (October)
- South Carolina (ready anytime, waiting on them)

States Evaluating:

- Arizona
- Indiana

- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania

My Roles

- Project Management
- Client Support (tickets)
- Training
- Development
- Pre-sales
- Database Administration
- Data Migration

As we move forward, we plan to have experienced state admins train newer state admins as they come onboard. This will lessen the burden on training.

Geocoding

We have setup geocoding so all records can be mapped for when it may be useful. For instance, this is beneficial when states want to see where they have the most support to start a local affiliate. In addition, the system now fills in missing data points including city, county, state, postal code. The most critical data point that usually gets filled in with the geocoder is county; note that all web forms ask for their county via a drop down.

SMS Integration

We have tested this functionality with national and Georgia. We will roll this out sometime in 2019 so states can send mass or individual SMS messages. There are state groups to send to as well as candidate segmentation. One issue regarding phone types will be resolved shortly. That is noted [here](#).

Run For Office Form Integrated with CRM

We now have the [candidate inquiries](#) feeding into the CRM so we can manage their record in one place throughout its lifecycle. Below lists the benefits of doing this:

Benefits

- Store candidate data in one place
- Manage candidate relationship throughout its lifespan (prospect > candidate > election history > elected official)
- Eliminate non-value added data entry and duplication ('virtual paperwork')
- Increase productivity of staff that touch candidate data
- Increase data integrity
- Display candidates in master directory
- Display candidates on state LP sites
- Segment candidates
- Email to those segments
- Track key campaign relationships
- Track specific data relating to candidate campaigns including an overview and results section

Cara Schulz (Candidate Recruitment Specialist) has been using the system and emailing out to these candidates and Political Directors.

Candidate Directories

Because we are feeding candidate submissions into the CRM, we can easily display this data for all states on their sites and a comprehensive national directory for 2019 and onwards. e.g. lpia.org/2018-candidates. States can add/edit their data. This makes managing the data quicker and more efficient, eliminating duplicative actions on both the state and national side.

Campaign Strategy Calls

We have been running Cara Schulz's Campaign Strategy Series conference calls through the CRM. This is beneficial as we build a list of who the dedicated volunteers are. This sends the call-in details to the people who RSVP, and runs a scheduled reminder the day of the event. This saves lots of time so staff can work on higher value-added activities.

Sending Scheduled Reminders For Lapsing State Membership

We also have setup scheduled reminders for lapsing state members. This increases retention and provides a better follow-up call to members so they know about their membership status.

Candidate Websites

We launched a quick initiative to get candidates websites as [outlined here](#). From concept to first site, it was delivered in a few short weeks.

We provided 16 websites in 2018. We could have done more (I would estimate 30-50) by mailing out to those candidates who did not have a site yet (we can filter that in the CRM) but we did not want to take away resources from the CRM Project so this was on a 'as time-allows' basis. Our time is compressed as it is.

We anticipate this service to continue for future elections.

The cost is \$200/mo plus staff time. Myself and Ryan Waterbury (graphic design contractor) build the sites. It takes a combined time of just over an hour. We limited this service to state representative / county offices and lower.

Election History

I took excel spreadsheet data that was from 2002-2016 and compiled it in the CRM. Some data fields show on the [front-end](#).

All years have been imported with the exception of 2006. 2006 formatting was particularly ill-formatted for an excel application so that will be done as time allows.

This process took 3 steps.

1. Creating standards to take in this candidate data
2. Transforming excel sheets to be standardized and properly formatted and appended with data
3. Importing

Number 1 is most important because now going forward, the LP has institutionalized a proper way to manage candidate data that doesn't rely on one person's preferences and fluctuate from election to election, etc. If these standards need adjusting then we will build consensus on changes.

We have a dedicated site to streamline how national can help affiliates at helpdesk.lp.org.
Affiliates should continue to support requests in [via the form](#).

Q2 and Q3 tickets resolved

Affiliate Support - 160

Graphic Design - 19

Part of the graphic design is candidate websites.

Note: Some tickets are 'project-based' and are much more intensive than others. e.g. migrating data and setting up their IT infrastructure.

Miscellaneous

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Libertarian National Committee
FROM: Oliver Hall
DATE: October 2, 2018
SUBJECT: Special Counsel's Report

Introduction

This report summarizes my work as Special Counsel to the Libertarian National Committee since I last submitted a report on June 29, 2018. The report is a privileged attorney-client communication, but only relates facts, and not legal advice. As such, it may be appropriate for sharing with a wider audience, including members of the Libertarian Party, at your discretion.

General

As Special Counsel to the LNC, I have reviewed documents and correspondence, responded to questions, and provided legal advice and services on a variety of matters as needed or requested. In particular, I researched and resolved queries involving: the legal issues relating to an employment contract; the legal issues relating to the exclusion of Libertarian candidates from public polling; the legality of the exclusion of Libertarian candidates for state offices from debates under the laws of Montana, Texas and Virginia; the legal issues relating to a Libertarian candidate's exclusion from Maryland's ballot; the legal issues relating to a challenge to a Libertarian candidate's ballot access in Pennsylvania; the merits of a complaint regarding the content of a post on the LNC website; the merits of a complaint relating to a claim of copyright infringement; the federal regulations relating to texting; and the legal theories for potential ballot access litigation in Oklahoma and South Dakota.

I also provided the following services:

- Drafted a demand letter and negotiated on behalf of a Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Nebraska seeking to participate in a debate;
- Researched Iowa law, drafted a demand letter and negotiated on behalf of a Libertarian candidate for Governor in Iowa seeking to participate in a debate;
- Assisted lead counsel and sent demand letters on behalf of Ohio candidate for Governor seeking to participate in a debate;
- Prepared documents and coordinated establishment of escrow accounts for LNC and a state party affiliate;

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Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: affiliate development contractor; website platform contractor; ; and petitioning contractors in New York and Connecticut.

Litigation

Arizona Libertarian Party v. Reagan, No. 2:16-cv-01019 (D. Ariz. April 12, 2016), No. 17-16491 (9th Cir. July 21, 2017): This case challenges Arizona's newly enacted law that drastically increased signature requirements for Libertarian Party candidates seeking access to AZLP's primary ballot. It requests declaratory and injunctive relief. The Plaintiffs sought preliminary relief in time for the 2016 election, which was denied. Thereafter, the parties conducted discovery and filed cross-motions for summary judgment. On July 10, 2017, the District Court granted summary judgment to the state. The Plaintiffs have appealed to the 9th Circuit and briefing on the appeal was completed in April 2018. Oral argument is likely to follow in early 2019. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

Cowen v. Kemp, No. 1:17-cv-04660 (N.D. Ga. Nov. 21, 2017) – This case challenges the Georgia law requiring that candidates for U.S. House submit nomination petitions with signatures equal in number to 5 percent of the registered voters in the last election. No candidate has ever complied with that requirement since the law was enacted in 1943. Plaintiffs are individual voters and the Libertarian Party of Georgia. The Defendant filed an Answer to the Complaint in February 2018, and the parties are currently taking discovery. Plaintiffs' counsel is Brian Sells: (404) 480-4212; bryan@bryansellsllaw.com.

Level the Playing Field v. Federal Election Committee, No. 1-15-cv-01397: This case challenges the FEC's failure to act upon, and constructive denial of, an administrative complaint against the Commission on Presidential Debates. On February 1, 2017, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and denied Defendant's motion. The Court remanded the case to the FEC with instructions to reconsider the evidence and allegations and issue a new opinion within 60 days. The Court also ordered the FEC to reconsider Plaintiffs' petition for rulemaking and enter a new decision within 60 days. In March 2017, the FEC issued a new decision that upheld its prior position. The case is now back before the District Court, and the Plaintiffs have filed a supplemental complaint. The parties have filed cross-motions for summary judgment, and briefing was completed on the motions in November 2017. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alexandra Shapiro, Shapiro Arato LLP: ashapiro@shapiroarato.com; 212-257-4881.

Libertarian National Committee v. Federal Election Committee, No. 16-cv-0121: This case challenges the FEC's treatment of a bequest from Joseph Shaber, deceased, to the LNC, which imposes an annual limit on the amount of the bequest that may be distributed to the LNC. The FEC filed a motion to dismiss, which the Court denied on January 3, 2017. The parties have taken discovery. In September 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting that the District Court certify certain questions of law to the D.C. Circuit for decision. In October 2017, the FEC filed a

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new motion to dismiss. On June 29, 2018, the District Court granted Plaintiff's motion and denied the FEC's motion. The District Court certified the questions of law to the D.C. Circuit. Plaintiff filed its brief on the merits in the D.C. Circuit on September 10, 2018. The FEC's motion is due on October 10, 2018. The FEC also filed a renewed motion to dismiss in September 2018, which must be briefed. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alan Gura, Gura & Possessky: alan@gurapossessky.com; 703.835.9085.

Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday, No. 3:14-cv-00063 (E.D. Ky.), No. 17-6216 (6th Cir. Oct. 29, 2017) – This case challenges a debate requirement limiting participation to candidates with “a realistic chance of winning” the election. It also requires that the candidate have raised at least \$100,000 for the campaign. On October 11, 2014, the District Court denied the plaintiff candidate injunctive relief that would permit him to participate in the debate. In September 2015, the judge ordered that there be a trial, and the state answered the Complaint. On September 29, 2017, the Court entered an order granting the Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Plaintiffs' appeal is now pending before the 6th Circuit. Briefing was completed on the appeal in March 2018. Oral argument was held before the 6th Circuit on July 25, 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel was Chris Wiest: chris@cwiestlaw.com; 859-486-6850. Robert Winter is counsel of record on appeal: robertawinterjr@gmail.com.

Conclusion

I look forward to discussing this report with the LNC during its next meeting. Should you have questions or need further information prior to that time, please contact me at 617-953-0161 or oliverbhall@gmail.com.

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This campaign is exactly what the LP needs: National, State and Local. Awesome work!
- Kevin Hale

I love it! It's time to #GiveEmL! - Jason Loveland

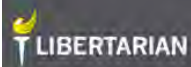
These are amazing, SO excited for these. This is a great concept. I plan to collect them all! :) - Ashley Marie

I liked far too many of the quotes to provide you real feedback, but this is a great idea!
- Amy Kipping

I think this is an awesome idea and the actual phrase "What the L" is absolutely stellar. -
Paul Vainer

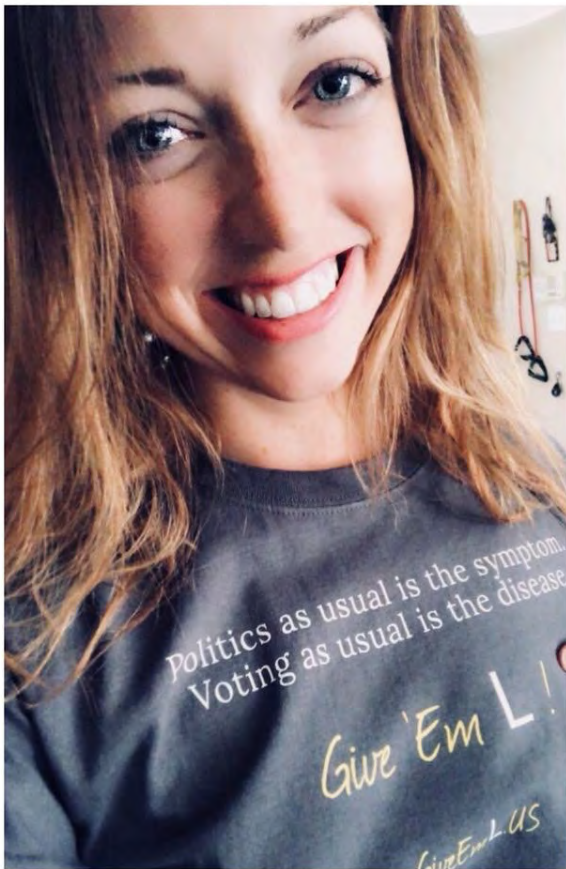
It's about time we have a catchy, consistent brand that will intrigue the general public.
This is brilliant! - Eric Flowers

It's about time we invigorated our branding! Can't wait to wear the gear.





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LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT
Libertarian National Committee meeting
Phoenix, Arizona
September 29-30, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

The following memo addresses ongoing petition drives and petitioning opportunities for the LNC in 2018.

The Ballot Access Committee ("BAC") currently consists of Dustin Nanna, John Phillips and me. I will ask the LNC Chair to appoint Richard Winger and someone else (TBD) to the BAC.

All 2018 petition drives have been completed this year.

I may have an oral update at this LNC meeting.

There are no more petition drives before Election Day.

According to Richard Winger, we have statewide candidates on the ballot in all states, except for these states in these categories:

LP is a qualified party but cannot run statewide candidates: AZ, CA, ME, ND, WA.

Qualified or but easy to get on the ballot but the state party did not run a statewide candidate: FL, RI, VT.

No ballot access: AL. We might want to consider hiring a lobbyist to work on AL ballot access.

Tennessee: 28 candidates for governor, including several Libertarians. In TN, it is easy to get on the ballot as an Independent but very difficult to qualify a new party. Maybe we should consider hiring a lobbyist.

Litigation hope for TN? The following is a Richard Winger blog post:

No petition to place a new party on the ballot has succeeded in Tennessee since 1968. The law requires a petition of 2.5% of the last gubernatorial vote, which is currently 33,844 signatures, and in the recent past has been over 40,000 signatures. Parties that have tried and failed to petition include the Libertarian, Green, Constitution, Americans Elect, and Reform Parties.

Tennessee is in the Sixth Circuit. As previously reported, on September 6, the Sixth Circuit ruled that Chris Graveline should be on the ballot as an independent for Michigan Attorney General, even though he failed to collect the required 30,000 signatures. The basis was that the Michigan requirement had been in effect for thirty years and had only

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been used successfully twice. It stands to reason that if requiring 30,000 signatures in Michigan (which is less than 1% of the last gubernatorial vote) is unconstitutional because the petition is used so seldom, it should be unconstitutional for Tennessee to require 2.5% of the last governor vote for new parties, given that the Tennessee hurdle has not been used once in the last 48 years.

More TN: The LPTN suspended its petition drive. The LPTN returned the \$8,000 that the LNC had sent it to the LNC.

Additionally, Michael Chastain sent \$2,500 for signatures to the LPTN. Cole Ebel states that that money was not spent, and Michael Chastain has not asked for his unspent contributions to be returned. The same is true with Bill Redpath, but for \$750.

LPHQ also spent \$7,250 for SMI (Sean Wilmoth) to collect signatures, but no signatures were collected and the \$7,250 paid to SMI was not returned. Per the terms in our contract with SMI, SMI should return the funds minus expenses incurred attempting to collect signatures.

ND: The LPND will lose ballot access after the November 2018 election, because only one candidate ran in the LPND 2018 Primary (Roland Riemers) and he received fewer than 300 votes. Under ND law, his name will not be printed on the general election ballot. Unless lobbying succeeds, the LP will probably have to fund a petition drive in ND before the 2020 campaign. A party petition is 7,000 valid sigs, but only about 7,500 gross sigs would have to be gathered. An Independent presidential petition would be only 1,000 valid sigs.

I have tried to contact Steven Potter, the current LPND Chair, about the LPND being a plaintiff in litigation against the law requiring initiative circulators to be ND residents, but I have not been able to reach him.

PA: The LPPA is considering suing the State of Pennsylvania regarding the 15% of registered voters requirement to be major party in Pennsylvania. Paul Rossi, Esq, who is barred in PA and has been an attorney for the LNC and LP candidates in the past, is in contact with LPPA Chair Drew Bingaman.

VA: Just a side note: for US Senate and US House in Virginia this year, there are four "Other" candidates—Matt Waters for US Senate and Pete Wells, Joe Walton and Stevan Porter for US House. All four are Libertarian Party candidates. No Greens. No Independent Greens (a Virginia-only political party). No Constitutions. No Independents. Just Libertarians. As I have stated in the past, if the Libertarian Party do something to speak truth to power and stand up to the R's & D's, it probably won't get done.

LNC 2018 budget has \$250,000 for ballot access expense. Actual expenditures, as per Robert Kraus:

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BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

LPCT Ballot Access Petitioning Total	10,000.00
LPIL Ballot Access Petitioning Total	56,000.00
LPNY Ballot Access Petitioning Total	30,000.00
LPOH Ballot Access Petitioning Total	44,872.50
LPTN Ballot Access Petitioning Total	7,250.00
Total:	148,122.50

I will allow our General Counsel to update the LNC on ongoing litigation.

Bill Redpath
Chair
Ballot Access Committee

2018 Convention Oversight Committee Final Report

Overview

The LNC Policy manual states:

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

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

The committee shall periodically report its decisions and actions to the LNC. The committee may begin its work as soon as its members from the LNC are appointed.

During the 90 days following a convention, the committee shall make a final report to the LNC of actual versus expected convention performance, and the committee shall update the online convention archive with information comparable to what the archive contains for past conventions.

The Convention Oversight Committee is comprised of seven members with a minimum of four LNC Members or Alternates selected by the LNC and a minimum of 2 non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair. The COC Chair is selected by the LNC Chair.

Attendance

	Adams	Bilyeu	Goldstein	Hayes	Layda	Mattson	Moellman
07/09/18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
07/30/18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
08/27/18	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
09/17/18	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

Performance:

The 2018 convention in New Orleans was clearly one of our most successful conventions ever and greatly exceeded expectations. It's revenue exceeded the 2016 Presidential Nominating Convention.

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In comparison to the last "off-year" convention in 2014 the 2018 Convention generated 3 times its revenue. The initial room block was for 1018 room nights. The final total of revenue generating room nights so far stands at over 1780.

2018 performance

#	\$	Package / Type
466	\$69,541.00	Basic
82	\$19,978.00	Bronze
28	\$9,132.00	Silver
251	\$106,570.00	Gold
13	\$11,235.00	Welcome
	<u>\$2,461.00</u>	Upgrades
840	<u>\$218,917.00</u>	Total Packages
188	\$22,300.00	Gala Tickets (includes 4 tables)
45	\$4,425.00	Other Meal Tickets
34	\$13,300.00	Booths
10	\$3,650.00	Room Rentals
	\$7,300.00	Sponsorships
	\$11,000.00	Suites
	<u>\$61,975.00</u>	Total Other Convention
	<u>\$280,892.00</u>	Total Convention
	\$3,526.00	Other Support / Pre-convention Donations (\$878 booked 2017)
	\$15,488.95	Theme Contest (booked 2017)
	\$62,200.00	Convention Fundraising (Non Membership)
	\$41,641.00	Convention Memberships
	<u>\$5,173.75</u>	Branding on Site Store Sales
	<u>\$128,029.70</u>	Total Fundraising Support & Branding
	<u>\$408,921.70</u>	Grand Total (not including pledges)
	\$455.00	Monthly Pledges (tl per month - not included in Gala Donation total)
	\$1,946.00	Gala Donations towards Affiliate Support (CRM)
	\$37,480.00	Gala Donations related to memberships or new Life Members
	\$54,254.00	Gala Donations (not included in above)
	<u>\$93,680.00</u>	Total Gala / Other Fundraising at Convention
	<u>\$5,460.00</u>	12 Month Value of Pledges
	<u>\$99,140.00</u>	Running Total Convention Fundraising Value w-Pledges
	<u>\$273,503.88</u>	Total Expenses to Date
	<u>\$7,388.12</u>	Current Profit (Loss)

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CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Paid Convention Packages By Type

Package	Total \$	Total #	Pre-Conv	On-Site
Gold	\$ 46,775.00	117	112	5
Silver	\$ 35,695.00	108	103	5
Bronze	\$ 12,810.00	81	74	7
Basic	\$ 6,400.00	128	91	37
Total Packages:	\$101,680.00	434	380	54
Banq Tickets	\$ 6,990.00	52	38	14
Breakouts	\$ 290.00	4	1	3
Other Meals	\$ 1,230.00	22	8	14
Other	\$ 3,815.00	54	42	12
Speakers	\$ 615.00	19	8	11
Total Other:	\$ 12,940.00			

Banq Fundraising \$ 23,029.00 63 0 63

Total \$137,649.00

2010 Paid Convention Packages By Type

Package	Total \$	Total #	\$ 14v10
Gold	\$ 58,707.00	170	\$ (11,932.00)
Silver	\$ 21,788.00	78	\$ 13,907.00
Bronze	\$ 27,351.00	243	\$ (14,541.00)
Basic	\$ -	0	\$ 6,400.00
Total Packages:	\$ 107,846.00	491	\$ (6,166.00)

Total Other: \$ 2,816.06 \$ 10,123.94

Banq Fundraising \$ 61,750.00 \$ (38,721.00)

Total \$ 172,412.06 \$ (34,763.06)

Year	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
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Total Packages	542	489	705	434	997	840
Non-banquet Revenue	220,000	110,000	185,000	114,000	290,000	325,241.70
Banquet Revenue	62,000	61,000	38,000	23,000	105,000	93,680
Total Revenue	284,000	172,000	223,000	137,000	396,000	408,922

Fundraising

During the after party there was a silent/live auction for "Pie to the Face". This was during an open event and seemed to encourage some members that have not normally donated to the LP to open their "wallets" and make donations to the Party. This event seemed to be a great stress reliever as well as a fairly reasonable fundraiser. This practice should definitely continue.

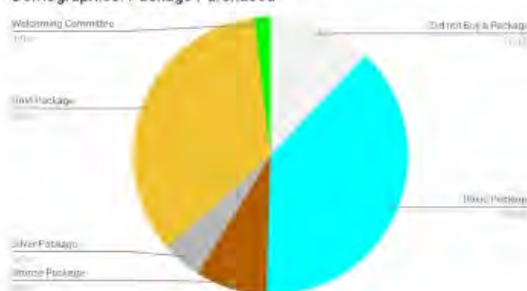
Other open and paid events should be explored and tested. In the realm of open events, having a dunking booth on the opening day could be a nice way to cool off in more ways than one while raising money.

Convention Survey

A post-convention survey was circulated by email to those who had registered for the convention. A total of 108 responses were received.

Respondents were asked to supply demographic information about themselves.

