MISSING BOARD REPORTS – July 2020

Resolved into the LPCO Standing Rules (2016-05-09):

“Monthly Board reports are due by the Wednesday before the regularly scheduled board meeting and shall be published to the Party website by the Communications Director by the Friday prior to any regularly scheduled meeting for viewing by membership and Board members...”

- The following Board Reports were not submitted in time to be published on the LPCO website, violating the current standing rule:
  - Communications - Joshua Lallement
  - Secretary - Mike Spalding
- The above Board Members will be presenting their report at the next board meeting in full.
- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020 at the Independence Institute, 727 E 16th Ave, Denver, CO 80203 from 7pm to 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Aitken
Database Manager
Libertarian Party of Colorado
Chairman’s Report

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 1, the duties of the Chairman are as follows:
The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party’s Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Board members acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

This past month has been filled with whirlwind and excitement as we got closer to the national convention. The uncertainty as to whether or not we would have a physical convention in Orlando had us on pins and needles. When the possibility arose that we might not have a physical convention at all I pushed our region rep to vote for a hybrid convention with online and in-person participation given that nearly twenty people had already made travel arrangements to Florida, many of which were not refundable.

We had a full delegation at the national convention because we were able to get 7/8ths of the national delegates attending in person and online to approve the additional delegates to ensure we had a full delegation seated at convention and voting for every vote. The credentialing committee told me it was nearly impossible to get the 7/8ths and we achieved it.

Our very own Eric Mulder decided to run for the Judicial Committee and received 28 votes in Colorado. I may add he would have gotten 29 if not for one delegate who misclicked on the vote and chose the name next to his. Isn’t drinking fun? No it was not me…

I spoke with Cara Shultz at the convention and she believes that we have three very winnable races, mine included. Apollo Pazell from the frontier project has agreed to do a series of training sessions with current and future candidates who would like to learn how to actually win elections. Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen are also excited and wanting to come visit our state. I came home revitalized and with the desire to make Colorado the example for other states to follow.

It was brought to my attention that there were some personal attacks going on in both the national convention and at the state level. I would like to remind everyone that this
is a political party, not a social club and, while I am the chairman, I am not going to meddle in the personal business of any party member. Should you have an issue with a particular person, please address them directly as grownups do.

While the Democrats and Republicans have continued to grow government, we offer a real solution that can be attained in the local scene. It is in Colorado that we can make an impact that will directly affect people in our community at the local level.

In the last legislative session in Colorado we had over 500 new laws passed that infringed directly on our rights. We also had the Governor issue draconian orders and endless executive orders. The only way to change this is by getting libertarians elected to these positions that we can stop such infringements or at least slow down the exponential growth of government. I call on you to get involved and volunteer in campaigns in 2020 it is imperative that we stand up for our principles and not allow Colorado to become a place where tyranny reigns and we let government run rampant. To quote my grandfather, and Edmund Burke "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". Let's not allow that to happen! Get involved!

Once again, I would like to remind the board and our guests that there is an expected decorum in meetings. Unless a board member specifically reaches out to you during board discussion, the time for public comment is at the beginning of the meeting and is limited to one comment per person of no more than 3 minutes. Should you find yourself at odds with something in the meeting following that period, please feel free to email the board and we will address your concerns in a timely manner.

In Liberty,
Victoria Reynolds
State Chairman, LPCO
July 2020- Vice Chair Report

In accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) bylaws, the role of the Vice Chairman is to assist the LPCO Board of Directors with their duties among other responsibilities. These areas include:

Assist the Chairman. Assisted candidates with TRACER filings and campaign related issues. Attended the 2020 Libertarian National Convention.


In Liberty,

Eric Mulder
Vice Chair- Libertarian Party of Colorado
Chair- Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County
303-960-3997
vicechair@lpcolorado.org
Treasurer, 20 July 2020

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 9, the duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses incurred at the regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall also prepare budgets for the other board members or assist them in preparing their own budgets.