Demographics: Package Purchased



Respondent package identification:

- 13 did not buy a package
- 41 Basic Packages
- 9 Bronze Packages
- 5 Silver Packages
- 37 Gold Packages
- 2 Welcoming Committee

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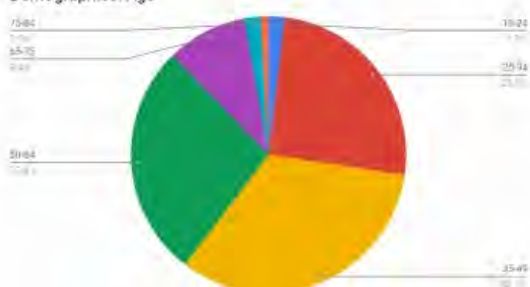
Respondent gender identification:

- 25 Women
- 75 Men
- 8 Other/Ref

Demographics: Gender



Demographics: Age

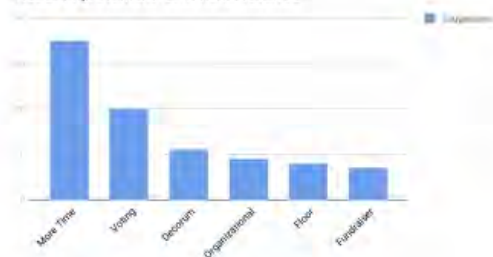


Respondent age identification:

- 2 were 18-24
- 27 were 25-34
- 35 were 35-49
- 29 were 50-64
- 10 were 65-74
- 2 were 75-84
- 1 was 85+

Respondents were asked two open-ended questions to supply their feedback on “If they could change one thing” and “What did you like the least”. These combined into a list of “Needs Improvement” items for examination and consideration for future conventions.

Needs Improvement comments received



- 35 wanted more convention time
- 20 complained about the voting procedure
- 11 complained of decorum of other delegates
- 9 complained about organizational issues
- 6 complained about fundraising events/food
- 6 said the floor temperature was too cold
- 5 complained about speakers

Many of those concerned with time expressed frustration that they were not able to attend both the business sessions and breakouts.

Many of those concerned with the voting process asked for electronic voting. Investigation into improving the voting procedure is addressed in the next section.

We cannot address decorum issues. That is up to the delegates themselves.

Organizational issues were generally focused on room layout and scheduling. Ideally, a convention application will be able to be developed for future conventions which could help address this issue. An attempt to create such an app for the 2018 convention turned out to be a larger task than the time available. With a tighter focus and direction from this survey, a concise application should be able to be made available.

Feedback on fundraising often directly connected to food items. Non-food complaints included “too long” and “too short”. Food complaints focused around portion sizes, lines waiting to buy alcohol, and two specific complaints about dietary restrictions. We should examine better accommodation of those with food allergies and other restricted diets. Alcohol lines were related to the gala and the “opening the floodgates” effect.

Floor temperature is a difficult item to address. Generally, those complaining of “cold” temperatures were self-identified as women over the age of 34.

Complaints about speakers were all over the place. Too liberal, too conservative, not enough, too many. You just can’t please everyone.

Convention Voting

A common complaint from the 2018 National Convention was the amount of time required to tally ballots for races employing Approval Voting. A number of delegates believed that the resolutions made in-between the vote and the announcement of the tally were the cause of these delays, but it was in fact the actual tallying process. This has led to calls for changes to voting. The current applicable Bylaws and Convention Special Rules of Order, related to voting procedures, are:

ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES

1. The Convention Special Rules of Order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.
2. The Convention Special Rules of Order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

1. The State Chair shall serve as chair of his or her delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary.

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

3. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.

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RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:

- a. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.
- b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.
- c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.

RULE 9: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.

RULE 10: VERIFICATION OF DELEGATION VOTE TOTALS

For each vote in which subtotals are submitted by delegation, each delegation shall conduct its vote by written ballot. After each delegation has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the totals to the Secretary, tellers approved by the Secretary shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals.

After the Secretary has recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy.

While changes could be made from the floor of the convention, this cannot be ensured. The COC must operate from within the rules as they exist today.

Any proposal must account for a number of questions and/or scenarios:

- Are votes cast by individual delegates who are present in the hall?
- Does this mechanism comply with standing Convention Rules?
- Would delegates be confident that all votes are being properly tallied? Is there a mechanism for recount?
- What happens in the case of a system failure?

Increased Tellers

The biggest time consumption with the current system comes during the review of the delegation tabulations by those tellers selected by the secretary. Increasing the number of tellers would speed up the current process and provide the same in the case of a failure of any possible electronic system.

- Where would the secretary find more tellers?
 - Recruit more volunteers from delegates, attendees or local Party members.
 - Volunteers can sometimes be hard to obtain and can be unreliable.
 - Locate other organizations willing to assist or be hired to assist with the process such as universities willing to allow students to serve as interns.

- Participation by outside organizations may cause distrust by some.
- Paid tellers could be cost prohibitive.

Electronic Voting

Multiple options have been explored for electronic voting. However, no software currently available would meet the current convention rules, and any electronic solution would require a custom app be authored.

Such software has been proposed, and in fact authored, in the past; the convention body rejected that proposal. There was a high level of distrust in electronic voting at the time.

Modern proposals to use Blockchain technology would help alleviate fears of ballot-box stuffing, but would still not resolve issues of compliance with current convention rules.

Further, a number of the core questions are left fuzzy, require contortions, and raise additional questions.

- Are votes cast by individual delegates who are present in the hall?
 - One person might have 2 devices and vote as 2 different people, and a delegation chair wouldn't know.
 - Create a local, non-routed wifi network.
 - Do we have confidence that network will be secure?
 - Couldn't people still vote from out in the lobby?
- Does this mechanism comply with standing Convention Rules?
 - Nothing that currently exists complies with current rules.
- Would delegates be confident that all votes are being properly tallied? Is there a mechanism for recount?
 - All re-counts would have to happen from within the application.
 - There is no paper trail.
- What happens in the case of a system failure?
 - Fall-back to paper ballots, like we do today.

And of course, there's the issue of power. How many recesses would we need to get everyone charged up so they can vote?

We did pursue how much a custom voting application would cost to develop, and the estimate we received from a reputable developer was \$25,000-\$50,000 plus recurring fees for maintenance.

Another electronic voting vendor was contacted and consulted, and while they do not have a system that accounts for our current rules, they would be willing to write custom software. Their solution provides specialized hardware, which prevents gaming or hacking. The cost to rent the equipment would be approximately \$12,000 per convention, and the custom code was (quickly) estimated to be about \$10,000.

Electronic voting should be pursued, but it is not ready for use at the National Convention, given the questions left outstanding and the rules as they exist today. Any electronic voting system should be brought to a convention as an unofficial application for delegates to test, and then allow those delegates to vote in the rules which would enable its use, prior to expecting to use such a system.

Scantron

To date, the solution that continues to be floated as having the most potential is using Scantron technology. Specifically we have examined the use of multiple Scantron machines - some on the floor and some for the tellers. It answers all of the questions that have been brought forth, to date.

- Are votes cast by individual delegates who are present in the hall?
 - As much as we have now, yes.
- Does this mechanism comply with standing Convention Rules?
 - Yes.
- Would delegates be confident that all votes are being properly tallied? Is there a mechanism for recount?
 - Probably. (Do Libertarians trust anything?)
 - Re-count through tallying with a separate machine or a hand-count.
- What happens in the case of a system failure?
 - Take that machine out of service, and direct those who were using that machine to use another one.

But perhaps most importantly - Scantron has been used, successfully, by the Texas affiliate, with over 200 delegates voting.

A request for a quote placed with Scantron has not yet been returned, as they have many options and continue to ask questions about the form of potential ballots.

It may be wise to consider purchasing used equipment, if there is known to be a strong push to change voting procedures at the 2020 upcoming convention.

One concern created by use of Scantron would be the requirement in Rule 3 that all computer readable ballots be signed. This would remove the anonymity of the delegates and reduce their ability to vote their conscience.

Concerns Related to Convention Agenda

During the 2018 Convention the delegates voted to amend the standing order of business so that the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominations were closer to the end of Party business. Based on the past 3 conventions voting has become more and more time consuming to where the Party does not have adequate time to complete those votes. With that and an absolutely hard stop of 5PM on Memorial day at the convention in 2020, the concern is raised that we may not complete the voting on

nominations for Presidential and Vice Presidential seats before final gavel. This would be a completely unacceptable outcome and likely very damaging to the Party if it were to occur. Changing the rules to fix the time problem cannot be counted on.

With that in mind the future COC should remove all non-business related items from the fixed schedule during the general session during 2020. If we were to have a keynote, it would probably be best place during one of the times during which votes were being tabulated and should not exceed 30 minutes in toto. Items like the awards presentation could also be put during those vote tabulation lulls or possibly moved out into events such as the opening reception or the after party.

Recommendations for LNC

- Populate the next COC ASAP.
- Maintain all convention decisions and functions under one committee.
 - Oversight
 - Planning
 - Voting procedures
 - This entity if created should have its members appointed by the LNC with some definite inclusion of some COC members and should report on this in conjunction with the COC.
- Ensure that staff creates a basic website for the the future convention available during the current convention.
 - It should include the ability to become a Welcoming Committee Member of the next convention.
 - Welcoming Committee membership will include an all inclusive package for the next convention.
 - Welcoming Committee Members should be listed immediately on the next convention Website in the order "purchased".
- Provide all of the applications submitted to the LNC for COC positions to those who are selected to serve on the COC in order to recruit volunteers to assist in the production of the next convention..
 - Include as a question on the application for a COC position the question of willingness to work on the convention as a volunteer even if not appointed as a COC member.
- The Secretary should work with the COC to obtain more tellers to insure faster vote tallies in the case of electronic failure or failure to change the rules to a faster method.
- Reach out to media early and notify them of any aspects of the convention implemented by the COC that could encourage their attendance and coverage.
- Schedule more demos of voting systems at LNC meetings as time allows.

- Vistacom which is based in Philadelphia is available to demonstrate their voting solutions at the meeting in Alexandria in December.
- Schedule at least one meeting in the 2020 convention space in Austin.
 - Having an LNC meeting in the Austin JW Marriott ASAP will help the COC and Staff to better maximize the space.
 - Have the final LNC meeting before Convention in Austin as is our practice to go over any last minute concerns.
 - Once the 2022 Convention “short list” has been created, attempt to schedule as many LNC meetings as is possible prior to making the deciding vote.

Recommendations for New COC

- Begin the process and select the 2022 Convention site finalists ASAP.
 - Keep in mind that it is an off year and that destination locations like New Orleans may be the best venues for those years to insure adequate attendance and revenue to cover costs.
 - Try and have the 2022 convention price set in order to implement “convention only” ticket prices at the 2020 convention
- Attract and keep volunteers motivated to work on the convention.
 - Create subcommittees/teams to provide volunteers with official positions to help create buy in.
 - Convention voting solution team to help research and find the most effective solutions to the current time crunch related to the
 - Concierge team to highlight and assist in attracting family members and others to the host city to stay longer and increase the experience and value for those that attend.
 - Teller team to help insure there are ample number of tellers that are familiar and train on the process. (With approval of the secretary).
 - Provide greater recognition for volunteers before, during and after the convention by utilizing volunteer spotlight articles, ribbons or other methods to clearly identify volunteer team members for the convention.
- Insure that the selected AV provider has live streaming capabilities.
 - Consider having monitors of the live stream throughout selected convention spaces like Media Row.
- Create “incentives” to entice more media providers to attend and cover the convention.
 - Designate a space for a “Media Row” early in the process to allow staff to start recruiting and confirming media attendees ASAP.
 - Consider creating a sponsored Media Hospitality room.
 - Allow media outlets to connect to LP livestream.
 - Reduces physical footprint and costs for entities wishing to cover the convention which could lead to more widespread coverage of the convention.
 - Creates greater control for the LP over what gets broadcast.
- Implement a convention app to help guide and promote events going on at the convention.
- Move all non-business related items such as the Awards Ceremonies and the Keynote

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Speaker into the lulls created during the tabulation of ballots.

- Continue the practice of holding an open after party with “pie to the face” fundraiser.
- Try and create other event opportunities for fundraisers with some being “open” and others being paid.

Candidate Support Committee

Report for the September 2018 LNC Meeting

The Candidate Support Committee (Sam Goldstein, Chair, Brent Olsen, Tim Hagan and Paige Lee) met on Sept. 29, 2018. Two items were on the agenda, consideration of any changes to the published rules for financial support of LNC candidates and selection of two non-LNC members of the Committee to present to the LNC Chair for approval.

After some discussion the CSC decided that no changes were needed in the current candidate support rules since they were just approved in the Spring of this year and it would not be good policy to change them in the middle of an election cycle.

The CSC then reviewed their top selections for the two non-LNC Committee members. Out of dozens of excellent candidates the Committee, by consensus, chose to recommend Jim Turney (FL) and Mohammad-Reza Khosh-Sirat (TX) to the LNC Chair for appointment.

Sincerely,

Sam Goldstein, Candidate Support Committee interim Chair



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Libertarian National Committee
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Committee Members

Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)
Joe Dehn
Ed Fochler
James Gholson
Andrew Kolstee

SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR CARYN ANN HARLOS

APPENDIX N
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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Committee Overview

As per the Policy Manual (Standing Rules), the Committee is defined thusly:

Section 2.02 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

11) Historical Preservation Committee

The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.

The scope of the initial organizing work will last well into several years (the estimate is five years), and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

Committee Composition

Caryn Ann Harlos (CO) was appointed as the 2018-2020 Committee Chair at the July 3, 2018, LNC meeting. Dr. Joe Buchman (UT) indicated that he did not wish to serve another term, and Ms. Harlos appointed Andrew Kolstee (NY) to fill that vacancy. Joe Dehn was appointed as the Committee Secretary.

Meetings and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings every two weeks (or as close as practicable) via Zoom. Committee discussion is also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to lpnpc-request@lists.dehnbase.net with "subscribe" in the subject line. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia (http://lpedia.org/Historical_Preservation_Committee) and are attached to this report

Meetings conducted since the last report:

May 9, 2018
May 23, 2018
June 6, 2018
June 20, 2018
July 18, 2018
August 8, 2018
August 22, 2018
September 5, 2018
September 19, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)

Motions Considered

Reimbursements were approved for convention expenses (copies, booth supplies—supported by receipts) for Caryn Ann Harlos.

Request for Policy Manual Amendment

The Committee members have tended to specialize in particular areas of this project, and there is a need for a few more areas of responsibility to cover. Therefore, the Committee requests this Policy Manual change in order to accomplish these tasks:

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Amend Section 1.03 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (pages 16-17-Special Rules of Order)

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Historical Preservation Committee	<u>Up to Five</u> Seven Members	Committee Chair selected by LNC; remaining four members selected by the Committee Chair	LNC Selected

Volunteers

In addition to the Committee, multiple dedicated volunteers have worked on this project as well as regular editors who have taken an interest in maintaining their state pages and updating candidate pages. There have been at least 1,000 hours of volunteer time invested as a conservative estimate, including Committee meetings. One of the volunteers spends nearly every Saturday for a full day organizing and cataloging with Harlos at the Parker, Colorado storage facility.

A request for interns was put out on the National website, and multiple applications were received. As often happens, many who started soon dropped out, but it was during this search that Marta Palazzi of Italy reached out to volunteer. Her extraordinary volunteer efforts were the subject of the below LP News article in May 2018. Additionally, long-time Party activist and donor Michael Chastain visited and volunteered prior to the LNC meeting in Denver.

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Volunteer travels from Italy to assist LP's historical archive project

There are many people who volunteer in the background for the cause of the liberty that so often go unnoticed. Earlier this year, the Historical Preservation Committee may have had the volunteer holding the longest commute record.

Marta Palazzi traveled all the way from Italy to spend several months working on the ongoing historical archive project in Colorado with Historical Preservation Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos and Colorado volunteer Sarah Ellsworth.

Palazzi has been involved with libertarian political movements in Italy, including the Radical Party of Italy. In her professional life, she works as a medieval docu-

ment archivist. She learned of the LP archive project through a call for volunteers on LP.org, and remembered meeting Harlos at the last convention while vacationing in Orlando.

Liberty is not just an American goal; there are fellow workers for liberty all over the world, and the Libertarian Party extends its deepest appreciation to Marta for spending time volunteering to preserve the history of this movement. There are very few people who would travel thousands of miles to give up months of time selflessly and have the courage to tackle immersion in records that are not in their primary language. Marta Palazzi is a hero of liberty.



Volunteer Marta Palazzi (left) traveled from Italy to assist the ongoing historical archive project of the Libertarian Party's Historical Preservation Committee, chaired by Caryn Ann Harlos (right).

Status of Document Preservation

Storage Unit

Harlos and a volunteer (Sarah Ellsworth-CO) have committed nearly every Saturday to sort and organize the records in the storage unit. This has been a monumental task. Some records were very neatly organized, and others were basically

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thrown into the boxes as the equivalent of "junk drawers." Also due to age, some labels, rubber bands, and other materials had crumbled which need to be re-done.

The "first pass" of documents has been completed with sorting the information into broad, accessible categories such as "LNC Minutes," "Conventions," "Training Guides," and the like. The next step of organizing within those categories has begun. This will be the most lengthy (multi-year) part of the project. Harlos is continuing work on the affiliate records as members have made inquiries as to the availability of old newsletters, governing documents, and similar items, and Ellsworth is sorting candidate materials.

Digitization

DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS

As reported previously, the first priority for the Committee was items of most general Party membership interest which have been determined to comprise newsletters such as *Liberty Pledge* and *LP News*. All of these have been scanned and are being inventoried, electronically sorted with a standard naming convention.

The next phase of digitization comprised segregating out other large format documents that need to be done professionally and other high-interest items such as brochures. These documents were professionally scanned.

Some training manuals and official records such as minutes and governing documents have been digitized and uploaded.

Presently there is a backlog of scanned items that need to be uploaded and categorized on LPedia.

AUDIO/VIDEO/ELECTRONIC DATA MATERIALS

All of the 1970s obscure-format videotapes have been digitized and are being added to the YouTube channel and LPedia. Work continues on the more current formats such as VHS and cassette audiotapes.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

In order to take advantage of free storage space and to provide an attractive embedding option on LPedia, a YouTube account (lphistoricalpreservation) was created to host the digitized audio and video tapes. Categorized playlists have been created as content was added.

Update on Acquisitions

As word of this project spreads, opportunities have arisen to supplement the Party's institutional memory and acquire important early documents. Several prolific editors have joined LPedia to supplement the information found there.

DAVID NOLAN ARCHIVE

Former Committee member Dr. Buchman has committed to continue with his curatorship of these items.

ORIGINAL DRAFT OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WITH HOSPERS' NOTES

This item has been on display at various conventions and will be transferred to the national office in December.

PRE-LP (1971) REEL TO REELS "SHAPING THE FUTURE LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE"

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These tapes were obtained from Dan Karlan and digitized by Dr. Buchman and are being uploaded to LPedia.

NEW YORK AFFILIATE ARCHIVES

Committee member Andrew Kolstee has obtained numerous early records and is in the process of digitizing and putting on LPedia.

YAHOO DISCUSSION LISTS

A strategy is being formulated to preserve these old discussions as it is likely that these will go down the Internet memory hole in the not-distant future and there are groups where David Nolan participated regularly.

ED CLARK RECORDS

At some point in the past, the national headquarters had loaned out its collection of materials from the Ed Clark campaign that was just recently returned and sent to the Committee.

PAST NATIONAL EMAILS

The Committee is gathering archives of past member electronic mailings for preservation.

OTHER ARCHIVES

The online catalog for the University of Virginia holdings proved to be incorrect. It was decided that it would be useful for volunteers in the areas of the various archives to go and take a look. Joe Dehn related that when he last visited the UVA archives, there were about eighty boxes of items that were not inventoried or cataloged. He has been reviewing and cataloging the Hoover archives in California.

Status of LPedia

Completed and Ongoing Projects

In order to keep LPedia functional and useful (as well as easier to maintain for successive custodians) a great deal of infrastructure work has been done with much more to come. Following is a bullet-list of projects with explanatory notes as needed.

- Categories
 - The former categorization system suffered from over-specificity and unwieldiness. The Committee is in the process of a long re-categorization project which has made significant progress in a manner similar to the records in the storage facility, i.e., items were first grouped into several simple main categories and then sub-categorized further as we drill down into the category tree. This is a massive multi-year task.
- Development of Policies and Page Naming Conventions
 - The policies continued to be developed as the need arises.
- Templates and Extensions
 - Standard templates are being categorized, and new ones are being developed.
 - Userboxes are being added to all biography pages.
 - Templates and tags are being developed for images.
- Featured Articles
 - A protocol and schedule was developed and is being maintained.
- Site Statistics

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- The Committee has begun monitoring daily site statistics through Google analytics.
- National Reports
 - All of the available past membership and monthly financial reports were obtained and uploaded by a volunteer. It is the goal of the Committee for LPedia to be the repository for these routine reports.
- Training
 - A "Getting Started as a Contributor" page was created to assist new users.

General Statistics

Last Report: 2,314 Articles / 1,579 Uploads / 34 Active Users

This Report: 2,730 Articles / 2,489 Uploads / 18 Active Users

Document/Record Maintenance

Inventory and Management

As boxes are sorted, basic inventories are being created. The final inventory will identify what items are preserved on LPedia with a location coding system so that they can be easily retrieved from the physical archives. Standard naming conventions will also make them easily retrievable in the electronic archives. Duplicates are being noted and culling recommendations made.

Data Back-Ups

The expanding e-archive of documents is backed up when it hits LPedia and is also backed up at the Harlos residence. Periodically a copy of the archive is taken to an off-site safe deposit box as a last-ditch failsafe. The LPedia database itself is regularly backed up on a separate server as part of an automatic process.

Accounting for Calendar Year 2018

Total Expenses Booked: \$4,208

Total Revenue: \$2,143

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Recurring Expenses

- MyWikis hosting and maintenance: \$310/year
 - This is a fully supported service in which the host installs all upgrades and resolves trouble tickets.
- Amazon server: up to \$25/month
 - Some files are too large to upload directly to the wiki host (audios, videos, large graphics) and are hosted on a separate server. The Amazon server also hosts LPedia database backups.

2018 NOLA Convention Recap

The Committee sponsored a table with an exhibit of selected historical documents and also prepared "gift bags" of selected historical items (either duplicates or copies) for each state affiliate that were left at their delegation tables. Further, retro-style t-shirts were given as a gift for donations of \$25 or more to the Committee. The shirts remaining from that purchase are being used as current donor gifts. The original Statement of Principles was on display and generated a lot of interest.



APPENDIX N HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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Press Mentions

Items and information about this project are regularly used internally in *LP News* and *Liberty Pledge*. The *Washington Times* ran a story about the acquisition of the original Statement of Principles draft (following).

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Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay - Washington Times

Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay



Original Libertarian Party co-founder D. Frank Robinson of Oklahoma, representative and historical preservation committee chair Caryn Ann Harlos, and Libertarian National Committee Chair Nicholas Sarwark display the newly discovered original Statement of Principles for the Party. (Libertarian Party) more >

By Jennifer Harper - *The Washington Times* - Tuesday, May 22, 2018

It is a moment of truth for the national Libertarian Party, which has reclaimed its most important founding document.

Libertarian National chairman Nicholas Sarwark reports that the original "Statement of Principles" — typewritten on plain paper by early member John Hospers at the party's first convention — has surfaced in an unlikely place.

"The existence of this original document was unknown until it turned up on an eBay listing, was purchased by a Libertarian Party member, and then donated to the Party," Mr. Sarwark said.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/may/22/libertarian-party-rescues-its-original-founding-dof/>

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Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay - Washington Times

"The seller said that her parents were early activists in the California Libertarian Party, and as she was disposing of their estate she found this document hidden behind a framed, photocopy picture of Ayn Rand, where it has likely been for decades," he explained.

The simple document has since been properly framed and will be on display at the 2018 Libertarian National Convention in New Orleans next month, then returned to the party's headquarters just outside the nation's capital for safekeeping.

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Meeting Minutes

Attached.

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MEETING SUMMARY MAY 9, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm (one hour later than normal start time). Prior minutes were reviewed and corrected. Ed Fochler retroactively loves us guys from the last meeting.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records Archive Update: Sarah Ellsworth was able to go back down last week and will be able to sporadically hit some weekends that I miss due to attendance at conventions.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is getting some things together to bring to convention (including the lost bag of buttons). Caryn Ann Harlos and Nick Sarwark visited his home and viewed the collection that is now in file cabinets. Joe B. still needs to scan items that he promised to get back to Elizabeth Nolan.

Wiki Series: The prior discussion on the potential to use "series" collections was reprised with Andrew Kolstee. One example of a collection was given of the David Nolan Collection and perhaps a series such as "Women in the LP" or "LGBT." It is a way to tell a story to keep people clicking through on the site. It would function very much like a category but would have a special box (similar to the infobox and succession boxes but residing on the right side). The types of things that would be in a collection or series that are ones that cross over categories or are a very special draw to entice novice users to continue looking at material on the site. Right now we don't have enough material uploaded to do this, it is just an idea that may develop organically along the way as we add material.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added naming policy clarifications.



LIBERTARIAN PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

LPNews Uploading: Caryn Ann will be getting with Michael Fucci once her life settles down a bit.

Audio/Video Tapes: Nothing at this time.

Next Lyrasis Scanning Job: Lyrasis provided a status that the job has been 100% scanned and is moving into quality control with a mid-June anticipated completion date.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn expressed concerns with the naming of uploaded photographs that are a bit too generic. He noted that the Manual of Style specifically recommends against file names that consist of just a single component, such as only a person's name. Andrew Kolstee clarified that the ones he has been uploading have been used for the biography infobox. This will likely be something that we will need to train regular users to do and thus is a learning curve issue. Caryn Ann clarified the uploads that she is patrolling are the items that are not pictures, and she has not been touching pictures. Andrew K. was thinking about whether or not an image template could be pre-populated into the uploading process.

We need to change out the featured article more regularly. James Gholston inquired whether a detailed county party article would be appropriate, and he was told that it would be.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Caryn Ann is speaking with Keith Thompson about items he is working on such as t-shirts and graphics. Joe B. spoke about having an invitation for people to bring items to have us scan while we are there and also to look forward to the 50th Anniversary convention at which we might want to have an actual "museum" display. Joe D. passed out a flyer at the California convention asking folks if they had any items and received one response. Joe B. will be bringing his laptop and scanner. We need to advertise with reasonable expectations so that people do not bring items by the boxful. It would also be fun to actually scan items into LPedia while we are there.

New York Records Archive: These are in the process of being organized. There are some very interesting items such as the very first minutes from 1972 and signed



by Ed Clark. He will have a better idea of what is in the collection by second week of June.

Elizabeth Nolan Written Copyright Waiver: Joe B. is reluctant to ask her for anything until he gives her the items that he promised to scan for her.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Bonnie Scott saw that we were working on this (and referenced a Perl script) and offered potential assistance. Joe B. noted that the older programs no longer work as Yahoo changed the way it maintains its groups. He has manually captured each of the David Nolan messages in the LPRadicals group. Joe D. also searched and could not find a straightforward solution. Joe D. will follow up with Bonnie as that might be our best bet; otherwise, we might need to recruit volunteers to brute-force capture the messages in blocks of years.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler noted that the invitation is still open to view the Google analytics information via a Google invitation.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann will be putting out another call for volunteers when she has time to properly train.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for May 23, 2018 at 4pm Mountain. And it has been confirmed that Ed still loves us guys.



MEETING SUMMARY MAY 23, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee, Ben Leder

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. The files sent with the agenda and prior minutes were corrupted and unreadable. Salvage attempts will be made and sent to the Chair for review next meeting. There was a short break in the middle when Caryn Ann Harlos had to make a call for a doctor appointment.

Ed Fochler reminded the Chair that we have enough Joes on this committee and that his name is Ed.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Image Naming and Categorization: The issue with improper image naming and cleanup was recapped. This was not a specific assignment for anyone.

Policy Updates: Nothing since last time.

Drop Ship Store: Ben Leder updated the committee about work he is doing with the Radical Caucus for an e-commerce store that might work well as a proof-of-concept for fundraising for the committee. Copies of that recovered original SoP document might be a good item to offer.

Audio/Video Tapes: Nothing new at this time.

General LPedia / Featured Article: The featured article was changed to an article about the Santa Clara affiliate. James Gholston noted that the featured article template has always been used, and Joe Dehn suggested that we might want to have an article that lists the past featured articles.



Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Caryn Ann Harlos asked for reimbursement for \$54.10 for banner for the booth at convention. James Gholston did a good job on the design.

Motion: *James Gholston moved to reimburse Caryn Ann Harlos for the purchase of the banner.*

This passed with no objection.

Susan Nolan: No progress on this.

New York Records Archive: Andrew Kolstee went over some items that might be in these records such as old national Platform Committee reports and video footage of the 1974 New York Gubernatorial race. Andrew will know more when he visits the archives on June 12, 2018.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler gave an overview and noted that one of the top searches was for Caryn Ann which has made her paranoid.

Steering Committee: Caryn Ann met Bruce Earnheart in Ohio who has some items from that time frame that he will be bringing to NOLA for us to scan. Caryn Ann read his email that detailed what he had as follows:

The earliest piece in my collection is a letter from Susan Nolan informing me that I am the first Minnesota resident to join the Party. Dated Jan. 20, 1971, I am almost certain the date is mistaken; I believe Dave Nolan's Libertarian dream dates from the summer of '71—motivated by the dual disaster of Nixon's wage and price controls and the end of gold redemption.

The only certified document from the days of the "Committee to Organize a Libertarian Party" is a temporary platform created sometime in late 1971. I also have the 1972, '74 and '76 platforms.

The only other item dating from the proto-Party are broadsides that I tacked up on every available Macalester College bulletin board I could find in the fall of 1971.

My earliest LP News dates from January '72. My May copy is missing, as is May/June



and Sep./Oct. of 1973. I have the full run of 1974 and 1975. I am missing Sep./Oct. '76 and most of 1977 (only Jan./Feb and Sep./Oct. are extant). The early portion of 1978 is missing (Jan. through May). Only three issues are extant from 1979 (Mar./Apr., May/June and July/Aug).

I have a small variety of generic membership/promotional brochures and position papers from the first decade. I have a 1974 Newsweek article summarizing goals and elucidating Party ideology.

Regarding the Hosper campaign, I have one A.P. newspaper story and two bumper stickers. (I have bumper stickers featuring every Presidential nominee).

I have a good number of materials from the McBride and Clark campaigns: brochures, position papers, newspaper and magazine articles.

There are promotional materials and programs from four national conventions: 1975 (New York), '76 (D.C.), '78 (Boston) and '79 (L.A.). I know you have little interest in the 1980s, at present, but the 1981 Denver convention program contains a great synopsis of the '70s—it being the 10th anniversary convention.

I have a state by state membership list for 1975 and certified vote totals for the 1979 Presidential and V.P. nominations.

Caryn Ann noted that he is missing the same early LP News that is missing in the archive which is evidence that those issues likely never existed. Caryn Ann obtained his first membership card which is the earliest she has ever seen. This was forwarded to the Committee for review.

Misc: Washington Times ran an article about the acquisition of the Statement of Principles and there was an article in LPedia about Marta and her volunteer work for the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for June 6, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY June 6, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Joe Buchman

Other

Attendees: Marshall Beerwinkle, Andrew Martin Kolstee; David Demarest and Ben Leder
joined the meeting about midway through

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records of Past Meetings: The summary from May 9 was approved with some corrections previously submitted.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth are working on the material on and off until the convention. There may or may not be time to implement the idea of pulling out some duplicate items for distribution at the convention.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is still planning to bring a few items to the convention for display.

Categories: Caryn Ann has been working on adding tags to existing biography articles; she is now up to "M" and hopes to get through "Z" by the convention. Although the basic category tree exists for everything, she has been mostly working on biographies and there is still a lot of work to be done on other types of articles.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added some notes about the difference between biographical articles and user pages.

LP News Uploading: On hold until after the convention.

Audio/Video Tapes: On hold until after the convention.



Lyrasis: Caryn Ann is expecting the most recent batch of scans to arrive within the next day.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn and James Gholston are continuing to think about what sort of articles to feature, with emphasis on picking ones that are good examples of what we would like to see in that type of article. Several biography articles that contain a lot of information were mentioned as possibilities. They also suggested rotating among examples of articles about different kinds of subjects, e.g., a person, an event, a document, an organization. Joe Dehn said we should avoid featuring an article on anybody who might be running for anything at the upcoming convention.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Joe Buchman is planning to bring a laptop and flatbed scanner that can be used if people bring things to be scanned. Caryn Ann suggested we could also demonstrate scanning using a smart-phone app. There was discussion of when various members of the committee would be arriving. There was discussion of whether money should be allocated in advance for "surprise expenses" during the convention; the consensus was that this was not necessary. There is still room in the button display case for many more buttons; Joe Buchman is hoping to be able to bring some from the DNA.

James Gholston is working on a project to produce replicas of historical buttons which could be handed out at our booth, and solicited opinions on which ones would be most worth producing. There was discussion of the need to make clear that these are reproductions; just telling people at the booth that they are not actual historical items is not good enough because after somebody takes them home there could be confusion. There was discussion of ways to label the buttons themselves, either by adding some small text around the edge or at the bottom, or by creating a new design that incorporates the historical design augmented by some feature that makes it obvious that it was produced more recently. James Gholston suggested that a non-removable label on the back could serve this purpose. On the question of which designs to produce, Hospers/Nathan and Libersign/TANSTAAFL seemed to have the most appeal.



Caryn Ann presented two ideas for displaying the historical bumper stickers. She was authorized, without objection, to spend up to \$100 to buy a foldable hanging display and a ledger-size binder with mounting supplies. These would be also be used to store the stickers between events.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler provided a brief update on articles that were most frequently viewed recently.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Joe Dehn sent Bonnie Scott another message to see if she can help with this.

Get Started Guide: James Gholston suggested adding a guide for people who have some historical material, either things that could be scanned or video, and want to know how to get started. Joe Dehn said there is already an article about contributing text material and he had started working on but never completed one for recordings. Marshall Beerwinkle cited recordings he has of C-SPAN coverage of our conventions. Joe Dehn said we should check to see if C-SPAN already has those programs online, but even if they do they may have been edited differently from how the event was presented live so recordings of the actual broadcasts might also be of interest. Joe Dehn suggested that Marshall could serve as a guinea pig for additional "get started" material. Marshall will also check his back copies of LP News to see if he has any of the "wanted" issues; he also has articles from various magazines about some of our early candidates, and some very old posters.

Next meeting: Ed confirmed that he still loves us guys. The next meeting was set for June 20, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY June 20, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Joe Buchman (came in after the Categories discussion)

Other

Attendees: Andrew Martin Kolstee

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm Mountain.

Records of Past Meetings: Caryn Ann said she plans to send out the remaining pending summaries, including the ones for this meeting, to be approved by e-mail vote.

Records Archive Update: Joe Buchman is working on inventorying some Ed Clark material, largely tapes and even some film, that was recently returned to the national office by somebody who had been using it for a project; this is material that would have been transferred to our storage unit along with everything else had it been in the office at that time, and will be so transferred soon. Caryn Ann is now concentrating on selecting duplicate items that can be given out at the convention.

Categories: Caryn Ann is up to "O" now in the biographies and has also done some work on newsletters categories.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman has selected items to bring to the convention.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn has started a new article "Getting Started as a Contributor"; once this has been fleshed out it can be used as the primary link for the "how you can help" section on the home page. This article includes examples of articles of various types (people, organizations, etc.) so that a new person can see what a well done article of that type should look like. He said in looking for suitable examples of people articles he was surprised at how many articles about people who are famous and important in the party are very incomplete.



LP News Uploading: On hold until after the convention.

Audio/Video Tapes: On hold until after the convention.

Lyrasis: The scans from the recent batch have arrived; getting this material uploaded will be a good job for volunteers. Total cost for this batch was \$2070. After the convention we will need to make a decision on whether to continue our membership.

General LPedia / Featured Article: There appears to be a problem with the search function not returning anything when certain kinds of search terms are entered. None of us understand why this is happening so it will require asking the hosting company for help.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler reported that we are getting about 100 unique visitors per day.

Susan Nolan: There has been no time to follow up on this; it will need to happen after the convention.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Joe Buchman will be following up on this.

Convention Planning: Marc Montoni is driving a bunch of stuff to New Orleans, including a large monitor, the t-shirts, and the hanging bumper sticker displays. Caryn Ann is still working on the idea of gift bags to give to the state parties. She is also selecting some photos to display. We also received a donation of some Badnarik t-shirts that we can use for fundraising. With the banner and the Statement of Principles we should have plenty to attract visitors to our table.

We need to arrange staffing for the table. It is possible that Marta will come and be able to cover much of the time during the business sessions since she won't be a delegate. Otherwise we may have to recruit additional volunteers when we get there.



Caryn Ann suggested that if we want some kind of history-oriented ribbons for people to put on their badges she might be able to get them for a good price by adding them to a large order she is already making.

There was discussion of the setup time Saturday morning. Joe Dehn is willing to take the lead on the setup process if it can be done before the various meetings start.

The meeting informally adjourned at approximately 4:52pm.

Post-Convention Business: Caryn Ann said she is planning to recommend to the new LNC that this committee be reconstituted with the same membership since we are in the middle of working on so many things.

Next meeting: No additional meeting was scheduled; meeting schedule after the convention will be determined by the reconstituted committee.



MEETING SUMMARY July 18, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee (came in during Convention Recap discussion)

Other

Attendees: Ben Leder

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm Mountain.

Committee Status: Caryn Ann Harlos reported that she had been re-appointed Chair of this committee by the new LNC, and that she had re-appointed Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, and James Gholston as members, along with Andrew Kolstee (replacing Joe Buchman, who preferred not to be re-appointed).

Member Comments: Ben Leder commented on the phenomenon of frequent "re-branding", which resulted in some discussion of past and current LP logos.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 23 May, 6 June, and 20 June meetings were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has not had time to visit the storage unit since the convention, but that other historical material is accumulating at her residence. The Ed Clark recordings are now on their way there from the national office.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman will be visiting Denver soon to help us get in touch with Susan Nolan and will also do some work at the storage unit. He is planning to write a biography of David Nolan.

Categories: Caryn Ann is still at "O" in the biographies but has caught up on patrolling of changes.



Policy Updates: Joe Dehn did some reformatting of the home page to make use of the new "Getting Started..." article.

LP News, Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrasis: Now that the convention is over Caryn Ann will be working on identifying volunteers who can upload all of this material.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe suggested establishing a queue for pending featured articles, following the general plan of rotating articles of various types and a goal of switching the featured article at least once a month, although the rate could be increased if we have enough articles in the queue. He will work on setting this up, with a separate page allowing any user to suggest articles for consideration.

Ben Leder suggested creating a "virtual reality museum", based on the framework of a game like "Doom" but containing historical items.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention Recap: There was discussion of how things went with our booth, topics including sales of t-shirts, some items that were left there, and following up with people who signed up saying they have historical material. The booth was staffed for most of the time by Ed Fochler and sometimes by other volunteers, and we did a good portion of what we had planned. We did not do video displays and only had an LPedia display for short times; better preparation in terms of equipment would have helped with both of these. Ed reported that a number of people who visited the booth did not seem to associate LPedia with the HPC, even though they had heard of both; he suggested mentioning the connection on the home page. Caryn Ann reported that she still has the original Statement of Principles and will be bringing it to DC when she goes for the December LNC meeting, when there will probably be an installation ceremony at the national office. She is still seeking buttons to fill the rest of that display case.

Caryn Ann reported that she incurred a number of expenses relating to the convention, including for purchase of t-shirts beyond the amount already donated for them, supplies for the gift bags distributed to the states, and shipping of various items. She said that not including the additional t-shirt expense, the total was about \$470. She estimated that earlier expenses relating to the convention, including the



banner and items used for display that can be used again at other events, totaled about \$100.

James Gholston moved and Ed Fochler seconded to reimburse Caryn Ann \$470 for convention-related expenses; the motion passed without objection.

There was discussion of how to sell the remaining t-shirts. Caryn Ann noted that the vendor can make additional shirts as we need them, so we can continue to offer all sizes. One possibility mentioned was offering them through the LP Store. It was suggested that we could make use of Facebook's fundraising feature to solicit additional contributions for the committee.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler reported that traffic roughly doubled during the convention, but was back to normal now. He said there were a lot of visits to the convention page and also to pages about certain individuals, e.g., people running for things, but that people were coming to these pages largely through Google search.

Yahoo Lists: Joe spoke briefly with Bonnie Scott about this at the convention but there isn't any real news to report.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Joe Buchman will still be following up on this.

Request for Deletion of Biographical Page: There was discussion of a request from an individual in New York that the page about him be deleted from LPedia, topics including whether there should be a defined procedure for this and whether we should act on such requests at all. The person in question briefly held an LP position and this is documented in the state party's minutes. The individual did not give a specific reason for this deletion request. Reasons mentioned for not acting on this request included: (a) it is our mission to document the history of the party and leaving people out would be inconsistent with that; (b) our existing policy, posted on the wiki, specifically states that this includes people who were involved for only a short time; (c) removing just this page while still mentioning this person on other pages would be inconsistent with the planned structure of the wiki. It was decided to follow up with the individual to ask why he wants the page deleted and to see if some other approach might satisfy him, and to defer consideration of any general deletion policies/procedures until we have more examples of such requests.



Committee Expansion: Caryn Ann asked for feedback on the idea of expanding the committee to seven members, as a way of bringing in people with additional skills and getting more people involved in our work. It was noted that people can help with wiki editing and volunteer in other ways without being on the committee, and that some people willing to help would prefer not to be on a committee; however, there are lots of kinds of work to be done and it might make sense as a way to get some people more involved. There did not seem to be any real objection from the current committee members to this idea.

Andrew reported that he is starting to work on the old New York materials that Bill McMillen had stored, and described some of the items that he found.

Ben Leder said he was interested in working on updating information about current candidates, many of whom are not currently mentioned in LPedia. He said he might also be able to help recruit volunteers for other kinds of work.

James Gholston suggested there may be various “databases” of information that would be relevant to our work, e.g., created by the national office, that could be converted to other formats.

Future Meetings: The next meeting was set for 8 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.



MEETING SUMMARY August 8, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
(came in during the Featured Article discussion)

Other

Attendees: Rosalie Dieteman, Ben Leder (came in during the Fundraising discussion)

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 18 July meeting were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has resumed work in the storage unit, getting back into a routine, and that Sarah is now working on sorting through large amounts of material relating to state and local campaigns. Caryn Ann searched for but was not able to locate any documents from 1983 that would clarify the specific motivation for adding the platform "Preamble". The Ed Clark recordings have arrived but have not been converted in any way.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman won't be attending these meetings on a regular basis so this will no longer be treated as a standing agenda item, but he does intend to continue working on it and will be transferring material to Caryn Ann from time to time.

Categories: Caryn Ann reported that she is done with the biographical articles; they should all now be marked with appropriate categories.

Uploading: Caryn Ann reported that she has uploaded some old audio recordings, and will be working on uploading some of the documents that were previously scanned.



Policy Updates: Joe reported that he changed the heading at the top of the home page to specifically mention that the site is managed by the HPC.

Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrasis: Caryn Ann will be working on further processing of these materials.

Categories (continued): There was a discussion of where in the category system articles about “branding” belong. Suggestions were to put articles relating specifically to branding of a particular organization under the category for that organization, and to consider branding itself to be an “issue”. It was noted that “issues” could be seen as including both public policy issues and internal issues – anything about which there might be disagreement.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the site is getting an average of 146 visitors per day, somewhat of an increase from what it was a couple of months ago, and that visits are largely from mobile devices. There was a burst of references from the Reason site, apparently because they posted an article that mentioned our site. Other recently popular topics were the 1980 Platform and Jeff Callaway.

Featured Article: Joe reported that the new set of pages for managing the Featured Article process is now in place, and asked for feedback on the items currently listed in the queue. It was suggested that the New York page be updated a bit before being featured, specifically that it should include some pictures. The Radical Caucus and the Mises Caucus were suggested as additional candidates, but there was some concern expressed about avoiding the appearance of bias toward any particular caucus. Joe said that since there is apparently no objection to at least the first two items in the queue, he intends to proceed with featuring them as planned.

Categories Bug: James reported an apparent bug causing a template not to be listed in its declared category. Editing and saving it seemed to clear up the problem, suggesting some kind of caching issue. If additional examples of this are found it may be worth submitting a trouble report.

Deletions: The case discussed at the previous meeting of a member from New York who wanted the page about him deleted appears to have been resolved for now, after Ed spoke with him.



There has been a formal request for deletion of the page for "Nily Rozic", a politician in New York. It is not clear why this page was created – the only connection to the LP seems to be that she may have at one point been an opponent in some campaign of the person who posted the article. It also looks like the article may have been entirely or mostly copied from another site, which may both suggest a copyright violation and make having our own page about this person be of limited utility. Andrew will investigate and report back.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Yahoo Lists: Joe is continuing to try to get Bonnie Scott's help with this. James noted that the Radical Caucus might be deleting their Yahoo group soon as they no longer want to make use of it for current discussions; they should be asked not to do that until we have had a chance to do our downloading.

Susan Nolan: Caryn Ann reported that she and Joe Buchman had been able to locate and visit Susan Nolan. They got some interesting information from her and were invited back. It appears that the common belief that she had completely dropped out of the party after her divorce from David was incorrect.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann will be drafting a document that Joe Buchman can use for this.

Categories (continued): There was discussion of categories for documents associated with a person, e.g., campaign literature associated with a particular candidate. Points raised included whether categories are needed for this at all, given that such documents should already be pointed at from the person's page, whether there should ever be categories that represent the same thing as an article, whether categories like "campaign literature for Congress" or "campaign literature from New York" would be more appropriate, and whether any of these categories would be helpful for maintenance even if we don't want to offer them for navigation. This appears to be an idea that needs to be discussed further outside of a meeting to develop a proposed tree structure that we can then consider.