As of 20 July 2020, PayPal balance was $403.63.
As of 20 July 2020, BBVA Compass balance was $27,789.03.
As of 20 July 2020, Stripe balance was $9.41.
As of 20 July 2020, FEC account balance was $110.00
As of 20 July 2020, Undeposited Funds balance was $0.00

Held in reserve:
- Standard reserve $1,500.00
- State Convention reserve $14,624.48
- Clear Creek Co DG $40.00
- Denver Co DG $0.50
- Elbert Co DG $50.00
- Larimer Co DG $15.00
- Newsletter $0.00
- Pueblo Co DG $24.00
- San Juan County Project $190.00
- Weld Co DG $15.00
- Welcome Postcards $633.50

As of 20 July 2020, AVAILABLE FUNDS (reserved funds excluded) was $11,219.59.
Available funds have decreased $560.98 since last month.

Any anticipated large future expenses (> $1,000 annually), whether one-time or instalment, I propose to budget in the same manner as with the annual convention, where I reserve funds monthly into a specific sub-account. For reminder for me and continuity for subsequent treasurers, the standard reserve of $1,500 has been placed in a sub-account.
Subscription donations (23 recurring) to PayPal, Stripe & Compass Bank for June, $532.76, a gain of $40.00 from last month.

June one-time (2 contributors) donations, $75.00.

I request that any Board member who receives cash or check from a donor please email me with the date received, check number, amount, and name & address of the donor. If the check is $100 or more, then I also need the donor’s occupation and employer. Please refer to the postscript in Treasurer’s Report July 2016 for a list of TRACER-accepted occupation names. We can’t accept cash donations over $100. We can’t accept contributions from corporations or from foreign nationals. The party can accept anonymous donations less than $20 but if anonymous donations are collected by someone not authorized to accept funds for LPCO (not a board member) then that someone is considered a conduit and the collected aggregate is counted against their personal contribution limit and the funds conveyed to LPCO can’t include more than $100 in cash.

FEC Filing: Report filed 07/03/2020. Next report due 10/15/2020. Because our subscription to LNC’s Affiliate CRM Plan is paid to a national party, those contributions are FEC reportable. Transfers to and from regular checking into federal activity account are also FEC reportable.


Respectfully Submitted,
John Hjersman
## Libertarian Party of Colorado
### Statement of Financial Income and Expense
#### June 2020

**Accrual Basis**

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FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR REPORT July 2020

Article II - DUTIES OF THE BOARD - Section 10:
The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.

Continuity Binder- I would still like to find this and start working on it for the next person that would take this position, but for now feel pretty comfortable with the guidance and help I have been getting thus far.

Thank you Notes - I’m still very much interested in doing these. I am strongly considering getting the 600 postcards from Vista Print myself and using them for now and calling them an in-kind donation. I’d like to start reaching those that are giving us money.

Convention - Michele forwarded me the speakers list for me to start reaching out and seeing what their availability looks like. I’ve also got Marc’s availability through the end of the year and am going to start going through potential venues in the Denver metro area.

Michele also mentioned the newsletter and having it ready to go, I’d like to get a biography/short intro piece in it for when it goes out.

In Liberty,
Alexander W. Hutton
Affiliates Director Report July 2020

I attended the Boulder LP’s June meeting via Zoom. As in-person meetings returned, I attended the Jefferson and Douglas County LP meetings.

The Chair and I attended Chaffee County LP’s kick-off meeting, which had a good turnout, but has the potential to grow significantly.

Colorado Freedom Fest 2020 was downsized and moved to a new location at the last moment, so there was no available booth space for rental.

I sent out livestream suggestions for development groups and affiliates to use to supplement in-person meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Gallant
Legislative Directors Report July 2020

The 2nd Regular Session of the 72nd Colorado General Assembly adjourned on June 15th 2020. The first Regular session of the 73rd Colorado General Assembly will convene on January 13th 2021. A total of 651 pieces of Legislation were proposed, 330 signed into law and 2 vetoed by Governor Polis. You can view the bills signed into law at this link.

https://stateofco.secure.force.com/TFA/

It is with a heavy heart that this will be my final Legislative Directors Report and the Board of Directors meeting on the July 20th will be my final act serving on the Board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado as Legislative Director. This report will serve as my resignation.