Fundraising: Caryn Ann reported that she sent a fundraising e-mail to people who contributed for HPC activities in the past, and that she has been making some use of the t-shirts as a premium. She said she was reluctant to have them offered through the LP Store because we have limited inventory and that would mean extra work for staff to order additional shirts when we are out of the sizes that people want.

Ben Leder suggested that we look into the Facebook feature that allows a page to accept donations; some state and county groups are using this and it makes it very easy to include a donation option when posting something like a live video. He volunteered to look into this.

Future Meetings: Caryn Ann reported that the national LP now has a Zoom account; making use of that would save her the money she has been spending on maintaining her own account, but it might require coordination of times with other committees – specifically, the social media team is already using it on certain Wednesdays. It was decided to establish a general schedule of meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In accordance with this plan, the next meeting will be 22 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.



MEETING SUMMARY August 22, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee, James Gholston (came in after the Deletions discussion)

Other Attendees: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 8 August meeting were approved with one change about the request to delete the "Nily Rozic" page.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has continued work in the storage unit. She was contacted by a long-time member in Nevada who has material in a storage unit that he is closing. Since it will not be practical for her to visit him to see what he has, she will be discussing that with him electronically and perhaps Joe Buchman will be able to go if the material sounds interesting.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the site continues to get somewhat over 100 visitors per day. Articles recently getting attention included the Socialist Caucus, the list of caucuses, Kim Ruff, Eric Mulder, and Mike Shipley.

Featured Article: Joe reported that he switched the featured article to Eric Mulder after the last meeting and would probably be switching it to one of the top articles in the queue before the next meeting.

Deletions: There is no new information about the "Nily Rozic" article and nobody seems to be making any serious argument that it should be kept. Given that and the fact that enough time for debate and voting on a request for deletion has elapsed, it seems appropriate for it now to be deleted.



Yahoo Lists: Joe reported that he has come up with a semi-automatic way to archive this material, involving use of the "iMacros" browser extension to save pages "as HTML" and then a Perl script to extract the message text from the resulting files. This isn't very fast and or reliable, requiring frequent manual intervention and also raising the issue of malware potentially being downloaded in the process, but it's a lot faster than doing the equivalent work completely manually and better than nothing. There was discussion of ways to isolate the process, e.g., using a virtual machine.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann has begun drafting this with the intention of producing something that could be used for other people donating material as well.

Template Categories Not Updating Bug: It appears that this is a continuing issue so a trouble report will need to be filed.

MediaWiki URL Convention: Ed pointed out that the URLs we are using for articles in LPedia don't have the structure currently recommended by the software developers. We have the article name directly under the root, while other sites using MediaWiki have them under a subdirectory (e.g., articles in Wikipedia are under "wiki/". He expressed concern that this could lead to maintenance issues in the future, and suggested we might want to do some kind of "soft switch" to that convention so that we don't find ourselves having to make a more abrupt switch at some time in the future. There was discussion of some of the technical considerations and also the general notion of running our site in as much an "out of the box" fashion as we can. It isn't clear exactly how we ended up with this apparently non-standard arrangement, and we don't know our hosting service's views on support of the two alternatives – things like why our current site was set up this way, what they prefer to support, and the extent to which they could help with implementing the sort of redirects that would be involved in implementing a "soft switch" might be important to our decision. Ed will be looking into this further.

Report to LNC: Caryn Ann said she hopes to have our report for the next LNC meeting ready for us to review by our next meeting. She indicated she is inclined to ask the LNC at some point to allow (but not require) our committee to have one or two additional members. She said we need more people working on things and



being able to add more people to the committee could be helpful in getting that to happen.

National Office Use of LPedia: Caryn Ann suggested that at some point it might make sense for the people in the national office to start making use of LPedia as the place to store information about their projects, most of which is not actually supposed to be confidential, rather than maintaining a separate "internal wiki". There was discussion of advantages of this approach (including automatic archiving and avoiding the problem of information becoming inaccessible to people who need it because it is only on one person's computer), reasons why office personnel might prefer not to use LPedia for current information, and alternative ways to ensure that such work products are at least archived on LPedia after the fact. She said she plans to be using LPedia as the place to post various documents she will be creating as Secretary, and is also encouraging other committees to use it for things like their agendas and minutes.

National Mailings: There was a brief discussion of what we have in the way of historical hardcopy mailings (letters) that were sent out by the national office, e.g., does the office have PDFs of such letters. Caryn Ann indicated that national office personnel would probably not be able to give attention to this question until after the current election season is over.

Future Meetings: In accordance with the general plan previously discussed, the next meeting will be 5 September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.



MEETING SUMMARY September 5, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston

Absent: Andrew Kolstee

Other Attendees: Ben Leder

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 22 August meeting were approved.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that uploading previously scanned material is still on her radar. Beth has been uploading some membership reports; other people may have earlier ones that could be uploaded also.

Video: Caryn Ann uploaded one 1971 convention recording and is going to work on the other one. She also uploaded some commercials. We will no longer be able to get free VHS conversions because the person who was doing that no longer has access to the facility where he was doing it.

General LPedia: Caryn Ann is now working on categories for publications. She noticed a problem that if a new version of a file is uploaded it shows as "unpatrolled" but there doesn't seem to be a way to clear that.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that there has been a slight decline in traffic, but we are still getting about 100 visitors day. Articles recently getting attention included the membership reports, Larry Sharpe, and a list of African-American libertarians.

Featured Article: Joe reported that he switched the featured article to the 2018 convention. Caryn Ann added some suggestions to the queue.



Deletions: The "Nily Rozic" article still needs to be deleted.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann is still working on this.

Template Categories Not Updating Bug: This appears to have been resolved, by MyWikis running a maintenance script more frequently.

Categories: James commented that there are still a lot of uncategorized pages and disagreements have been arising about how they should be categorized. Caryn Ann said we should address this question after we have gone through and implemented all the planned categories and we can see what's left.

National Office Use of LPedia: Caryn Ann said she is now getting the reports that are routinely generated so she can post them; the fact that they will be on LPedia may help the office people see that they don't need to operate their own archive. James reported that their archive isn't actually a wiki, but something based on WordPress.

Nevada Records: Caryn Ann reported that Emily Goldberg who frequently visits Nevada will be contacting the person who said he has Nevada records in a storage unit.

Sylvia Olson: Caryn Ann was contacted by Sylvia Olson, a past National Secretary. Caryn Ann will follow up with her to see if she has any old records.

Libertarian Statue Press: James asked that we look at the "collections" of items offered for sale by Libertarian Statue Press and make suggestions for things to add relating to our work. Ben Leder explained that the original idea of these collections was as a less-expensive alternative to multiple organizations each operating their own online store. But it was noted that in this case we would not have any financial involvement, as the accounting issues involved in selling items on behalf of a political committee would be too problematic. It would just be a way to promote awareness of LP history and perhaps our work. Caryn Ann said we don't have any formal authority to authorize use of the LPedia logo as an image on such products but that she did not think them using it in that way would create a problem. Joe suggested that some items that feature a historical image could also mention the



HPC or LPedia. Ben suggested we could make use of items in the collection by referring to them in posts; whether people buy them or not it's still a way to promote the images.

Issue Articles: Ben Leder said that Wikipedia is no longer useful for libertarians as a source of information on some topics, because of the way their articles approach the topic, the vocabulary they use, and because of things they leave out; he cited their article on the Federal Reserve as an example. He suggested that having LPedia articles on such topics would be a way to provide better information. Joe said he doesn't think LPedia should try to be an encyclopedia of everything, and that not all libertarians agree on the correct way to approach such topics either, but that articles that address things like LP positions relating to an issue and the ways that Libertarians have been active on that issue would be useful; such an article could also provide links to the many things already published on the topic by various libertarian writers without attempting to be a complete source in itself. Caryn Ann suggested that Ben go ahead and try to write such an article, but he shouldn't be surprised if other Libertarians then make changes he doesn't like.

Future Meetings: In accordance with the general plan previously discussed, the next meeting will be 19 September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.

This policy proposal for APRC review is intended to:

1. Ensure LP publications are compliant with the party's bylaws, platform and Policy Manual.
2. Provide a mechanism for oversight by the APRC.
3. Allow for the fact that LP publications are often time-sensitive for a variety of reasons, and
4. Minimize unnecessary steps that reduce staff productivity.

Definitions:

- Violation = statement within an LP publication that contravenes the party's bylaws, platform or Policy Manual.
- Publication = LP written public statement including news releases, house letters, prospecting letters, literature, blog entries, Facebook posts, tweets (Twitter), postings to other websites in the party's name, emails sent to the news media, emails sent to the party's General email list, and emails sent to another constituency list, e.g. lists acquired from events such as Paul Fest, lists generated from an online petition. It includes other LP.org website pages that contain copy of substance, but not content used for administrative purposes such as membership sign-up forms or that serve as reference material such as event listings, candidate listings, election results (vote totals), approved LNC minutes, etc.
- Copy – the text of the publication plus any images that may be viewed as controversial or potentially containing a violation. This does not include other images that serve for illustrative purposes only, e.g., a candidate's headshot or a picture of an IRS form to go with a publication about taxes. It does not include copy changes of a trivial nature such as typographical corrections or other editing designed solely to improve readability or navigation.
- Objection – phone call or email communication from an APRC member citing a violation in the copy.
- Approval – statement of APRC member indicating copy is devoid of violations.

For print publications, staff will transmit copy to APRC for review at least 24 hours before final approval of publication for printing. Barring any objections, it is approved.

For electronic publications, staff will transmit copy to APRC no later than time of publication and will endeavor to transmit copy at least 2 hours before publishing except where staff believes there is a nontrivial downside to delaying publication. Barring any objections, it is approved. However if staff believes the copy may contain a violation, regardless of the need for immediacy, staff will either (1) obtain the approval of at least 3 APRC members prior to publication or (2) will transmit copy to APRC at least 4 hours in advance of publication outside

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of the hours between midnight and 9:00 A.M. Eastern Time. Barring any objections, it is approved. .

If an APRC member cites an objection, staff will either correct the citation to the member's satisfaction or seek and obtain the approval of copy without correction from at least three APRC members or from the Chair before publication. If the copy has already been published and can be pulled (from the web site, Facebook page, or any medium where it is possible to take the copy down), copy will be taken offline until it is approved.

Libertarian National Committee Region 1 Report



Regional Report for Region 1
Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana,
New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Libertarian National Committee Meeting
September 29-30, 2018

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Region 1 Overview

As of the 2018 National Libertarian Convention in New Orleans, the eleven affiliates that comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. At the Convention, Richard Longstreth, Arizona, was elected to serve as the Region 1 Representative and Craig Bowden, Utah, was elected to serve as the Region 1 Alternate. Both positions will be re-elected at the 2020 National Libertarian Convention.

Due to the geographical nature of this region, spanning five time zones and extending from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), in-person contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. It is my intention to attend 2019/2020 affiliate conventions in each affiliate. Regular contact is attempted with the affiliates and members through email, telephone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group and page, and informational website.

For the purposes of this report, State Chairs were emailed one week prior to the report submission deadline as well as several times during the week as reminders to get information to me so that it could be included with this report. Any notes or updates they submitted are included as well as any requests they have of the LNC. Contact information is supplied so that direct contact may be made by any member seeking clarification directly from the State Chair.

Your Region 1 Representative,

Richard Longstreth

Alaska



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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Kansas



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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Montana



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From the Chair: The Chair submitted an extensive report. These are some of the highlights. Francis has indicated that I may share the report in entirety with the LNC for internal use and I will do so upon request.

- Website: Candidates page is up-to-date with some good information but other areas of the website need updating.

- County Growth Project: The MTLP is working to establish a county growth program. They currently have model Constitution and Bylaws and will be trying to get something going in Missoula, Cascade, and Lewis and Clark Counties by the end of October. Francis is working on seeing how this project goes in MT and will then work with me to try and share with the Region to grow membership throughout the Region.
- 2019 Outlook: Working on finding candidates for local offices for 2019 as well as internal offices and bylaw updates for their upcoming Convention.
- 2018 Elections: 20 Candidates are running, which works out to about 1 candidate per 50,000 people. General praise for all three ballot access races.
- Debate exclusion: Montana PBS is denying participation for LP candidates to take part in upcoming debates. Senate candidate Breckenridge is preparing to file an FEC complaint and the MTLP would like to see support from the LNC.

Requests to the LNC:

- Join the candidates of the MTLP and the MTLP itself in appealing to the FEC regarding debate inclusion and Montana PBS. I suggested that the text of the complaint be sent to myself and the LNC for review.
- Consider a lifetime membership for David Merrick who recently received a press review about his years of service for the Libertarian movement. The article can be found [HERE](#). I have inquired as to how this could be done by the LNC and if any such procedure is in place outside of convention.
- When the LNC considers the Spring or Summer meeting location Montana would like to be considered and perhaps a joint event be coordinated.

New Mexico



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From the Chair: Nothing submitted by the Chair for this report.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Oregon



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From the Chair: Oregon will have 23 partisan Libertarian candidates on the general election ballot, and 10 of those have placed statements in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Utah



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From the Chair: Joe submitted a detailed report of Utah and I have decided to share it verbatim through [THIS LINK](#). He also included some pictures, see below.



Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Washington



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From the Chair: The best place to stay updated on all things Washington is through the Facebook page which is well-maintained by the Communications Director.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

Wyoming



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From the Executive Director: The outlook in Wyoming is positive. they have 6 candidates running for office this election cycle which is the most they have had in at least 10 years. Wyoming is excited to have their first candidate for a State house seat. They are expecting to put at least one and possibly 2 candidates in office though I did not catch the names. If everything keeps going as it is the Affiliate hopes to be a major party next election cycle.

Requests to the LNC: No requests at this time.

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Region 2 Report
Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee

Libertarian Party of Tennessee:

August 2nd Election Wins:

- Joshua Beal – Montgomery County Commissioner District 14
- Erika Ebel – Smith County Commissioner District 4
- Charlotte Bowers – Roane County Commissioner District 4
- Stephen Chambers – Trousdale County Mayor

November Election Candidates:

- Greg Samples – Congress 2nd District of Tennessee
- David Ross – Congress 6th District of Tennessee
- Zack Houk – Tennessee State Representative District 13
- Randell Stroud – Tennessee State Representative District 51
- Cole Ebel – Carthage City Council

Governor Candidates:

- Sherry L. Clark
- Gabriel Fancher
- Sean Bruce Fleming
- William Andrew Helmstetter
- Cory King
- Matthew Koch
- Alfred Shawn Rapoza
- Heather Scott
- George Blackwell Smith IV
- Jeremy Allen Stephenson
- Tracy Yaste Tisdale
- Mike Toews
- Vinnie Vineyard
- Jaron D. Weidner

Notes:

Ballot access initiative is halted until after gubernatorial election.

Libertarian Party of Georgia

Two US house of Representatives candidates attempted to run, but did not achieve the required amount of signatures due to age old barrier to entry laws. One candidate registered write in.

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Region 2 Report
Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee

5 Statewide Candidates for the positions of Governor, Secretary of State, two Public Service Commission seats, and Insurance Commissioner.

Notes:

The lawsuit against the SEC to overturn the archaic barrier to entry laws which prevent Georgia from achieving open and fair ballot access is being challenged by LP GA legal council who is working in party with the NAACP, CUCLA, SCHR, and others.

LP GA is seeking to co-lobby on libertarian issues and is moving forward on registering a lobbyist.

LP GA is seeking help from the Ballot Access committee in the form of advice in their fight for ballot access rights.

March 15th is the next State Convention.

Libertarian Party of Florida:

Candidates:

Currently there are 29 elected Libertarians in Florida and 38 candidates in the running for a plethora of offices.

Notes:

Bill Weld fundraiser set a record for most amount of money raised in a day, after expenses.

Courtney Omega, a Councilwoman in Miami, has switched from Republican to Libertarian. She also was just appointed to a committee that oversees police brutality.

Tom woods event on October 13th in Orlando, FL

LPF Convention May 4th and 5th in Tampa, FL. May the fourth be with you and happy 5th of de mayo with Libertarians.

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Region 3 Report

Regional Report - Region 3
Libertarian National Committee
Meeting Sept. 29-30, 2018
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In the April Region 3 LNC Report I covered membership numbers and how they related to changes from the previous year. In the final 2018 report in December, I shall revisit the membership numbers for an ongoing picture of national membership within Region 3.

For this report, I've primarily covered the state affiliate candidates, and any recent leadership changes within the states.

Libertarian Party of Indiana

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Party Leadership

State Chair: Timothy Maguire (chair@lpin.org)

Vice Chair: Rodney Benker (vicechair@lpin.org)

Treasurer: Michael Schultheiss (treasurer@lpin.org)

Secretary: Frank Rossa (secretary@lpin.org)

Elected by County Chairs within the District - 2018 some new District Reps

District 1 Rep: Micheal Sandridge

District 2 Rep: Joe Novak

District 3 Rep: Kristi Avery

District 4 Rep: Rick Irvine

District 5 Rep: Greg Noland

District 6 Rep: Brandtley Spicer

District 7 Rep: Bill Bean

District 8 Rep: Bart Gadau

District 9 Rep: Greg Hertzsch

Appointed by the SCC:

Technology Director: Jesse Riddle

Political Director: Jared Hall

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Libertarian Party of Indiana
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Current candidates for 2018:

Mark Rutherford for Secretary of State
John Schick for State Auditor
Lucy Brenton for US Senate
Tom Ferkinhoff for US House District
Donna Dunn for Indiana House District 1
Ethan Legg for Indiana House District 21
Adam Werner for Indiana House District 23
Donald Rainwater for Indiana House District 24
Dale Arnett for Indiana House District 33
Robert Wilson Jr. for Indiana House District 48
Clyde Myers for Indiana House District 59
Steve Buffington for Indiana House District 69
Thomas Keister for Indiana House District 71
Robert Jozwiak for Indiana Senate District 25
Greg Noland for Indiana Senate District 26
Charles Johnson for Indiana Senate District 45
Brent Land for Wayne Township Trustee
Russell Meuller for County Council District 1
Eric Harris for Elkhart County Council District 2
Jeremiah Morrell for Henry County Council District 1
Jesse Riddle for Henry County Council District 3
Frances Lewis for Henry County Township Board
Terry Coffman for Liberty Township Board
Jamie Owens for Liberty Township Trustee
Erin Meadors for Jackson Township Board
Patrick Jamison for Kosciusko County Sheriff
Rick Brown for Madison County Treasurer
Danny Lundy Morgan County for Brown Township Board
Dean Hartley for Franklin Township Board
Tom Knueven for Franklin Township Board
Frank Stewart for Wayne Township Trustee
Adam Hutchison for Union Township Board
Samuel Kinsey for County Council
Max Green for County Council District 3
Tommy Brown III for County Council District 1
Cheryl Heacox for Greensfork Township Advisory Committee

Ballot Access

Ballot Access

LPIN has had ballot access since 1994, because they have consistently surpassed 2% in the Secretary of State (SOS) race.

2018 Ballot Access Efforts

Every 4 years in the Secretary of State race, the LPIN candidate must get at least 2% of the total vote in the election. LPIN has nominated Mark Rutherford as the SOS candidate for LPIN in 2018.

Events

State Events - 2018 STATE CONVENTION

The 2018 Libertarian Party of Indiana Convention was held May 4th - 6th, at the Downtown Indianapolis Marriott 350 W Maryland St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Training and workshops were done for LPIN members, and delegates to the LP national convention were selected. Candidates were confirmed.

Libertarian Party of Kentucky

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Party Leadership

Chair: Harlan Compton

Vice Chair: Bryan Short

Treasurer: Ken Moellman

Secretary: Chris Wiest

At-Large: Mark Gailey

At-Large: Dan Hull

District 1 Chair: David Watson

District 2 Chair: Chris Dillingham

District 3 Chair: John Hicks

District 4 Chair: Cristi Kendrick

District 5 Chair: Sidney L Cline III

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502-791-LPKY | info@lpky.org

Ballot Access and Candidates

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Ballot Access

The Libertarian Party of Kentucky has ballot access for the first time. LPKY doesn't need to collect signed petitions in 2018 to place candidates on the ballot.

Candidates selected to appear on the 2018 ballot:

Joshua Gilpin - KY HOUSE – District 2 - District 1
Shane Walker - MAGISTRATE/J.P. - District 1 - Graves County
James Conley - CONSTABLE - District 2 - Breckenridge County
Anthony Scott Filback - CONSTABLE - District 2 - Barren County
Joseph Redmon - CONSTABLE - District 2 - Meade County
Gregory Boles - US CONGRESS ☐ District 3
John Hicks - KY HOUSE ☐ District 43 - District 3 - Jefferson County
Trevor Applegate - MAGISTRATE/J.P. - District 4 - Mason County
A. J. "Lex" Hannan III - KY HOUSE – District 66 - District 4
Race Nichols - COUNTY COMMISSIONER - District 4 - Greenup County
Christopher Robinson - KY HOUSE – District 65 - District 4
J. Kyle Sweeney - CONSTABLE 2nd - District 4 - Boone County
Ann Cormican - KY HOUSE - District 72
Shannon Denniston - MAGISTRATE/J.P. - District 6 - Montgomery County
Frank Harris - US CONGRESS ☐ 6TH District -

Events

The LPKY 2018 State Convention was March 24th, 2018 at:

Bellarmino University
Nolen C. Allen Hall, Room 460A
2120 Newburg Rd.
Louisville, KY 40205

A business meeting with candidate and national delegate selection took place. Also, platform and bylaws were covered. There was one change of officer, with a new treasurer selected.

As there was some unfinished business at the March convention, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky has called a Special Convention, which will take place December 1st, 2018.

Special Convention location:

Zoneton Masonic Lodge, 176 Bucky Burton Dr., Louisville, KY 40229

Libertarian Party of Michigan

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Party Leadership

Chair – Bill Hall - chair@michiganlp.org

1st Vice Chair (Affiliates) – Tim Yow - vcaffiliates@michiganlp.org

2nd Vice Chair (Political) - Gregory Stempfle - vcpoliticaldirector@michiganlp.org

Secretary – Emily Salvette - secretary@michiganlp.org

Treasurer – Jason Brandenburg - treasurer@michiganlp.org

Executive Committee Representatives:

District 1 - Donna Gundle-Kreig

District 2 - Mary Buzuma

District 3 - Jamie Lewis

District 4 - Tim Coon

District 5 - Mark Sanborn

District 6 - Wendi Parker

District 7 - Norman Peterson

District 8 - Jeff Wood

District 9 - Mike Saliba

District 10 - John Kanan

District 11 - Paul Connolly

District 12 - Lawrence W. Johnson

District 13 - Adam Zientarski

District 14 - Ben Carr

Judicial Committee Members:

James Hudler

Kerry Morgan

Ken Proctor

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Ballot Access

LPMI has major party status and ballot access. Member Bill Gelineau is the first third-party governor candidate in 48 years to qualify for the Michigan primary.

Candidates:

Bill Gelineau - Governor
 Angelique Thomas – Lieutenant Governor
 Gregory Stempfle – Secretary of State
 Lisa Lane Gioia – Attorney General
 John Tatar – State Board of Education
 Scotty Boman – State Board of Education
 Bruce Campbell – MSU Board of Trustees
 Tim Orzechowski – MSU Board of Trustees
 John Jascob – U of M Board of Regents
 James Hudler – U of M Board of Regents
 Jon Elgas – WSU Board of Governors
 John Hargenrader – WSU Board of Governors
 Kerry Morgan – Justice to the Supreme Court
 Brian Ellison – Congressional District 8
 Leonard Schwartz – Congressional District 11
 Joseph LeBlanc – District 7 - State Senate
 Mike Saliba – District 10 - State Senate
 James Young – District 11 - State Senate
 Jeff Pittel – District 12 - State Senate
 Ronald Muszynski – District 16 - State Senate
 Chad McNamara – District 17 - State Senate
 Joseph Gillotte – District 19 - State Senate
 Lorence Wenke – District 20 - State Senate
 Katie Nepton – District 24 - State Senate
 Erwin Haas – District 26 - State Senate
 Nathan Hewer – District 28 - State Senate
 Robert VanNoller – District 29 - State Senate
 Mary Buzuma – District 30 - State Senate
 Max Riekse – District 34 - State Senate
 Timothy Coon – District 35 - State Senate
 Gregory Creswell – District 1 - State House
 Jeremy Morgan – District 10 - State House
 Matt Kuehnel – District 22 - State House
 Benjamin Carr – District 27 - State House
 Ryan Manier – District 28 - State House
 Benjamin Dryke – District 36 - State House
 Brian Wright – District 38 - State House
 Anthony Croff – District 39 - State House
 Ronald Hawkins – District 63 - State House
 Norm Peterson – District 64 - State House
 Jason Rees – District 65 - State House
 Zachary Moreau – District 67 - State House
 Jamie Lewis – District 72 - State House
 Patty Malowney – District 77 - State House
 Tyler Palmer – District 93 - State House
 Andy Evans – Cheboygan, District 3 - County Commissioner
 Dana Carver – Cheboygan, District 7 - County Commissioner
 James Weeks II – Livingston, District 7 - County Commissioner
 Catherine Filus – Macomb, District 10 - County Commissioner
 David Holmer – Manistee, District 2 - County Commissioner
 Christine Martello-Schell – Howell (Livingston) - Township Trustee
 Jim Schell – Howell (Livingston) - Township Trustee
 Jim Fulner – Armada (Macomb) - Township Trustee
 Robert Clark – Arcadia (Manistee) - Township Trustee
 Mark Ashley Price – Highland Park School Board (Nonpartisan)

Events

LPM held their 2018 state convention/Liberty Summit on Saturday, March 10, 2018. The Libertarian primary for Governor was August 7th. LPM held their first required Fall Convention Saturday August 25 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Romulus and nominated their statewide candidates for public office

Libertarian Party of Ohio

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Party Leadership

Executive Committee:

Harold Thomas, Chair (614) 581-6832
Dustin Nanna, Vice Chair (740) 816-9805
Linda Comstock, Treasurer (740) 972-1031
Jon Mohler, Secretary (937) 371-8674
Cory Combs, At-Large (513) 746-5507
Helen Gilson, At-Large (513) 404-9750
Joseph Langenbrunner At-Large (513) 638-0509
Homer Taft At-Large (440) 333-1333
Kristen Wichers At-Large (614) 984-4515

LPO Central Committee

The Central Committee consists of two (2) members from each Congressional District. Four (4) of the members are elected as the Central Committee officers

Central Committee Members:

District 1 - Seat A: Scott Pettigrew (Vice Chair)
District 1 - Seat B: Jon Mohler
District 2 - Seat A: Cory Combs
District 2 - Seat B: Joseph Langenbrunner
District 3 - Seat A: Harold Thomas
District 3 - Seat B: Chad Harris
District 4 - Seat A: W. Daniel Fichtel
District 4 - Seat B: Christina Holloway
District 5 - Seat A: Daniel Faust
District 5 - Seat B: Don Kissick (Chair)
District 6 - Seat A: Jason Coblenz
District 6 - Seat B: Open
District 7 - Seat A: Patrick Glasgow
District 7 - Seat B: Robert Leist
District 8 - Seat A: Helen Gilson
District 8 - Seat B: Trishanda Barhorst
District 9 - Seat A: Derek Strelow (Secretary)
District 9 - Seat B: Homer Taft
District 10 - Seat A: Michael Monaghan
District 10 - Seat B: Jeff Zweber
District 11 - Seat A: Open
District 11 - Seat B: Open
District 12 - Seat A: Linda Comstock
District 12 - Seat B: Dustin Nanna
District 13 - Seat A: John Fockler (Treasurer)
District 13 - Seat B: Michael Fricke
District 14 - Seat A: Joe Loyd
District 14 - Seat B: David Macko
District 15 - Seat A: Kristen Wichers
District 15 - Seat B: Brandon Wichers
District 16 - Seat A: Elizabeth Thomas
District 16 - John Hamm

Political, Field Development, Communications, Information Technology, and Finance. | 11

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County Affiliates

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Northwest Region: Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties.

Dan Faust (419) 566-9888

Northeast Region: Ashland, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.

Joe Loyd (440) 549-0488

Central Region: Champaign, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, and Union counties.

Brandon Wichers

Southwest Region: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Shelby, and Warren counties.

Jon Mohler (937) 371-8674

Southeast Region : Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington counties.

Matthew Brown (740) 424-4443

Ballot Access

Ballot Access Actions and Report:

LPO has achieved ballot access for the 2018 election year.

Events:

2018 STATE CONVENTION

The 2018 Libertarian Party of Ohio Convention was May 18th - 20th at Holiday Inn Columbus - I 270 Worthington, 7007 N. High S, Worthington, OH 43085

Following the LPO Convention there was a meeting at the new physical office location where the current officers and executive committee were selected.

Libertarian Party LNC Region 4 Report

Report Date: 9/22/2018

LNC Region 4 Representative: Jeff Hewitt

LNC Region 4 Alternate: K. Brent Olsen, Psy.D.

Duties

- Libertarian Party Bylaws, Article 7, Section 1: The National Committee shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws. The Libertarian National Committee shall establish and oversee an organizational structure to implement the purposes of the Party as stated in Article 2. The National Committee shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and the carrying out of its duties and responsibilities. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary.

Mission Statement

The mission of the LNC Representative and Alternate for Region 4 is to work to represent the interests of the members of the Region as well as to work to promote the Libertarian Party and its principles within the states which are members of Region 4.

Executive Overview

- The following Libertarians will be on the ballot for the November 6, 2018, general election in California:
 - Brandon Nelson for 4th Assembly District (partisan, endorsed)
 - Justin Quigley for 21st Assembly District (partisan, endorsed)
 - Christopher Stare for 51st Assembly District (partisan endorsed)
 - Autumn Browne for 69th Assembly District (partisan, endorsed)
 - Honor "Mimi" Robson for 70th Assembly District (partisan, endorsed)
 - Jeff Hewitt for Riverside County Board of Supervisors District 5 (non-partisan)
 - John Inks for Mountain View City Council (nonpartisan, endorsed)
 - Robert Imhoff for Eastside Union High School District Board of Trustees (nonpartisan)
 - Jennifer Imhoff for Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees (nonpartisan)
 - Aaron Starr for Mayor of Oxnard (nonpartisan)
 - Nickolas Wildstar for Fullerton City Council District 3 (nonpartisan, endorsed)
 - Others
- The following Libertarians will be on the ballot for the November 6, 2018, general election in Nevada:
 - Tim Hagan for US Senate (partisan, endorsed)
 - Robert Strawder for US Congress, District 1 (partisan, endorsed)
 - Steven Brown for US Congress, District 3 (partisan, endorsed)
 - Gregg Luckner for US Congress, District 4 (partisan, endorsed)

- Jared Lord for Governor (partisan, endorsed)
 - Ron Newsome for Assembly District 17 (partisan, endorsed)
 - Bruce James-Newman for Assembly District 29 (partisan, endorsed)
 - Douglas Marsh for Clark County Commission District G (partisan, endorsed)
 - Wendy Stolyarov for Sparks Mayor (nonpartisan, endorsed)
 - Others
- The Libertarian Party of California will have its 2019 convention in Concord, California, at the Crowne Plaza, April 5-7, 2019. Early Bird Pricing is currently available.
- Nevada became the third state to exceed 1% of its registered voters registering Libertarian, following Alaska and Colorado.

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Sept. 24, 2018

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the LP national convention. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Phoenix should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I continue to serve at least once a month as a guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM/98.9 FM in Charlottesville, Virginia).

Delaware

Sean Goward (sean.goward@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. I did not receive a report from him.

District of Columbia

Joe Bishop-Henchman (jdhenchman@gmail.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. I did not receive a report from him.

Maryland

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

Membership is 107 as of 12 September, 2018.

Libertarian voter registration is 21,404. This is 0.54% of all of the registered voters in the state.

To maintain ballot access, the Maryland LP need the candidate for Governor, Shawn Quinn, to get at least 1% in the general election, or the party must have at least 1% of the registered voters on December 31 of this year.

The Maryland LP has 19 candidates appearing on the general election ballot. This does not include April Ademiluyi, who was removed from the ballot due to a lawsuit brought on by four plaintiffs last month, who challenged her nomination. The plaintiffs were able to have Ms.

Ademiluyi taken off of the ballot in Prince George's County Circuit Court, and then prevailed in the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.

Ms. Ademiluyi has filed in US District Court to get back on the ballot, as she feels the plaintiffs did not have standing to challenge the MDLP's nominating process.

This is the third of the last six general elections, going back to 2008, that the Maryland LP is running a full slate of federal candidates. Also, 15 of the 19 candidates are running for the first time.

The Maryland LP held its annual summer picnic at the home of Dave and Renee Sten in North East, MD. LNC regional representative Dr. James Lark attended, as he always does.

Bob Johnston
Chair
Maryland Libertarian Party
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North Carolina

Susan Hogarth (hogarth@gmail.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. I did not receive a report from her.

Pennsylvania

Drew Bingaman (chair@susquehannavalleylp.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, provided the following report:

The LPPA has achieved ballot access for our candidates with two exceptions who have agreed to withdraw. There does seem to be potential charges that were sent to the PA AG against Tim Silfies accusing him of forging signatures. However I believe this to be mostly smoke and an empty threat. Either way it still may drag Tim into court and we certainly don't want that but for now it is out of our hands.

After the majority of the campaigns were settled and on the ballot we have turned out attention to our website which is in major need of rehab. We have appointed a project manager who has outlined an excellent course of action for us to follow in order to address the issues with our website by priority. The two biggest problems is that membership and donation processing is VERY unreliable. Those two are on our list to fix ASAP.

In addition to this we are and will continue to evaluate the national website/crm offering. I expect the board to make a determination very soon on our website direction.

South Carolina

Stewart Flood (stewart.f.flood.jr@gmail.com) is the chair of the South Carolina Libertarian Party. I did not receive a report from him.

Virginia

Bo Brown (bocbrown@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. I did not receive a report from him.

West Virginia

Luke Brumfield (luke.brumfield@lpwv.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia. I did not receive a report from him.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Sept. 24, 2018

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

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

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

2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to assist student organizations.

3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I work with state campus outreach coordinators to assist their programs to build campus organizations and assist campus activists.

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

I shall address the upcoming SFL regional conference at the University of Minnesota. In addition, I gave an address at the European Students For Liberty regional conference in Reykjavik, Iceland on September 22. (The address was titled: "Economic Fallacies: Discussion of Some Common Fallacies and Misconceptions about Economics.")

5) I gave a lecture on Aug. 14 at the 2018 Liberty International World Conference, sponsored by Liberty International and the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation in Poland. (The address was titled "Are You Ready to Rumble? Preparing Yourself Intellectually for the Battle.")

6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects.

7) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I do not know whether FEE wants me to develop workshops on understanding public policy data and risk analysis. There was discussion in the not-too-distant past of my developing such workshops; however, I haven't been contacted recently about the matter.

8) For some reason there has been a significant decline in the number of requests I have received from students who wish to receive assistance at the start of the academic year in starting Libertarian groups on campus. I have no idea why this decline has occurred.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Sept. 24, 2018

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

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

- 1) I have not received a report recently from Geoff Neale, chair of the IALP.
- 2) I gave an address at the Liberty International conference in Krakow, Poland on August 14. (The address was titled “Are You Ready to Rumble? Preparing Yourself Intellectually for the Battle.”) I spoke to several conference attendees about the Libertarian Party and its activities.
- 3) I gave an address at the European Students For Liberty conference in Reykjavik, Iceland on September 22. (The address was titled “Economic Fallacies: Discussion of Some Common Fallacies and Misconceptions about Economics.”) I met with members of various libertarian-oriented parties during the conference.
- 4) I am investigating ways in which Libertarians in the U.S. may be able to assist the Libertarian Party of Cuba. Evidently the Cuban government arrested Heriberto Pons, vice president of the Cuban Libertarian Party – Jose Marti; an article about the arrest appeared in the PanAm Post (panampost.com/mamela-fiallo/2018/08/22/cuban-dictatorship-arrests-vice-president-of-cuban-libertarian-party/). An article about the matter is available on the LP website at www.lp.org/vice-president-of-cuban-libertarian-party-arrested-for-supporting-independent-art.
- 5) I shall travel to Manchester and Liverpool (England) on Nov. 9-12. I anticipate meeting with members of the Greater Manchester Libertarians (the branch of the Libertarian Party UK in the greater Manchester area) during my visit to the area.

2018 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Sept. 24, 2018

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
Chair, 2018 Awards Committee

The members of the 2018 Awards Committee were Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, Jim Lark, Keith Laube, and Jennifer (“Hap”) Werther.

From March through May, the Committee solicited nominations from LP members for the national awards (Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin*, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, and Thomas Jefferson), as well as nominations for election to the Hall of Liberty. The solicitation took place by various means, including an article in *LP News*, e-mails to the LP e-mail list, and a blog post on LP.com. The deadline for submission was May 31.

During the December 2016 meeting, the LNC adopted a motion without objection to induct into the Hall of Liberty all who had received the Thomas Jefferson Award for lifetime achievement prior to 2012, when the Hall of Liberty was instituted to recognize lifetime achievement and the Jefferson Award was redefined to recognize outstanding leadership and character.

The five people inducted into the Hall by the LNC vote were Ruth Bennett (2008 Jefferson Award), David Bergland (1998 Jefferson Award), the late Ron Crickenberger (2004 Jefferson Award), Jim Lark (2008 Jefferson Award), and the late John Perry (2002 Jefferson Award). The Committee received and considered other nominations for the Hall of Liberty. None of the other nominees received the unanimous vote required for election. The induction ceremony took place on July 1 during the national convention in New Orleans.

The Committee also selected the following people to receive the Adams, Franklin, Henry, Paine, and Jefferson Awards:

Adams: Joe Johnson, Alicia Mattson
Franklin: Jeff Hewitt
Henry: Mark Miller
Paine: Carla Howell
Jefferson: Julie Fox

The recipients were honored at a ceremony on July 2 during the national convention in New Orleans. Selection of each recipient required a majority vote of the entire Committee.

Prior to the national convention, the Committee expressed its gratitude to the following people:

- Robert Kraus, for his help in distributing information about the awards process and his assistance in obtaining the trophies to be presented to the recipients and inductees
- Eric Dixon, for his work to prepare video presentations for the awards ceremonies
- The LP members who submitted nominations.

The names of the recipients of the Franklin, Henry, Adams, Paine, and Jefferson Awards, along with the names of the Hall of Liberty members, are enclosed below in an appendix.

* The Benjamin Franklin Award was created in April 2018; the award was presented for the first time during the 2018 national convention. Nominations for this award were not solicited until late April/early May 2018.

APPENDIX: Libertarian Party national award recipients and Hall of Liberty members

1996:

Samuel Adams Award: Don Ernsberger
Thomas Paine Award: Jacob Hornberger
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Nolan

1998:

Samuel Adams Award: Steve Dasbach
Thomas Paine Award: Harry Browne
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Bergland

2000:

Samuel Adams Award: Richard Rider
Thomas Paine Award: Michael Cloud
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ed Clark

2002:

Samuel Adams Award: Bruce Baechler
Thomas Paine Award: Richard Pearl
Thomas Jefferson Award: John Perry

2004:

Samuel Adams Award: Jim Lark
Thomas Paine Award: Mary Ruwart
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ron Crickenberger

2006:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Badnarik
Thomas Paine Award: John Stossel
Thomas Jefferson Award: Harry Browne

2008:

Samuel Adams Award: Bill Hall
Thomas Paine Award: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark

2010:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler
Thomas Paine Award: Rex Bell
Thomas Jefferson Award: Bill Redpath

2012:

Patrick Henry Award: Lex Green, Travis Irvine
Samuel Adams Award: Clyde Garland
Thomas Paine Award: Jim Lark
Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris
Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

2014:

Patrick Henry Award: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis
Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia
Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris
Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon
Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

2016:

Patrick Henry Award: Will Hammer
Samuel Adams Award: Wendy Adams
Thomas Paine Award: Jason Scheurer
Thomas Jefferson Award: BetteRose Ryan
Hall of Liberty: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath

2018:

Benjamin Franklin Award: Jeff Hewitt
Patrick Henry Award: Mark Miller
Samuel Adams Award: Joe Johnson, Alicia Mattson
Thomas Paine Award: Carla Howell
Thomas Jefferson Award: Julie Fox
Hall of Liberty: Ruth Bennett, David Bergland, Ron Crickenberger, Jim Lark, and John Perry

Benjamin Franklin Award:

2018: Jeff Hewitt

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

2016: Will Hammer

2018: Mark Miller

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger

1998: Steve Dasbach

2000: Richard Rider

2002: Bruce Baechler

2004: Jim Lark

2006: Michael Badnarik

2008: Bill Hall

2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

2012: Clyde Garland

2014: Hardy Macia

2016: Wendy Adams

2018: Joe Johnson, Alicia Mattson

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger

1998: Harry Browne

2000: Michael Cloud

2002: Richard Pearl

2004: Mary Ruwart

2006: John Stossel

2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg

2010: Rex Bell

2012: Jim Lark

2014: Sharon Harris

2016: Jason Scheurer

2018: Carla Howell

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan

1998: David Bergland

2000: Ed Clark

2002: John Perry

2004: Ron Crickenberger

2006: Harry Browne

2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark
2010: Bill Redpath
2012: Sharon Harris
2014: Pat Dixon
2016: BetteRose Ryan
2018: Julie Fox

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger
2016: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath
2018: Ruth Bennett, David Bergland, Ron Crickenberger, Jim Lark, and John Perry

Libertarian Party Region 6 Report for 3rd Quarter Meeting

To Start with I apologize for the lateness, been a busy month here for campaigning

Illinois:

For the first time ever in Illinois, the entire Libertarian statewide ticket has been invited to take part in endorsement interviews at the three largest papers in the state – the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and Springfield's State Journal-Register. In a recent NBC poll, Libertarian Governor candidate Kash Jackson was polling at 6%, sitting in third place in the four-candidate race. Jackson will need 5% to guarantee ballot access for Libertarians across the state.

Hundreds of supporters from over 20 active chapters across the state have pitched in to help staff booths, walk neighborhoods, write letters to the editor, march in parades, deliver yard signs, pass out campaign literature, and work on campaigns directly.

In Bloomington, Illinois, a referendum championed by the McLean County Libertarian Party will be on November's ballot. The referendum will allow voters to have the option to eliminate one of two election authorities in the county. McLean County is one of only a handful of counties with multiple election authorities. Petitioners submitted more than 1,350 signatures, and the petitions successfully survived a challenge from Democratic opponents with more than 90% signature validity.

Kash Jackson Candidate for governor polled at 6% at the beginning of August in one of the few polls available. That is up from 4% in June. Kash was invited to participate in a governor candidate forum aired on NBC Chicago in September. Sadly other state NBC affiliates declined to pick up the broad cast. The state party made a wide effort to spread the online broadcast. Kash performed well, and in many polls won the debate. This earned him some national mentions in USA Today and other media, as well as much more willingness for other media in the state to pick up stories and a ground swell of inquiries about him, including several interviews in the past few days. ABC and the League of Women Voters are still holding firm to their 10% polling requirement despite our best efforts, and have declined to invite him to the debate on Oct 3rd. We are still pushing this, and I personally have contacted board members and sponsors regarding the issue, some of which has been published online. Claire Ball for comptroller continues to gain ground. Other state wide candidates are making multiple appearances, and have begun to gain media attention as well. The two local candidates have been making their presence known in local appearances and forums, including my appearance at an environmental forum presenting libertarian ideas in environmentalism and 2a rallies, and Ian Peak working fairs, marches, and 2a activists.

3 Candidates were knocked off the ballot, including myself, due to challenges. 2 did not

turn in enough signatures, I simply ran out of time to fight the challenge as the court date was 24 hours after my return from NOLA, plus limited funds. I immediately filed write in.

Illinois has the following state wide candidates currently on the ballot.

Kash Jackson for Governor
Sanj Mohip for Lt Governor
Mike Leheney for Treasure
Bubba Harsy for Attorney General
Claire Ball for Comptroller

Local candidates

Ian Peak for Jefferson County Board
John Phillips for Macon County Board (Write In)

Iowa:

The Iowa Chair submitted the following;

"Debate access is our biggest challenge, we are waging a PR campaign in Iowa and have been receiving major press on this to the point where Iowa's highest rated news station attacked myself and our gubernatorial nominee, Jake Porter, on air. Progress as four years ago we were ignored, now we are being used by our Democrat opponent to weaken the Republican and attacked by the media and being given print space and air time we never could have imagined.

What we have found is that most, not all, stations have criteria set by their parent companies, this impacts not just Iowa but our top candidates nationally. Unsure what pressure can be taken, hesitate courts unless breach of contract takes place.

As debate access remains a massive hurdle to all of us, what pressure can be taken while still working within Libertarian ideals considering the parent companies own hundreds of local stations?"

I have myself engaged in sending similar emails to the debate hosts, media, and sponsors that I have sent to the Illinois outlets with little response.