It has been an honor to have been elected by the Delegates of the Libertarian Party of Colorado entrusting me to serve faithfully. It has been a pleasure to work and serve as Legislative Director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado for 3 terms and 6 sessions of the Colorado General Assembly.

I have been presented the opportunity to pursue and utilize my skills and knowledge of the Colorado Legislative process, to continue the fight for Individual Liberty, Individual Rights, & Free Markets, in a non-partisan, non-electoral politics, legislative activist & issues based role, while continuing to inform & educate others. The Ideas of Liberty & libertarian philosophy are not unique to the Libertarian Party and there are many other tools and actions that can be utilized to deliver and share that message. I will offer help as I can and look forward to working with the next Legislative Director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado in my new venture, should they choose.

I did not come to this decision on a whim. While I typically have refrained from interparty drama, personal conflicts & differences of opinion, because it serves no purpose in sharing the ideas & message of Liberty, it has been weighing heavily on me since the 2019 Colorado Libertarian State Convention and the actions of a certain individual, lacking in both ethics & integrity, and the condoning of their actions. I realize now by doing so I have made a mistake and error in my judgment, as I refrained from taking a stand a speaking out against their actions. I sincerely apologize to several people for remaining passive. Instead I kept my nose down and continued to do what I love in Legislative Activism & Citizen Lobby efforts. However, given more recent actions of the individual, and this becoming deeply personal, I can be silent no longer. A person who has been allowed to serve on the Board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, in an appointed role, has proven once again their detriment to the LPCO & their repugnancy. I cannot continue to serve with those lacking in professional character, completely void of ethics, integrity.
& morals. Not to mention actions completely counter to the NAP, which party members pledge, and the Statement of Principles, which each person in leadership roles and as Candidates must sign. That being said, any campaign this individual comes in contact with will be tainted, to the likes of a Benedict Arnold. Every bit of this person’s actions are counterproductive and detrimental to the mission of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. This individual’s actions simply do nothing more than feed their narcissism & ego. These actions are repugnant and are unwelcoming to those who may be interested in membership to the Libertarian Party of Colorado as well as former members who have interest in return to the party. I also cannot be associated in an official capacity with the party for any potential legal action taken against the party or the individual.

I’m not asking anyone to leave the Party, they however should not be given leadership role again ever and any campaign involved with this individual should seriously take this under consideration & evaluation. It is my hope that they will humble themselves and find atonement and corrective action for their repugnant behavior. Sadly, this person will view my resignation from the LPCO Board as just another part of their “glorious” week in the LP.

An issues on another note, the LPCO and the LP National have also hamstrung themselves with use of bylaws that have led to inefficient and unproductive practices. This needs to be completely reevaluated by the Delegates at the LPCO 2021 Convention & the Delegates to the LP National 2022 Convention. We need the to the bare minimum to protect members rights. What we have now is no benefit to the party mission of sharing the Ideas of Liberty & libertarian philosophy. We spend more time arguing over bylaws and rules, then accomplishing our mission, which is using the political arena to usher in a culture of Liberty.

To be clear, I am not leaving the Libertarian Party or the Libertarian of Colorado as a member, the Libertarian party of Colorado is my home. I will be around to make sure the LPCO and those who volunteer & serve in Leadership are held accountable for their actions or lack thereof. I will remain active in certain circumstances and a continue to remain a fnical donor to the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, in efforts to uphold the Libertarian Party Foundational Principles and to keep the Libertarian Party, Libertarian.

I believe in the intent & ideas of the Libertarian Party Founders, and the mission of the party. I hope to see some corrective actions that present value to help bring a culture of Liberty.

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 9, the duties of the Legislative Director are as follows:

The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.
Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Stapleton
Legislative Director
Libertarian Party of Colorado
Membership Director Report Jul 2020

LPCO Bylaws Article II, Section 11: The Membership Director shall be responsible for,
  • developing membership education programs,
  • recruiting and training activists,
  • publishing a regular internal newsletter,
  • managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party.