Iowa has the following candidates currently running:

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Amanda Swanson	Decatur City Council		IA
	Anthony Junk	State House 39	https://www.facebook.com/Junk4Iowa/ (N
	Bryan Holder	US House 3	http://holderforiowa.com/ (Main)
	Carl Krambeck	State Senate 37	https://carlkrambeck.com/ (Main)
	Chad Brewbaker	State House 43	https://www.facebook.com/brewbaker2011
	Charles Aldrich	US House 4	https://m.facebook.com/Aldrichusrep (Mai
	Dale Roewe	Swan Lake Township Trustee	
	David Melchert	State House 97	https://m.facebook.com/DavidMelchertJrC
	Eric Cooper	State Senate 23	
	Fred Perryman	Auditor of State	
	Gabriel Thomson	State House 44	
	Jake Porter	Governor	https://jakeporter.org/ (Main)
	Jeremy Rodman	Glenwood City Council Ward 1	
	Jocelyn Fry	Polk County Supervisor	https://m.facebook.com/JocelynFryforPoll
	Joe Gleason	Polk County Supervisor	https://www.facebook.com/Joe-Gleason-fc-247943239270807/ (Main)
	John Callahan	State House 35	
	John Evans	State House 49	https://m.facebook.com/johnevans4iowa (
	John George	State House 75	https://george4liberty.org/ (Main)
	Joseph Howe	State House 36	https://howeforliberty.org/ (Main)
	Julia Ofenbakh	Secretary Of State	https://julesofenbakh.org/ (Main)
	Kesha Nelson	Jefferson County Treasurer	
	Lucas Link	State House 57	
	Lynne Gentry	Lt. Governor	https://jakeporter.org/meet-lynne-gentry-lt
	Marco Battaglia	Attorney General	https://www.battagliaforiowa.com/ (Main)
	Marianna	State House 34	https://carlkrambeck.com/ (Main)

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Collins		
Mark Strauss	US House 2	https://www.straussforhouse.com (Main)
Matthew Lindberg-Work	Jefferson County Supervisor	
Myra Matejka	State House 70	http://matejkainthehouse.com/myra/ (Main)
Nick Ryan	State House 79	https://iowansfornickryan.com/home (Main)
Patrick Shaw	State House 47	https://m.facebook.com/4iowahouse (Main)
Rick Stewart	Secretary of Agriculture	rickstewart.com (Main)
Robert Fairchild	Pottawattamie County Supervisor	https://www.facebook.com/Robert-Fairchild-2265069550200597/ (Main)
Steve Sechrest	State House 16	https://www.facebook.com/Steve-Sechrest-286757455446912/ (Main)
Taylor Roewe	Swan Lake Township Trustee	
Timothy Hird	Treasurer	
Toya Johnson	State House 32	https://www.facebook.com/ToyA4Iowa-54
Troy Hageman	US House 1	

Nebraska:

The Nebraska Chair submitted the following:

"We had similar debate problems with Jim Schultz here and had legal counsel draft letters to the Omaha World Herald and Channel 3 News.

Sadly, they responded with legal letters of their own which basically said "we do what we want, and we don't have to abide by those FEC rules." At that point we had a choice to do a long legal battle or try to do what you were doing in Iowa. We've had some results with getting Jim in the media, but yes this debate inclusion is still a huge issue. I'd be willing to work on a regional solution with you. Maybe we need to target those media stations harder? I'm not sure of all the solutions just yet, but just know I'm all in on whatever you need to help Jake get on a debate stage."

Jim Schultz has been working like crazy for debate access, with no success, but no quit and some nice media coverage of his protest. He is still campaigning hard and helping

J.D. Porter promote as well.

J.D. has also leveraged his debate lockout into some press, and is currently pursuing a legal angle regarding the Equal Time rules. The station is fighting it, and claiming it does not apply. At last check was polling 7%, up a bit each time, and is being portrayed as a spoiler candidate. J.D.'s debate war has involved some underhanded tactics by the incumbent, including getting him disinvited from one debate, which the station even admitted. He has done well working the angles though, and seeing more press every week.

In addition of course we have Laura Ebke, who has been working tirelessly. She has debated her opponent, and done well. I reached out to her about the recent death penalty case to see if a statement from us would help her campaign, she responded that at this time not would be a better option her campaign, so I did not submit it to the LNC. She just wrapped up the second debate with Brandt tonight. She has hired staff helping canvass, along with what I hope is still the LNC plan for the General as well as YAL. Members of LPNE have participated in many forums these past months, including city council meetings in Lincoln regarding Safe Storage of firearms. They have five candidates running I believe for 2018-early 2019.

State wide they have an active schedule of events over the weeks until the election

Current Candidates

Jim Schultz for US Senate
Laura Ebke for Nebraska Legislator
Stephanie Petti for Mcpherson Country Treasurer
Matt Maly for Bruno Village Board
John Sterup for Johnson County Treasure
Clint Pettit for Mcpherson School board

Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin party has been very busy. Phillip Anderson and his campaign for governor have been pushing hard. He has been working hard and leveraging some media by taking strong stances, including accepting crypto for campaign donations despite the state raising questions about that (currently unresolved). He is struggling with the same issues as most, getting included in polls. He and his LT are hard at it though and will miss this meeting as alternate due to his campaigning for that office.

They recently had a leadership conference that I got back great reviews on but was unable to attend do to it kid's activities.

Current Candidates:

Phillip Anderson for Governor
Patrick Baird for Lt Governor
Mike Hammond Wisconsin State Assembly District 6

Matthew Bughman Wisconsin State Assembly District 7
Reese Wood State Assembly District 45
Rick Braun State Assembly district 14
Kevin Bauer State Assembly District 2
Brian Corriea State Assembly District 29

Minnesota;

The MN party says they are basically all about elections now. There are six candidates. They are having success with membership drives and starting to see some good number increases, though did not quote an exact figure. They run a [\\$10](#) membership drive if you sign up as a new member at the event. It doesn't translate to national members at this time.

Current Candidates

Josh Welter for Governor
Mary O'connor for Lt. Governor
Chris Dock for State Auditor
Jill Galvan for State House 18a

Matthew Swenson for State House 57A

Missouri:

Missouri is an established party state, this is their 25th anniversary of having achieved that. Despite that they have not have much luck in winning elections other than one Mayor, in one of the few cities that was a partisan race. The party's current mission statement is "Get Libertarians Elected". To achieve this, the chair and executive director are pushing for changing the electoral system to proportional representation. They have had people from Fair Vote come speak to them, and have decided this is the way to go for success in the future. There is still some debate in the state party over it, but that is the current direction they are moving. They ask that National take a look at this as a possible move for the entire party.

Following are the candidates.

Alexander Howell	US House 5	https://alexanderhowell.com/ (Main)	MO
	Andrew Bolin	State House 83	http://andrewbolin.com/

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Ben Brixey	US House 7	https://benbrixey.com/ (I
Bill Slantz	State House 105	https://billslantz.com/ (M
Bill Wayne	State House 51	
Brad Eichstadt	State Rep 30	https://www.missourians.com/ (Main)
Carl-Herman Freese	State House 63	
Dan Hogan	US House 6	http://hogan4congress.org/
Daniel Elder	State House 79	http://electdanelder.com
Donald Stolle	US House 3	
Eric S. Harris	State House 69	
James Scariot	State House 91	
Japheth Campbell	US Senate	https://campbell4liberty.org
Jeff Coleman	St. Louis County Assessor	
Jeremy Utterback	State House 28	
Jim Higgins	State Senate 24	
Jonathan Shell	US House 8	http://jonshellforcongress.com
LaDonna Higgins	State House 71	
Mark Bliss	US House 4	https://bliss4congress.com
Nick Kasoff	St. Louis County Executive	
Richie Camden	State Senate 22	CamdenForSenate.com (
Rick Vandeven	State House 151	
Robb Cunningham	US House 1	
Sean O'Toole	State Auditor	https://otoole4mo.com/
Stephen Johnson	State House 88	
Steven Wilson	State Senate 6	StevenWilsonLibertarian.com
Tim Peterman	State House 36	
Tony Kirk	US House 2	

North Dakota

North Dakota had not responded at the time of writing this, but they have been working some initiatives calling out local governments on fiscal responsibility and spreading the word.

South Dakota.

South Dakota has been working on building, both membership and online presence. They have some candidates running, with some success in getting in debates and media, like George Hendrickson's recent debate on the 2nd, and Aaron Aylward getting some media with his opponents..

Candidates they are running are:

Aaron Aylward for District 6 State House

<https://www.facebook.com/Aaron-Aylward-for-SD-District-6-H.../>
www.aylwarddistrict6.com

Jason Hill for District 28B State House

<https://www.facebook.com/Hill4HouseSD/>

Daryl Root for District 4 State House

www.facebook.com/Root4District4/
sites.google.com/site/dlroot2018

Gideon Oakes for District 30 State Senate

www.facebook.com/electoakes/
www.electoakes.com

Gregory Baldwin for District 17 State House

www.facebook.com/Baldwin4StateHouse/
Twitter @Gregory50563443

Randy "Uriah" Luallin for Fall River County Commissioner

www.facebook.com/UriahLuallinForFallRiverCountyCommissioner/
www.RandyLuallin.com

George D. Hendrickson for US House of Representatives

www.facebook.com/Hendrickson4House/
www.georgehendrickson.com

Richard Shelatz for Lt Governor

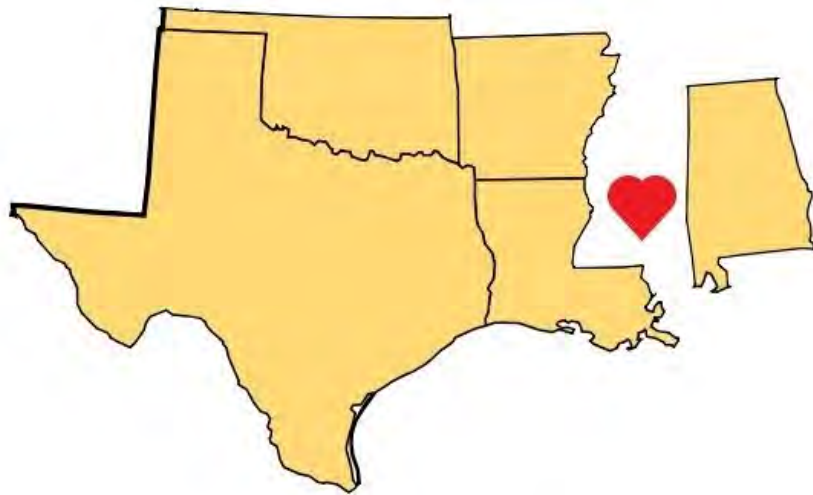
https://www.facebook.com/pg/ShelatzforSouthDakota/about/?ref=page_internal

Kurt Evans for Governor

<https://twitter.com/KurtEvans2018>

Libertarian National Committee Region 7

Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu
Region Alternate - Erin Adams



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❖ **ALABAMA - Laura Lane**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- We have a new Region 2 Representative on the Executive Committee, Zane Johnson. The former Reg 2 Rep was removed from office for cause and Zane, an At Large representative, was voted in to that position. Our other At Large rep, J. Dillon Mabrey, is currently in New Mexico helping with Gary Johnson's campaign.

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Since Jan 2018, we have 7 new lifetime members; however, membership remains low.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

- We have two new counties organized: Pike County under the leadership of Richard Fast and Tennessee Valley, consisting of Limestone, Lauderdale and Morgan counties, under the leadership of Luke Kinton. Jefferson and Shelby counties have combined to become the Greater Birmingham chapter under the leadership of Leigh Lachine. Mobile, Escambia, Houston and Montgomery Counties have temporary chairs while they go through the process of organizing.

➤ ELECTIONS

- At this stage, the most promising elections appear to be State House Dist 96, Matt Shelby, and Macon County Commission, Frank Dillman. These two candidates do not have large campaign teams, practically running it themselves, but are having an impact with social media and their physical presence in their respective communities by precinct walking, brochures, and signage.
- Another candidate has come forth for the Montgomery City Council, whose elections are mid-2019. Ernest Claybon is already making an impact in his community by attending as many events and speaking at City Council meetings against legislation such as curfews. Laure Lane and others will be meeting with Ernest in the next few weeks to help him iron out a campaign strategy for his district.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- LPA is already encouraging volunteers to start gathering signatures for the 2020 election cycle. State offices will not be on the ballot, but we are encouraging signatures for the Presidential and US Senate/House. We are considering possible incentives for volunteers.

➤ LEGISLATIVE ACTION

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

➤ MEDIA

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- LPA is assessing other email providers for the organization due to high volume of spam and undelivered incoming/outgoing email. Once a provider is selected, the migration process should be invisible to users.
- We are also considering migrating to national's database as Nationbuilder does not fully meet our needs. I have asked Andy Burns about setting up a couple of logins for AL to use in evaluating and becoming familiar with the program.

➤ OTHER

❖ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Chair - Michael Pakko
- Vice-Chair - Christopher Olson
- Secretary - Brooke Million
- Treasurer - Stephen Wait

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- We have 128 recognized dues-paying members. 96 of those have joined the LPAR directly and 32 are members by virtue of being members of the national LP. (The latter category were added to our membership rolls by a change in our membership dues structure in Nov. 2017). Of the 96 direct dues-paying members, 20 are also members of the national LP.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

➤ ELECTION NEWS

- Early polling:
 - Mark West - Governor: 6%
 - Elvis Presley - US Congress Dist 1: 3%
 - Joe Swafford - US Congress Dist 2: 2%
 - Michael Kalagias - US Congress Dist 3: 5%
 - Tom Canada - US Congress Dist 4: 5%

➤ CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS

- We have 32 candidates campaigning.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- Ballot access in 2020 depends on 3% in the Governor's race.
- Gubernatorial candidate Mark West appears poised to reach the 3% threshold for ballot access in 2020. We're optimistic.

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- The LPAR ExCom has committed nearly \$10,000 to augment candidate activities, launching a Campaign Support Fund to help pay for campaign goals beyond the reach of individual candidate fundraising capacity.

➤ EVENTS

- The State Fair, Oct 11-22 will be a major outreach event.

➤ MEDIA

- Our candidates are being covered relatively fairly. The statewide paper of record, the Democrat-Gazette provides at least some coverage of our gubernatorial candidate on issues in the news. A scheduled televised debate among candidate for Governor was downgraded to a webcast when the incumbent declined to participate. The debate did take place between the Libertarian and Democratic challengers.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- We continue to benefit from the CRM project.

➤ OTHER

❖ **LOUISIANA - Rufus Craig**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Vice Chair - Mike Dodd. Secretary - Shannon Sloan. Treasurer - Charles Fotsch

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- There are about 14,000 registered libertarian voters in the state of Louisiana, and the state party has about 400 dues paying members at any given time.

➤ PARISH NEWS

➤ ELECTIONS

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

➤ CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS

- Howard Kearney, CD1 - www.kearneyforcongress.com
- Aaron Andrus, CD3
- Kyle Randol, CD5
- James Carstensen, Shreveport City Council

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- Our treasurer is spearheading an initiative to take the necessary steps to be able to raise funds at the level that will require FEC filings

➤ MEDIA

- The Calcasieu Parish Executive Committee recently put up a billboard:
<https://www.facebook.com/calcasieupl/videos/2157071297908881/>

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Our media officer continues to do a great job with our IT needs and social media outreach.

➤ OTHER

❖ **OKLAHOMA - Erin Adams**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Officers are Erin Adams (Chair), Christina Wright (Vice Chair), Chad Williams (Treasurer), and Traci Baker (secretary).

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- LPOK continues to work to increase memberships at state and national levels.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

➤ ELECTIONS

- Chris Powell won a runoff to become LPOK's gubernatorial candidate. Former state chairman, Chris Powell, is Oklahoma's most successful Libertarian candidate, and is putting that vision and experience to the test by running for Governor. In addition to getting more votes in Oklahoma County than presidential candidate Gary Johnson did statewide, Chris successfully pushed for legislation that led to a dramatic expansion of public access to vital records. Chris has had opinion pieces published in the state's largest newspaper, and has been a plaintiff in a court case that went all the way to the US Supreme Court. No other Libertarian in Oklahoma is as experienced and prepared to take on the establishment party candidates. Chris Powell is ready to take Oklahoma in a new direction towards liberty.
- John Yeutter is running in a two-way race (No Dem) For State Auditor. Yeutter is a CPA, licensed to practice in the State of Oklahoma. A native of Michigan, he moved to Norman in 1978, and worked in the building trades for over 15 years. Returning to school, he studied accounting, and worked as a staff accountant at The Williams Group, CPAs in Norman. Continuing his education, he received his PhD from the University of Oklahoma and began teaching accounting at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He has been teaching there for the past 22 years. In addition to teaching Auditing, Government Accounting and Taxation, Dr. Yeutter has been involved in community service. He coordinated a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, preparing free income tax returns for the public from 1998 through 2014. He has also served on various nonprofit boards in the community. Both Of these races have the ability to secure our ballot access for another 4 years.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- Always mindful of ballot access.

- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING.
- MEDIA
 - We are getting a great deal of media coverage for our candidates and affiliate.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
 - The OKLP was in front of this story:
<http://www.news9.com/story/38865182/violent-parents-facebook-screenshots-raise-concern>

❖ **TEXAS - John Wilford**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - Treasurer - Cassie Villela, Vice Chair - Steven Harris, Secretary - Gary Johnson
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP.
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - Probability of losing ballot access is low.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - Our nominee for Texas Governor was excluded from a debate scheduled by Nexstar Media Group. As a response to pressure from the public on the matter, a representative sent the campaign a list of debate criteria.
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
 - We have been receiving several calls from the media regarding requests for candidate interviews
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - We have started a new voter data analysis project called VAULT.
- OTHER



Region 8 Report

Submitted on 09.23.2018 by Regional Representative Justin O'Donnell

Regional Representative: Justin O'Donnell

Regional Alternate: Jeff Lyons

Since the July Convention, the Region 8 states have been fully engrossed in preparing for and working towards the November Midterm Elections. Across the board we are seeing sustained growth in membership and volunteer activity, as well as record breaking numbers of Active Candidates, and even contested primary elections. Both Myself and Mr. Lyons have been actively participating in and supporting a number of campaigns, from local to federal, across the region. With everyone working so hard towards success this fall, we look forward to continuing to see Region 8 grow, and Break records across the board in this November's Elections.

-Justin O'Donnell

Massachusetts:

The Libertarian Association of Massachusetts is hosting its annual convention on October 13th, at the MGM Casino in Springfield Massachusetts. They have a robust lineup of speakers, and are expecting guests from all over New England to join them for the day.

Following the Primary election, Massachusetts will have 2 major campaigns on the General Election Ballot in November, Daniel Fishman is running for State Auditor, and Mark Mercier is running for Governor's Council.

New Hampshire:

The LPNH held a special Business Convention in July to finish debate and adoption of new bylaws and platform first introduced at the April 2018 Convention. A.J. Olding was elected to fill a vacancy in the state's executive committee, and the convention Hosted the First ever

Libertarian Gubernatorial Debate for New Hampshire. Following the Convention, the Contested Primaries for the LP drew modest media coverage, including interviews for Both candidates for Governor with Television and Radio outlets.

After the 9/11 Primary Election, both contested Primaries were Settled, with Jillette Jarvis defeating Aaron Day by a slim Margin for the Governor Race, and Justin O'Donnell defeating Tom Alciere with 75% of the Vote for the 2nd Congressional District. Of Note during the Primary was the record breaking voter turnout, where LPNH Had voter turnout exceeding 300% of its previous voter registration totals, and over double the Secretary of State's predictions regarding the vote totals.

Of concern during the Primary were reports of voter suppression and negligence of poll workers denying voters the opportunity to take Libertarian ballots, and at least one ward running out of Libertarian Ballots as the state did not print enough to accommodate the turnout.

Following the Primary, LPNH was given the opportunity to nominate people to fill vacancies on the ballot, and found several additional candidates to round out their ballot presence. Of note during this round of nominations, was the Loser of the Governor primary, Aaron Day, graciously accepting the Nomination for County Sheriff to continue campaigning and helping to build LPNH while Supporting the winning Ticket.

Maine:

Since Convention, LPME has continued its grassroots fundraising efforts through hosting a series of raffles and public outreach. Information is available on the LPME Website about their ongoing raffles and fundraising efforts to help re secure ballot access for 2020.

Connecticut:

LPCT, with the aid of the LNC, was able to complete a last minute petition drive to secure ballot access for their candidate for governor. While ultimately successful, the drive was marred by roadblocks due to government officials and police prohibiting the exercise of petitioning rights for LPCT in Public forums. LPCT Chair Dan Reale responded to these issues by pressing suit against the responsible parties for a civil settlement, and as last reported LPCT was offered a sizeable settlement in response to the suppression of their 1st Amendment Rights.

New Jersey:

LPNJ Continues to work in support of the Murray Sabrin Campaign for US Senate, where their candidate has received the endorsement of Former US Congressman and LP Presidential Candidate Ron Paul. The ongoing issue facing the Sabrin Campaign is exclusion from public debates in New Jersey.

Vermont:

No Information submitted for this report from LPVT.

New York:

Following challenges to petitions, LPNY Candidate for Governor Larry Sharpe successfully secured a place on the November General Election Ballot. The Sharpe team has been running

an active, and professional statewide campaign poised to break records for vote totals and success of LP Candidates at that Level. Larry has partaken in numerous Media appearances podcasts and radio shows, though is still largely ignored by the establishment parties regardless of his large grassroots support and growing base of volunteers and donors. The LPNY is fully involved at every level of the Sharpe campaign, as well as numerous other smaller campaigns throughout the state, and is fully expecting to achieve major party status as a result of their efforts this year.

Rhode Island:

New to region 8 following the 2018 Election, Rhode Island till lacks recognition as a Major Party, and does not have ballot access in the state. Regardless of these Hurdles, The LPRI is still growing and running several candidates for state house and nonpartisan city offices in the Providence area to promote the Libertarian Brand.

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H. Ginsberg, **Green Democrats**

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C. de Goguel, **Worthing Green Party**

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W. Boddener, **Brazil Sailing Federation**

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M. Jackson, **St Michaels University School**

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J. Kanis, **The Hyve**

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Vanilla
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Chocolate Chip
Strawberry

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Single Transferable Vote

Borda

Instant Runoff Voting

Condorcet

Approval Voting

Plurality/FPTP

All Main Voting Methods

We support most well known counting methods. OpaVote lets you do a traditional election where voters select a single candidate, ranked-choice voting (e.g., STV, IRV, or Condorcet), approval voting, or more than one contest with any combination of methods.

We also support weighted voting, to accomodate scenarios where some of your voters are more equal than others - based on their number of shares, their property's surface, etc.

Fanatically Low Prices

Our prices are low and easy to understand, with no commitments or hidden fees:

- Each \$10 gets you up to 125 voters and 10 candidates across any number of contests.
- Polls always have unlimited voters.
- Elections stay on our systems for a total of 12 weeks.

OpaVote is free of charge for elections with up to 25 voters and 10 candidates. [Evaluate our service](#) now by running a small test election with your colleagues.

Price Calculator

Election	Poll	Count
Voters: <input type="text" value="25"/>		
Candidates: <input type="text" value="10"/>		
Price: \$0		

Status:	Voting is open, 286 votes received.
Voters:	5376 email voters
Email Delivery:	0 pending, 0 in transit, 46 rejected (41 bounce, 3 spam, and 2 opt out), and 5330 delivered
Voter Activity:	2978 email opens, 1938 unique email opens, 736 visits, 665 unique visits, 286 voted, 5090 not voted, and 0 disabled

Great Monitoring Tools

One of the hardest aspects of running online elections is delivering the voting emails. Our [reporting tools](#) update you in real time so that you know which voters have received emails, opened them, visited your voting page, and voted. You get an explanation (e.g., mailbox full) for emails that are not delivered and can drill down to resend them.

OpaVote also has backup email delivery. We automatically detect when emails get mislabeled as spam (about 1%) and resend them using a different service. This gives us very high deliverability with no effort on your part.

Last but not least you can send periodic reminders to voters who haven't voted yet. This helps you maximize voter participation and is a client favorite.

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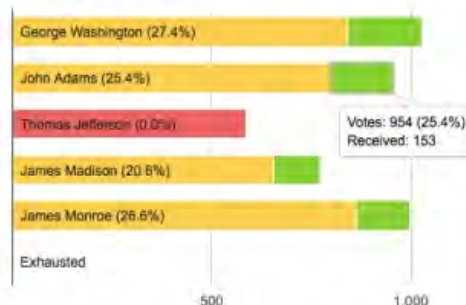
Transparent Results

Voters love the clear and transparent results OpaVote will enable you to provide them with. At the end of your election, you'll get the raw ballots as well as a detailed report with counts automatically done for you. The step by step explanation of these counts are based on the voting method you used, and interactive graphics allow you can see the fine-grained details at each step.

You can try a report's look and feel by looking at the [results of our demonstration poll](#).

Round 2

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Also Works On-Site

OpaVote makes it super easy to combine having on-site and offsite voters in your election.

By using single-use code voters (which also come in handy when spouses share the same email address), you can have voters who can make it to your venue(s) cast their vote in booths using PCs or tablets, and voters who can't make it cast their vote by email on their own devices. Once the voting ends, OpaVote will provide you with the final count directly, without any manual steps on your part.

See our [blog post on using OpaVote for on-site elections](#) for more details.

Secure and Trustworthy



Secure



Anonymous



Private

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Our voting pages are encrypted so your voters can enjoy complete security and privacy while voting. See our [blog post on security](#) for more details.

We offer the strongest possible guarantee of voter anonymity: we simply do not track who votes for what; only who votes, and what the vote is.

We do not use or share your voters' email addresses for any purposes outside of your election. See our [privacy policy](#) for more details.

Indisputable Results

We're an independent third-party with no stakes in your election, and we've built OpaVote so it can only operate like a non-biased and uninterested referee that you and your voters can trust.

You and your voters can thus rest assured that no one in your election - not even yourself - can tamper with or improperly influence your election's results.



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Pricing for OpaVote Online Voting

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OpaVote Pricing

Free items allow up to 25 voters and 10 candidates. For each \$10 paid, you get 125 voters and 10 candidates across all your contests.

One exception is that, for polls, we always give you unlimited voters!

Price Calculator

Election Poll Count

Voters: 25

Candidates: 10

Price: \$0

Price Comparison

OpaVote's prices for online elections are **much** lower than other providers of online voting services!

For 2000 voters, OpaVote only costs \$160. By comparison, Election Buddy would cost \$299, Simply Voting would cost \$900, and Elections Online would cost \$1170.

Don't pay more than you need to!

Example Pricing

Price (US\$)	Max Voters ¹	Max Candidates
Free!	25	10
\$10	125	10
\$20	250	20
\$40	500	40
\$80	1000	80
\$160	2000	160
\$800	10000	800

¹ Only applies to Elections and Counts. Polls have unlimited voters.

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About OpaVote Online Voting

OpaVote was created in 2011 and is a continuation of the OpenSTV project that was started in 2003. Our goals at OpaVote are to:

- Provide the best possible experience for both voters and election managers. Getting voters to vote is challenging so we provide a clean and simple user interface for voters. OpaVote is fast and works great on mobile devices.
- Provide top-notch security and reliability. OpaVote encrypts voting pages with state-of-the-art encryption for security, runs on Google servers for fast responses, and sends voting emails using Sendgrid to make sure emails land in voter inboxes.
- Maintain voter privacy. Voter emails are used ONLY for your election.
- Be cost effective! OpaVote is much less expensive than most other providers even though OpaVote provides better services.
- Promote the use of better voting techniques. OpaVote specializes in ranked voting because ranked voting provides better outcomes than check-the-box voting.

Meet the Founder

OpaVote was founded by Jeff O'Neill. Jeff's passion for helping people vote the right way motivated him to start writing voting software in 2003 and to found OpaVote in 2011.

Jeff has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and a Juris Doctorate. During law school, Jeff was a summer intern at [Fair Vote](#) and the [National Voting Rights Institute](#). Jeff wrote a law review article setting forth legal grounds for mandating fairer voting procedures under the U.S. Constitution.

The article, [Everything that Can be Counted Does not Necessarily Count: The Right to Vote and the Choice of a Voting System](#), was published in the Michigan State Law Review, cited by the [Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals](#) in upholding the legality of ranked-choice voting in San Francisco, and relied upon by the [City of Minneapolis](#) in successfully arguing for the constitutionality of IRV under state law.

Jeff lives in Somerville, Massachusetts with his wife and two cats. Jeff also works as a patent attorney at [O'Neill Patent Law](#), runs [Patent Bots](#), and is a director of a conservation non-profit called [Earthwise Aware](#). When not working, Jeff enjoys Cross Fit and binge watching TV shows.



Overview

Recommended Methods

Checkbox Voting

Plurality/FPTP/SNTV
Plurality at Large/Block

Ranked-Choice Voting

Instant Runoff Voting

Instant Runoff Voting
San Francisco RCV
Oakland RCV

Single Transferable Vote

Scottish STV
Meek STV
ERS97 STV
Minneapolis STV
N. Ireland STV
Warren STV
Cambridge STV
Fractional Transfer STV
Random Transfer STV

Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

Coombs Method
Borda Count
Bucklin System

Voting Methods Overview

OpaVote implements a wide variety of methods for your online elections. Available methods include traditional methods where a voter simply checks a box to select a candidate and more sophisticated methods where a voter can rank the candidates in order of preference.

For ease of navigation, the available methods are grouped into categories:

- Traditional Methods – Methods where the voter simply checks a box to select a candidate.
- Ranked-Choice Voting – Methods where voters rank candidates instead of selecting them.
- Instant Runoff Voting – Ranked-choice voting for electing a single candidate.
- Single Transferable Vote – Ranked-choice voting for electing multiple candidates with proportional representation.
- Other Methods – Other methods where voters rank candidates that do not fit into the above categories and also approval voting.

For people who are unsure of which counting method to use, see our [recommendations](#).

Checkbox Voting

Summary: These are traditional voting methods where the voters check one or more candidates, and the candidates with the most votes are the winners. If you have more than two candidates, these methods can produce unfair results and you are better off using [instant runoff voting](#) or the [single transferable vote](#).

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Recommended Methods

Checkbox Voting

- Plurality/FPTP/SNTV
- Plurality at Large/Block

Ranked-Choice Voting

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Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

- Coombs Method
- Borda Count
- Bucklin System

There are two types of checkbox methods for online elections. The first is for electing a single candidate, and the second is for electing a group of candidates (such as a committee or council).

Plurality/FPTP/SNTV

This is the most common type of voting. Each voter selects one candidate, and the candidate with the largest number of votes is the winner. This method is known as plurality voting, first past the post (FPTP), and the single non-transferable vote (SNTV) (in contrast to other methods available at OpaVote that allow votes to be transferred).

Although commonly used, this is not a good method for counting votes. When there are more than two candidates, the winner of the election may have much less than a majority of votes, and other counting methods below will generally provide a better result. For example, FairVote has a [comparison](#) of plurality voting and instant runoff voting.

Plurality at Large/Block Voting/MNTV

This method can be used to elect a council or committee. Suppose a committee of four is to be elected. Each voter selects up to four candidates, and the four candidates receiving the largest number of votes are the winners. This method is known as plurality at large voting, block (or bloc) voting, and the multiple non-transferable vote.

This is also not a good method for counting votes because it allows a majority of voters to control the entire committee. Suppose that a city is electing a council of 10 and that 51% of the city is party A and 49% is party B. Under this method, party A can elect its candidates to all 10 seats of the council and party B will be unrepresented even though it is supported by 49% of the voters.

Your ballot:

- Vanilla
- Cookies & Cream
- Strawberry
- Chocolate Chip
- Chocolate

Overview

Recommended Methods

Checkbox Voting

- Plurality/FPTP/SNTV
- Plurality at Large/Block

Ranked-Choice Voting

Instant Runoff Voting

- Instant Runoff Voting
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- Random Transfer STV

Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

- Coombs Method
- Borda Count
- Bucklin System

Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV)

Summary: Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank candidates and produces fairer results than just checking a candidate. If you are electing one person try [instant runoff voting](#) or if you are electing a committee or council try the [single transferable vote](#).

Ranked-choice voting is a method of casting a vote where you rank the candidates instead of just picking one. On the right is an example ranked ballot for an online election.

Ranked-choice voting is better because it provides outcomes that better represent the will of the voters. Here are a few examples of reasons why ranked-choice voting is better.

- RCV elects a candidate supported by a majority of the voters. When there are more than two candidates running, it is possible that the winner receives less than a majority. A perfect example is Donald Trump winning the 2016 Republican primary without receiving the support of a majority of voters.
- RCV allows voters to vote honestly without "wasting" their vote. For example, a voter who supports a third party can rank the third-party candidate first, knowing that his or her vote will count towards the second choice if the third party candidate doesn't win.
- RCV prevents losing candidates from changing the outcome of the election. For example, in 2000, people complained that Ralph Nader caused Al Gore to lose the election. With RCV, Nader's votes would have been transferred to their second choices instead of splitting liberal votes.

People use the term ranked-choice voting in different ways. For some people, ranked-choice voting means any voting method where voters rank candidates. For these people, ranked-choice voting includes not only [instant runoff voting](#) and the [single transferable vote](#), but also [Condorcet voting](#) and the Borda count.

For some people, ranked-choice voting means specifically [instant runoff voting](#) when electing a single candidate and the [single transferable vote](#) when electing multiple candidates (e.g., a council or committee). Follow the above links to learn more!

Ranked-choice voting is also known under other names, such as majority preferential voting, the alternative vote, English preferential voting, and the Hare-Ware system.

Your ballot:

1.	Cookies & Cream
2.	Strawberry
3.	Chocolate Chip
4.	Vanilla
5.	Chocolate

Overview

Recommended Methods

Checkbox Voting

- Plurality/FPTP/SNTV
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Ranked-Choice Voting

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- Cambridge STV
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- Random Transfer STV

Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

- Coombs Method
- Borda Count
- Bucklin System

Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

Summary: For electing a single candidate, instant runoff voting is a great method because it ensures that the winner is supported by a majority of the voters. The voters rank the candidates, and if a voter's first choice is eliminated, the vote is transferred to the voter's second choice.

Instant runoff voting is a type of [ranked-choice voting](#) that is most often used for electing a single candidate. On the right is an example ranked ballot for an online election.

Instant runoff voting is similar to a traditional runoff election, but better. With a traditional runoff system, a first election has multiple candidates, and if no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a second or runoff election is held between the top two candidates of the first election. A traditional runoff election prevents a candidate from winning with less than a majority of the votes.

With IRV, a voter ranks the candidates in order of preference, and the votes are assigned to the top ranked candidate on each ballot. The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and those votes are transferred to their second choices. This process is repeated until a candidate has a majority or only two candidates remain.

IRV is better than a traditional runoff for two reasons. First, voters only have to vote once. Holding an election is an expensive and time-consuming process so having one election is much better than two. Second, with IRV, losing candidates are eliminated one by one instead of eliminating all but the top two at once. This helps ensure that the best candidates are progressing at each round (e.g., if the second and third place candidates are close to each other).

You can see an example of [IRV results](#) generated by OpaVote.

IRV is used for government elections in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, and San Leandro in California; and Takoma Park, Maryland; Australia; and Ireland.

OpaVote provides a few versions of IRV. A general version of IRV (with some counting options if you are using a Count), the version of IRV used in San Francisco, and the version of IRV used in Oakland County. The differences between the three versions are small and you can see the details in our Help documentation.

Your ballot:

1.	Chocolate Chip
2.	Strawberry
3.	Cookies & Cream
4.	Vanilla
5.	Chocolate

Instant Runoff Voting

The general version of IRV has several options (but note that these options are available only for counts and not for elections and polls). By default, IRV uses the following options:

- Zero for Candidate Elimination
- Backward for Tie Breaking
- Skip for Remove Overvotes
- Skip for Remove Undervotes

San Francisco RCV

The city of San Francisco uses the [San Francisco RCV rules](#) for city elections. San Francisco enacted IRV in 2002, its first election with IRV was in 2004, and it has been used annually since then.

The differences with the general method are the following options:

- Losers for Candidate Elimination
- Random for Tie Breaking
- Stop for Remove Overvotes
- Skip for Remove Undervotes

Oakland RCV

This method implements IRV as used by the cities of Oakland, San Leandro, and Berkeley. All three cities had their first IRV elections in 2010.

The differences with the general method are the following options:

- Zero for Candidate Elimination
- Random for Tie Breaking



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Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

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- Stop for Remove Overvotes
- Skip for Remove Undervotes

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Recommended Methods

Checkbox Voting

- Plurality/FPTP/SNTV
- Plurality at Large/Block

Ranked-Choice Voting

Instant Runoff Voting

- Instant Runoff Voting
- San Francisco RCV
- Oakland RCV

Single Transferable Vote

- Scottish STV
- Meek STV
- ERS97 STV
- Minneapolis STV
- N. Ireland STV
- Warren STV
- Cambridge STV
- Fractional Transfer STV
- Random Transfer STV

Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

- Coombs Method
- Borda Count
- Bucklin System

Single Transferable Vote (STV)

Summary: For electing a group of candidates, the single transferable vote is a great method because it provides proportional representation. E.g., if a group has 40% support, it should be able to elect 40% of the winners. The voters rank the candidates, and the votes are transferred to find a set of winners that best match the voters' preferences.

The single transferable vote is a type of ranked-choice voting that is used for electing a group of candidates (e.g., a committee or council). When used to elect one candidate, it is basically the same as instant runoff voting. On the right is an example ranked ballot for an online election.

The single transferable vote is similar to instant runoff voting in that votes are transferred from losing candidates to other choices on the ballot. STV also has a second kind of vote transfer. A candidate in an STV election can have **too many** votes, called surplus votes, and these surplus votes can also be transferred to other candidates.

One of the main principles of the single transferable vote is to obtain proportional representation. Proportional representation means, in a rough sense, that the demographics of the elected body should mirror the demographics of the electorate. Transferring surplus votes is a key part of ensuring proportional representation.

The easiest way to explain is with an example. Suppose a highly partisan town is electing a city council of 5 councillors using STV. The town's voters are 80% Republican and 20% Democrat. If we want proportional representation, then 4 of the 5 city councillors should be Republican.

The city has 100 voters, the Republicans have 5 candidates, and the Democrats have 3 candidates. For the Republicans, one candidate is hugely popular and gets most of the Republican first choices. Accordingly, when votes are transferred to their first choices, we have the following distribution.

Round	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	D1	D2	D3
1	75	2	1	1	1	8	7	5

If we stop here then the Republicans win 2 seats and the Democrats win 3 seats even though 80% of the city is Republican. We could start eliminating candidates with the fewest votes, but this doesn't help the Republicans, because we would just be eliminating Republican candidates.

The solution is to transfer the surplus votes of candidate R1. To figure out how many surplus votes that R1 has, we establish a "winning threshold" using this formula and then dropping any fraction:

$$\text{threshold} = \frac{\text{number of votes}}{\text{number of seats} + 1} + 1$$

For this election, the winning threshold is $100/(5+1) + 1$ or 17. Accordingly, candidate R1 has $75 - 17 = 58$ surplus votes. Here is what the next round of counting might look like after we transfer R1's surplus votes:

Round	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	D1	D2	D3
1	75	2	1	1	1	8	7	5
2	17	27	16	13	7	8	7	5

Now, this is starting to look more reasonable! At this point, it looks like the Republicans will take 4 of the 5 seats as expected.

Note that candidate R2 now has surplus votes so those surplus votes would be transferred next. This process continues until 5 candidates reach the winning threshold or until only 6 candidates remain. We'll skip the intervening rounds transferring surplus votes and eliminating candidates, but the final result could look something like this:

Round	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	D1	D2	D3
1	75	2	1	1	1	8	7	5

Your ballot:

1.	Cookies & Cream
2.	Chocolate
3.	Chocolate Chip
4.	Vanilla
5.	Strawberry

2	17	27	16	13	7	8	7	5
...								
5	17	17	17	17	12	17	3	0

In the end, we are electing 4 Republicans and 1 Democrat so we have proportional representation. While this was an extreme example to illustrate how STV works, STV provides proportional representation in less extreme situations as well.

More generally, counting votes with STV proceeds as follows:

1. Count the first place votes.
2. Transfer votes from one candidate to other candidates:
 - o If a candidate has surplus votes (votes in excess of the winning threshold), then transfer surplus votes to their next choices.
 - o Otherwise, eliminate the last place candidate and transfer those votes to their next choices.
3. If not all seats have been filled, then go to step 2.

Each of the STV methods below specify additional details (or modify) these three steps.

STV is used for government elections in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Scotland; Australia; Ireland; N. Ireland; and Malta.

OpaVote provides several versions of STV, such as Scottish STV, Meek STV, ERS97 STV, and Minneapolis STV. You can see an example of [STV results](#) generated by OpaVote.

Scottish STV

The [Scottish STV rules](#) are recommended for most organizations because the rules are well defined and provide a straightforward implementation of STV that is easier to understand. Scotland enacted STV in 2007 and had its first election that year. Our blog post provides a [plain English explanation of the Scottish STV rules](#).

Scottish STV has the following features:

- Single for Candidate Elimination
- Static and Whole Threshold
- No delayed transfer of surplus votes
- Precision of 5
- Backward for Tie Breaking

Meek STV

Meek STV is recommended for organizations whose members are comfortable with a more complicated counting method. Meek STV provides more accurate proportional representation than other STV methods, but takes more effort to understand.

One advantage of Meek STV is that when a candidate is eliminated from the election, the votes are counted as if the candidate was never in the election at all and the order of elimination cannot effect the outcome. With other STV methods, the order of elimination can effect the outcome.

Another advantage of Meek STV is that surplus votes are transferred in a better way. With other STV methods, surplus votes are not ever transferred to a candidate who has already won. With Meek STV, surplus votes are always transferred to the next candidate on the ballot.

For additional details about Meek STV, see our blog post [explaining Meek STV or first issue of Voting Matters](#).

ERS97 STV

The Electoral Reform Society of the United Kingdom has been providing STV rules since at least as early as 1955 and its latest rules from 1997 are commonly referred to as the [ERS97 STV rules](#). These rules are widely used in the UK. The ERS97 rules are the most complicated of all the STV rules provided by OpaVote. For this reason, we recommend other STV rules.

Minneapolis STV

Minneapolis enacted STV in 2006 and had its first STV election in 2009. The Minneapolis rules are very similar to the Scottish rules.

Minneapolis STV has the following features:

- Losers for Candidate Elimination
- Static and Whole Threshold
- Delayed transfer of surplus votes
- Precision of 4
- Random Tie Breaking

N. Ireland STV

The [N. Ireland STV rules](#) are similar to the ERS97 rules, but significantly simpler.

Warren STV

Warren STV is very similar to Meek STV. To learn more about the differences, see the [first issue of Voting Matters](#).

Cambridge STV

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts has used [Cambridge STV rules](#) to elect its city council and school committee since 1941. Note that the statute allows Cambridge to use any method for transferring surplus votes that was in use in 1938, and Cambridge has chosen to use the Cincinnati method.

Since candidates with fewer than 50 votes are eliminated, this method should not be used with a small number of ballots.

The City of Cambridge describes the Cincinnati method as follows:

The ballots of the candidate who has a surplus are numbered sequentially in the order in which they have been counted (that is, in the sequence dictated by the random draw of precincts) and then every n th ballot is drawn and transferred to a continuing candidate until the original candidate is credited with ballots equaling no more than quota. n is nearest whole number computed by the formula

$$n = \frac{\text{Candidate's Total Ballots}}{\text{Surplus Ballots.}}$$

A ballot selected by this method that does not show a preference for a continuing candidate is skipped and remains with the original candidate. If not enough ballots are removed when ballots $n, 2n, 3n, \dots$ have been transferred, the sequence starts again with $n+1, 2n+1, 3n+1, \dots$

Fractional Transfer STV

The fractional transfer STV method is a generalization of the Scottish STV rules, and you can use the options to customize your counting rules (but note that these options are available only for counts and not for elections and polls).

Random Transfer STV

Except for Cambridge STV, all of the STV counting rules above use fractional votes for transferring surplus votes. This is a general method that allows you transfer surplus votes as whole votes instead of fractional votes. This method is not recommended for actual elections, but you may find it interesting to compare with other methods.

Note that the transfers of votes are not actually random, but the outcome of an election can depend on the order of the ballots. If you shuffle the ballots and recount, you could obtain a different winner. All of the methods above (except Cambridge STV) will always produce the same winners after shuffling ballots.

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Instant Runoff Voting

- Instant Runoff Voting
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- Random Transfer STV

Condorcet Voting

Approval Voting

Other Methods

- Coombs Method
- Borda Count
- Bucklin System

Condorcet Voting

Condorcet voting is another type of voting that uses ranked ballots, but depending on who you talk to it may or may not be a type of [ranked-choice voting](#). Condorcet voting is used to elect a single candidate.

Condorcet voting is quite different from [instant runoff voting](#). Condorcet voting elects a candidate who beats all other candidates in pairwise elections. To figure out the Condorcet winner, we need to consider all pairwise elections. Consider two candidates A and B, if A is ranked higher than B on a majority of ballots, then A beats B, otherwise B beats A. A candidate who beats all other candidates in this way is the winner.