2019 Membership Director Business Plan

Persuade LPCO members to become activists and candidates.
  • Provide a pool of volunteers for the Outreach Director and Legislative Director to draw from.
  • Provide a pool of volunteers for the Campaigns Director to draw from for assisting candidates.
  • Provide a pool of potential candidates for the Campaign Director to vet.

New Member Notifications in the month of November:

New Information Requests to the LP in Colorado: 31
  • Replies sent to all, as well as to the county LP point of contact.

New Volunteers to the LP in Colorado: 15
  • Replies sent to all, as well as to the county LP point of contact.

New interests in Running for Office as LP in Colorado: 8
  • Replies sent to all, as well as to the county LP point of contact and Campaigns Director.
## LPCO Membership Summary

Sources:
1. CO Secretary of State report as of 2/18/2020 (registered Libertarians in Colorado)
2. CiviCRM as of 06/01/2020 (due to technical difficulties with CiviCRM, data as of 7/01/2020 is currently unavailable)

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“Colorado Liberty” Newsletter

- The deadline for submitting content for the Spring newsletter was due by Apr 10, to be submitted to newsletter@lpcolorado.com. Content editor (Caryn Ann Harlos) will then send all content to the editor (i.e., Membership Director) who will work with the formatter/printer to generate the final copy by May 8. On May 15 electronic copies emailed to each LPCO member who has an email address on file.
- Each County affiliate and development group is encouraged to submit a summary of activities they held in Jan-Feb-Mar, and local events coming up in Apr-May-Jun.
- LPCO Chairman is requested to submit a summary of the LPCO plan for 2019.
- Campaigns Director is encouraged to submit a summary of how many prospective LP candidates we have running for public office in 2019.
- Legislative Director is encouraged to submit a summary of legislation of interest being studied by the CO General Assembly during the Summer.
- Communications Director is encouraged to submit a copy of one article published by a Libertarian author in Jan-Feb-Mar.
- Affiliates Director is encouraged to submit a summary of new affiliates and development groups in Jan-Feb-Mar, and counties planning to establish an affiliate or development group in Apr-May-Jun.
- Fundraising Director is encouraged to submit a summary of those who donated to the LPCO in Jan-Feb-Mar, and any fundraising events coming up in Apr-May-Jun.
- Anyone is invited to submit “Libertarians in the news” articles.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Pickerill
Database Manager Report for July, 2020

7/16/20 – assist Alan Hayman with candidate updates (1 hour)
7/15/20 – update events, Boulder contact, natl member count for Membership, build and send Events email (5 hours)
6/29/20 – update events, build Events email (2 hours)
6/26/20 – Natl Convention Teller Meeting (2 hours)
6/25/20 – new signups, affiliate events, email templates (2 hours)
6/23/20 – send email for Ross Klopf RTD D (3 hours)
6/16/20 – post several news items to website, discuss natl convention (2 hours)
6/15/20 – check new signups, clean up leading and trailing spaces on names (1 hour)
6/14/20 – backup, send Events email (2 hours)
6/10/20 – merge duplicates, JOJ integration (5 hours)
6/5/20 – create Kent Senate page (1 hour)
6/4/20 – check new signups, run for office, update leadership page (1/2 hour)
6/2/20 – natl IT directors meeting (2 hours)

Combine board reports and publish on website. (1 hour)

Backups of the CiviCRM member file are created every Sunday afternoon and are saved on our Amazon drive. (2 hours/wk)

I regularly check CiviCRM for new signups and fix obvious address errors and check for duplicates. (1 hour/wk)

We pay $90 per month to the LNC for 3 hours of priority support per month for the CRM. We pay $9.99 per month to MailChimp for email services which the CRM cannot provide. This allows us to email people in a specific county. This cost is recorded as an In-Kind donation by the Database Manager.

We pay $20 per month to Sparkpost for CRM email services to cover statewide emails. This cost is recorded as an In-Kind donation by the Database Manager.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Aitken
Database Manager
Libertarian Party of Colorado