This is easiest to visualize this is using a table, and here is an example of [Condorcet results](#) generated by OpaVote. In the results, compare the candidate on the row with the candidate in the column. If a cell is green, that means that the candidate on the row beat the candidate on the column. If the cell is red, then the candidate on the row lost to the candidate on the column. The numbers in the cell show you the number of ballots where each candidate was ranked higher than the other. At the time of writing this, Cookies and Cream beat all other candidates and is the winner.

That seems pretty straightforward, but Condorcet has one complication, and it is a big one. It is possible that there is no candidate who beats all other candidates. For example, it is possible that candidate A beats candidate B, candidate B beats candidate C, and candidate C beats candidate A. Thus, all candidates have lost to at least one other candidate.

This is sometimes referred to as a Condorcet cycle, and the candidates in the cycle are referred to as the Smith set. You could think of it as a tie between the candidates in the Condorcet cycle. Like other types of ties, the tie needs to be broken and the different variants of Condorcet voting basically break this tie in different ways. For example, you could break the tie by running an IRV election among the candidates in the Condorcet cycle. Some Condorcet methods, such as Beatpath, have fairly complicated ways of breaking the tie.

No governments currently use Condorcet voting for elections.

OpaVote provides a few versions of Condorcet voting, such as Condorcet Beatpath, Condorcet IRV, Condorcet Borda, and Condorcet Copeland.

- Condorcet Beatpath — See [here](#).
- Condorcet IRV — The winner is chosen from the Smith set using IRV.
- Condorcet Borda — The winner is chosen from the Smith set using the Borda Count.
- Condorcet Copeland — See [here](#).

Your ballot:

1.	Cookies & Cream
2.	Vanilla
3.	Chocolate
4.	Strawberry
5.	Chocolate Chip

Overview

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Approval Voting

Approval voting is a **really** simple type of voting, and unlike most voting methods supported by OpaVote, does not use a ranked ballot. You can see an example ballot on this page that is used for an online election with approval voting.

With approval voting, you have the option to approve of any number of candidates.

Candidates you approve get a check mark, and candidates you don't approve of don't get a check mark. The candidate with the most approvals is the winner.

Although very easy to implement and count votes, one tricky aspect of approval voting is how to determine which candidates to approve. Clearly, a voter should approve their favorite and not approve their least favorite, but whether to approve other candidates is a tricky decision. For example, approving your second favorite candidate could cause your second favorite candidate to beat your favorite candidate.

You can see an example of [approval results](#) generated by OpaVote.

No governments currently use approval voting for elections.

Your ballot:

- Vanilla
- Strawberry
- Cookies & Cream
- Chocolate Chip
- Chocolate



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Other Voting Methods

OpaVote provides a few other counting methods that are less commonly used, and these methods are described here.

Coombs Method

The Coombs method is just like IRV, except that a different technique is used to select a candidate to eliminate. With IRV, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated at a round of the count. With Coombs, the candidate with the most last place votes is eliminated.

Borda Count

The Borda count uses ranked ballots, but votes are not transferable. Instead, a score is generated for each candidate from the ranked ballots, and the candidate with the highest score is the winner. If there are N candidates in the election, then each candidate gets N-1 points for each first place vote, N-2 points for each second place vote, and so forth.

See our blog post [about the Borda count](#) for more information and good applications of the Borda count.

Bucklin System

The Bucklin system is also known as the Grand Junction system (where it was once used) and American preferential voting. The voters rank the candidates and a candidate receiving a majority of first choices is declared the winner. If no candidate has a majority of first choices, then a candidate receiving a majority of first and second choices is the winner. If more than one candidate has a majority of first and second choices, then the candidate having the most first choices is the winner. This process is repeated for further choices as necessary.



Sunday, September 16, 2018

Non-Anonymous or Recorded Voting Now Available

For most elections, the anonymity of the vote is extremely important, and OpaVote makes sure that no one (not even us!) can figure out how a voter votes. For some elections, however, it is required that the vote not be anonymous or that the votes of voters are recorded so it is known how each voter voted.

Recorded votes are commonly used for elections of elected bodies. For example, for most countries, the votes of elected representatives (e.g., Senators and members of the House of Representatives) are recorded so that the people who voted for them know what they are doing.

Any organization that elects people to represent its members might want to use recorded voting. For example, if you live in a condominium association and elect trustees to represent the condo owners, then you likely want to use recorded voting when the trustees vote on behalf the condo owners (though you would probably use anonymous voting when the condo owners elect the trustees).

Running an election with recorded voting with OpaVote is very simple. There is a new option (only available in expert mode) that allows you to set "Anonymous voting" to "no". When you do this, we record the votes of each voter.

To see the recorded votes after the election is over, download the spreadsheet of all voter statistics from the election console. A new column is added for each contest in the election, and the new columns show the votes for each voter.

The recorded votes only available to the election manager. The manager can, of course, share the voter statistics spreadsheet with others to let them know how the voters voted.

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Monday, October 10, 2016

Why use ranked-choice voting over approval voting

Voting is not an easy task for a voter. I don't mean taking time off work, getting to the polls, and waiting in line, etc. I mean, when you are standing there in the ballot box, you have to decide what vote you want to cast given the options presented to you. For example, a Jill Stein supporter may be torn between supporting her favorite candidate and voting for a candidate who has a better chance of winning the election. I'll refer to this as the *cognitive burden* of expressing your vote.

Your ballot:

1. Hillary Clinton (D)
2. Jill Stein (G)
3. Gary Johnson (L)
4. Donald Trump (R)

In this post, I'll address the cognitive burden of three different types of voting:

1. Plurality voting (i.e., selecting one candidate)
2. Approval Voting
3. Ranked-choice voting

OpaVote supports all three of these voting methods if you want to try them out yourself.

Plurality Voting

Plurality voting is very simple, a voter simply picks one candidate. There is, however, a cognitive burden when there are more than two candidates. A voter presumably wants her vote to matter. Accordingly, a voter should not necessarily select her favorite candidate, but instead select her favorite candidate who has a reasonable chance of being elected.

Consider the current U.S. Presidential election. I'm a big supporter of the Green Party, but Jill Stein is not going to win the election. I'd like to vote for the Green Party, but instead I'll vote for Hillary because that is the best way for my vote to make a difference. Others will vote for the Green Party out of principle.

Where there are more viable candidates, the cognitive burden is much higher. The French 2012 elections for President had **ten candidates** in the first round. A voter thus needed to consider which candidates had a chance of winning, and then select her favorite among those who had a chance of winning.

Approval Voting

With approval voting, a voter has the option to approve as many candidates as they like. The candidate with the most approvals is the winner. For someone whose first choice is Jill, the voter may, for example, approve of Jill and Hillary and not approve Donald and Gary.

Approval voting, like plurality voting, is very simple in practice. A voter just selects one or more candidates. But Approval voting suffers from similar cognitive burdens as plurality voting. How do you draw the line between candidates you approve and candidates you don't approve?

Consider a voter whose true preferences are:

1. Jill Stein
2. Hillary Clinton
3. Gary Johnson
4. Donald Trump

Clearly, this voter will approve Jill and will not approve Donald, but what should she do with the other two candidates? Should she also approve Hillary? Giving Hillary an approval may help Hillary beat Jill, but she would certainly prefer Hillary to Gary or Donald. Similarly, this voter may not like Gary, but she may dislike Donald so much that it is worthwhile to approve Gary to minimize the chance that Donald is elected.

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Phew... that is a lot of thinking to do. It would be even harder if Jill and Gary had better chances of being elected.

In sum, approving any candidates other than your favorite can hurt your favorite. Not approving candidates can help your least favorite get elected. Approval voting thus creates a significant cognitive burden for voters.

Ranked-Choice Voting

With ranked-choice voting, a voter ranks the candidates in order of preference, similar to the picture above. In my view, this has the least cognitive burden among the three methods discussed here. It is easy for a voter to pick her favorite candidate, pick her second favorite, and so on. This kind of ballot has low cognitive burden because a voter doesn't have to consider which candidates are viable.

But, you may ask, "Doesn't a voter have to think about whether their second and later preferences might hurt their first preference? For example, should a Jill Stein supporter not rank Hillary second because it might help Hillary beat Jill?"

The great thing about ranked-choice voting is that the answer to this question is a clear and resounding **NO!!!** Your second and later choices cannot harm your first choice! Your second preference is only ever considered at all if your first preference has definitively lost. Voting geeks call this the later-no-harm criterion.

Voters thus need to be educated that later choices do not hurt earlier choices so that voters are encouraged to rank as many candidates as possible. The more candidates a voter ranks, the greater influence the voter has in the outcome of the election.

Accordingly, ranked-choice voting has the lowest cognitive burden. A voter simply needs to select their first choice, second choice, and so forth. The voter does not need to consider which candidates are viable.

(For voting geeks who are leaping out of their seats to make points about other voting systems criteria, please keep reading.)

Other Stuff...

In my view, it is extremely important to make it as easy as possible for voters to vote, and, for the reasons described above, ranked-choice voting does this better than both plurality and approval voting.

I want to briefly address another form of ranked voting called Condorcet voting. Condorcet voting also uses a ranked ballot, but the votes are counted in a different way. Condorcet voting doesn't satisfy the later-no-harm criterion mentioned above, so it is **possible** that your second and later choices could hurt your first choices. The possibility, however, that your second and later choices hurt your first choice is **so small** that, for **practical purposes**, a voter cannot take this into account, and thus Condorcet voting has the same cognitive burden as ranked-choice voting. While Condorcet voting is a great voting method, I still prefer ranked-choice voting for public elections, and I'll address that in a future blog post.

Another point to mention is that detractors of ranked-choice voting complain that ranked-choice voting does not satisfy other voting systems criteria, such as the monotonicity criterion. While this is certainly true, for practical purposes, a voter cannot take the monotonicity criterion into account when casting a vote. It is just far too complicated and you would need to know how everyone else is going to vote. The non-monotonicity of ranked-choice voting thus doesn't create a cognitive burden.

Please let me know what you think, especially if you disagree. I am happy to post any well-reasoned dissent as comments or even give you the opportunity to write your own blog post in rebuttal.

Posted by [Jeff O'Neill](#) at [8:50 AM \(2016-10-10T08:50:00-07:00\)](#)

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Greg Dennis October 10, 2016 at 6:59 PM

Exactly! It's nearly impossible to pin down Approval Voting advocates on what "instructions" voters are to be given. They usually start by saying "vote for those you approve", but when you start asking what "approval" actually means -- including whether it means the same thing to every voter -- and the possibilities of "approving" could lead to a "wrong" result (e.g. Stein and Johnson supporters bullet-voting their candidates), they'll admit what they really want is for voters to use a particular strategy. The strategy they want relies on voters having access to accurate polls, which precludes using it effectively in many local and state races, particularly primaries, where there is no public polling. Approval voting takes complexity out of the ballot and tally and places it on the voter instead; thus, the cognitive burden you highlight.

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homung October 12, 2016 at 3:28 AM

First off: thank you, Jeff, for a thought-provoking piece. I'm going to disagree with you on some points, but it's clear that you're arguing in good faith.

Second: I'm sorry, but I really can't bear the name "RCV" in a voting methods discussion. I know that's what IRV is frequently called in actual laws, but to me "ranked choice voting" is obviously the correct term for the whole class of voting methods which includes Condorcet, Borda, and IRV; not just for IRV alone.

So, on to the body of your argument: that (according to you) the cognitive burden of IRV is lower than approval, Condorcet, or plurality.

I agree with you on one point: thinking in terms of cognitive burden is an important, and productive, way to consider voting systems. I also acknowledge that approval's apparent simplicity is less of an advantage than one might think, once you consider the cognitive burden.

However, I strongly disagree with you that IRV has a low cognitive burden in practice, for two reasons.

The first, and most important, is that IRV does not actually remove the need for strategic thinking. Yes, it obeys LNH, so once you've decided to rank your favorite in first place, you have no reason not to include your second choice on the ballot too. But there's an important, and predictable, class of election scenarios where it's strategically crucial NOT to rank your favorite first: center squeeze scenarios. If you have two candidates at ideological opposite points, with a third candidate in the middle near the median voter, it is actually quite common for the center to have the lowest first-choice support and get prematurely eliminated. This kind of thing happened in Burlington 2009; in multiple recent French elections; tragically, in Egypt 2011; and would have happened in the US 2000 if Nader had gotten over 25%. In this case, the correct strategy for one group of voters is to rank their true first choice in second place. Understanding this, and correctly seeing when it applies, is a HUGE cognitive burden for IRV voters.

Second, IRV requires strict ranking. That's a nontrivial cognitive burden when there are more than a handful of candidates. If there were 15 candidates in a race, how should a voter decide exactly which of them to give 8th preference? It's much easier to use absolute grades, as in Majority Judgment. (Behavioural research bears this out; strict ranking is harder than rating, for anything more than 3 or 4 options.)

On the other hand: is the strategic burden for approval voters actually that high? I think not. Consider the rule used by Ka-Ping Yee in his voting system visualizations: a randomly-assigned strict threshold. This requires no strategic doublethink, yet leads to near-ideal

outcomes under his assumptions. My point is that under approval sophisticated strategy is not nearly as important as under IRV.

But still, I think you have a point. Approval does have a cognitive burden, and we should account for that. That's precisely why I've been working on MAS (majority acceptable score) as an option: it's a simple 3-level voting system with an absolute minimum of cognitive burden. I believe that under MAS, in basically all everyday voting scenarios, a naive sincere ballot will be strategically optimal, or close enough to it that most voters wouldn't care.

Jameson

ps. You mention Condorcet, and argue that the strategic cognitive burden is higher than IRV. I disagree; but since Condorcet comes with a higher cognitive burden in just figuring out why a given candidate won, I agree that Condorcet methods are probably not best for large-scale elections.

Reply

Replies



Jeff O'Neill October 15, 2016 at 5:45 AM

I agree that the terminology is difficult and that RCV could and perhaps should apply to any method where votes are ranked.

When you say that "it is actually quite common for the center to have the lowest first-choice support and get prematurely eliminated," we need to clarify "quite common." If you mean 5-10% of the time, then I could believe that, but if you mean 50% of the time, then I would disagree. It would be really interesting if a statistician could collect the data and present results.

I can't comment on Burlington or Egypt. For the French elections, the center candidate is generally in the top three of 10-15 candidates (depending on the year). Candidates that came later than that top 5 have very little support.

My main point here, however, is that, except in rare situations, voters are not capable of voting strategically to account for a center candidate out of the top two (and by this I mean normal voters, not the people on this list). First, it isn't clear how often the center candidate is out of the top two. Second, voters would need to think deeply about how the voting system works. third, you need precise polling information. Fourth, if you are too successful in your strategic plan, it backfires. There is this middle ground where enough voters have to vote strategically to get their desired result but not so many that you overshoot and still elect the wrong candidate. A few people (like the people on this list) may consider such a scenario when voting, but I think it is far too complicated for any significant subset of voters to consider it.

Regarding the difficulty of ranking a lot of choice, that makes sense, but I don't think it matters so much. For most RCV elections, nearly all ballots end up at one of their top 3 or 4 choices. Rankings after this don't matter much. Also, if a person has trouble deciding who to rank 7th and 8th, then perhaps the person doesn't have a strong preference between them and would be equally happy (or more likely equally unhappy) with either.



Melvin Mackey August 14, 2017 at 3:34 PM

I have found the following directions to be helpful to voters:

Rank candidates in the order of your choice by writing a "1" by your first choice, a "2" by your second Choice, a "3" by your third choice, and continue ranking until you don't care who wins among the remaining candidates.



Jeff O'Neill August 15, 2017 at 4:49 AM

Melvin, thanks for sharing. Those are good instructions for voters.

Reply



Jeff O'Neill October 8, 2017 at 1:41 PM

Publishing comment on behalf of Mike Sawyer.

Homunq asks, "IRV requires strict ranking. That's a nontrivial cognitive burden when there are more than a handful of candidates. If there were 15 candidates in a race, how should a voter decide exactly which of them to give 8th preference?"

Brian Zurowski of Davidson College and I are collaborating on some voting theory issues. We have been looking at using pods with various voting methods as a way to relieve the cognitive burden. By "Pod" we mean any collection of choices of unknown, indistinguishable or equal values (Pod – from the proverbial "like peas in a pod"). We were wondering if you had looked at pods (perhaps by some other name)? To see the logic of using pods you need only imagine you are voting (say instant runoff) on a list of restaurants for your groups luncheon tomorrow. Your preference is Mexican cuisine and you see three Mexican restaurants on the list, but you've been to none of them, so you group them in a pod and rank the pod first on your ballot. It's not that just any one will do, but your best bet is the one others rank highest. This is tallied by counting one first place vote for each choice in the pod reducing the chance that any of the three will be eliminated. This is in effect an approval vote followed by individual rankings.

You might have ranked this pod in second place in which case it (with its surviving members) becomes an "approval pod" only when your first choice is eliminated. In fact a ballot could have multiple pods by simply stringing together consecutive choices that have only trivial differences. An RCV ballot with five choices would have not just 120 voter profiles but 520 (if I did that right). "Approval Pods" (or perhaps Coombs disapproval pods) should be possible with most single winner RCV, Condorset and (with additional steps) STV algorithms. Effective use of approval pods may gain a small strategic advantage for more flexible voters, but for the most part the choice is a trade-off sacrificing "selection" (the ability to choose between "peas" or pod members) in exchange for "protection" (greater assurance that at least one pod member, [the one most liked by the voters] will survive). Generally we want to avoid methods that allow strategic voting, but I see this as productive strategic voting as opposed to counterproductive results seen with plurality voting. The simple rule of thumb for deciding when to form a pod is "ignore trivial differences." We appreciate your thoughts.

Reply



JeffB November 7, 2017 at 9:42 AM

This is an old post but I'd disagree with you that non-monotonicity is not a problem with voting system like IRV. Take the absolutely most common situation Left is running against Center and Right and all of them are reasonably close. Most of Left's voters have ballots that look like Left-Center-Right, and Right's voters Right-Center-Left. In short because the vote is close Center can come in 3rd or 1st but he can't come in 2nd.

That means if Left is winning, but doesn't have an outright majority Left's best strategy is to make sure that Center gets eliminated before Right. This is especially important since if Left is winning, it most likely follows that more of Centers voters look like Center-Left-Right than Center-Right-Left. Because of this, it pays for a small group of Left's voters (activists) to vote Right-Left-Center even though Right is their least preferred candidate.

That is to say the best strategy for disciplined voters is to cast a highly dishonest ballot. And note they don't have to know exactly how the other voters will vote they just have to be correct within a few percentage points most of the tie for that strategy to payoff handsomely. Similarly you have strategies like this when the candidates are HardLeft, SoftLeft, SoftRight,

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HardRight.

I noticed you commented on this a little above. General voters can vote honestly. It is the 10% or so that are politically involved that can be safely instructed when to vote a dishonest ballot that make IRV potentially extremely destructive.

[Reply](#)



Patrick Hutton January 14, 2018 at 6:14 AM

Just my 2d. One of the arguments against Ordinal is that they are non-monotonic therefore will on occasion give the wrong result and that weakness can be exploited for tactical voting.

1) Why is a non monotonic result "wrong"?

2) I've never heard a convincing argument about how it can be exploited.

The argument that it causes cognitive dissonance for voters is strange.

You look through the candidate list and put a one next to your favourite candidate, then put a two next to your favourite remaining candidate, repeat until you run out of candidates or run out of candidates you know about.

None of the quirks of the voting system should cause you to vote tactically. How can they? I challenge a critic to give just one example of a secret ballot where a political representative was being chosen with an electorate over a thousand where due to tactical voting the "wrong" candidate won. I'll give you a clue, there isn't.

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Friday, December 29, 2017

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Some OpaVote customers are nervous about the security of online elections. To reduce risk, OpaVote follows many security best practices, and in this post we explain some of them to reassure you that it is safe to run your elections with OpaVote.

This is a followup post to a previous one where we showed that OpaVote has far better practices than other online election providers as determined by independent third parties.



Hackers have five possibilities in trying to undermine your election:

1. Breaking into Google servers (OpaVote runs on Google)
2. Accessing secret codes of voters
3. Obtaining an election manager's password
4. Obtaining an OpaVote administrator password
5. Exploiting possible vulnerabilities in the OpaVote website.

We'll address each of these below.

Google Servers

Google fully maintains all the servers used by OpaVote. Because Google runs many important websites, it goes to great lengths to ensure security. For this reason, we can rely on Google to make sure that servers have been updated with the latest security patches, and that the doors to the server rooms are locked.

Voters

For email voters, we provide each voter with a 128-bit code. This provides a HUGE number of codes. Here is the number written out: 340,282,366,920,938,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. If you could try a billion codes per second, then it would take more than a billion years to try all of the codes. For this reason, hackers cannot guess voter codes.

Your voters' email accounts are the weakest link, because many of your voters likely don't have good security practices with their personal email accounts. Though email providers keep getting better in enforcing security practices (e.g., strong passwords) so it is still hard for a hacker to gain access to an individual email account, and much harder to gain access to enough email accounts to have an influence on the election.

Election Managers

This one is mostly up to you. You should be using a strong password for your account and a password that is different from all of your other passwords. Preferably, you login to OpaVote using an existing account (e.g., a Google or Facebook account) with two-factor authentication. If you do create a password at OpaVote, we store only a salted hash of your password so that even if someone broke into OpaVote, there would be no way for them to get your actual password.

OpaVote Administrator

We can access OpaVote servers as administrators using an administrator password. We have only a single password for administrator access, it is strong, it is different from all other passwords used by us at OpaVote, and we have enabled two-factor authentication. This prevents hackers from getting administrative access.

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There are many different ways that hackers can attack a website, such as by trying to upload

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harmful code or sniffing Internet traffic. This is a very complicated area, but here are some of the measures we take to prevent attacks on the OpaVote website:

- All traffic to OpaVote is encrypted using [HTTPS](#) and [HSTS](#). Any non-encrypted requests are immediately redirected to encrypted requests.
- Cookies are encrypted.
- We don't store any sensitive information, such as credit card numbers. Payments are handled by secure third party providers.
- To prevent injection attacks and cross-site scripting attacks, all queries are parameterized and user input is escaped. Where we do allow HTML input, we check it against a whitelist to prevent unsafe content.
- We have tests to continually check that management pages are only accessible to authorized managers.
- All form inputs use [CSRF](#) to prevent hackers from causing you to execute unwanted actions.

To see more details, check out the security grades that OpaVote has received from these independent third parties:

- A+ from [SSL Labs](#)
- A+ from [HT Bridge](#)
- A+ from [Security Headers](#)
- B+ from [Mozilla Observatory](#) (This is a very high standard. Even gmail gets a B on this test.)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions on our security practices.

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