



LNC MEETING MINUTES, MAY 28, 2010, ST. LOUIS, MO

To: Libertarian National Committee

From: Bob Sullentrup

CC: Wes Benedict

Date: 5/28/2010

CURRENT STATUS: **APPROVED, 07/11/2010**

The meeting commenced at 1:06 pm on May 28, 2010 at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Hawkridge moved to add another opportunity for public comment 1:30 since several members thought that 1:30 would be the time the meeting started. The motion failed.

- Mike Seebeck asked for the LNC's help to defeat Proposition 14 (see below).

PAPERWORK CHECK

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

ATTENDANCE AND CREDENTIALS

Attending the May 28, 2010 LNC meeting in St. Louis were:

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

Parliamentarian: M Carling.

At-Large Representatives: Pat Dixon, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Alicia Mattson and Admiral Michael Colley.

Regional Representatives: Tony Ryan (1), Dan Weiner(2), Rebecca Sink-Burris (3), Stewart Flood (4), Dr. James Lark (5-S), Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox (6) and Rachel Hawkrige (7).

Regional Alternates: Rob Latham (1) Scott Lieberman (2), Steve LaBianca (7).

Alternates not attending included Bob Jackson (3), Heather Scott (4), Berlie Etzel (5-S), and Jake Porter (6).

LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski was not on hand.

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Director of Operations Robert Kraus and Development and New Media Assistant Kyle Hartz.

The gallery included Ruth Bennett (AZ), Angela O'Dell (Chair, OK), Vicki Kirkland (Vice Chair, FL), Lonnie Holcomb (ID), Norm Olsen (CO), Amanda Owens (NC), Michael Shanklin (NC), Shawn Levasseur (ME), Kathleen Kerr (PA), Ken Moellman (KY), Eric Cranley (KY), Rob Power (CA), Mike Seebeck (CA), Paul Frankel (AL), Stuart Bain (VA), Robert Murphy (OK), Tom Sonders (OK), June Genis (TX), Mark Hinkle (CA), Ruth Bennett (AZ – correct, she moved), Susan Murphy (OK), Chuck Moulton (VA), Crystal Jurczynski (IL), Damon Dillon (IL).

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the May 26, 2008 meeting. Hardy Macia resigned in November 2008 as Region 5 North alternate with Carl Vassar replacing him. George Squyres resigned as Region 1 alternate in December 2008. Rob Latham (UT) became the Region 1 alternate on March 17, 2009. Daniel Wiener (CA) replaced Mark Hinkle as Region 2 rep February 19, 2010¹.

¹ The Secretary was notified on February 19.

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
Region 1	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming	Tony Ryan ² (AZ)	Rob Latham
Region 2	California	Daniel Wiener (CA)	Scott Lieberman (CA)
Region 3	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana	Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)	Bob Jackson (MI)
Region 4	Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas	Stewart Flood (SC)	Heather Scott (TN)
Region 5 - South	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	James W. Lark, III (VA)	Berlie Etzel (PA)
Region 5 - North	Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont	Dan Karlan (NJ)	Carl Vassar (CT)
Region 6	Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin	Julie Fox (IL)	Jake Porter (MO)
Region 7	Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	Rachel Hawkrige (WA)	Steve LaBianca (FL)
Orphans	Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Arkansas		

² Mr. Ryan also has a residence in SD. He serves on the LNC as a resident of AZ.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The LP approved the following agenda. Items in italics and in strikethrough reflect changes.

- The Chair moved to add three minutes for a ballot access resolution after regional reports. There was no objection.
- The Chair moved to add three minutes to address a clarification to the Austin minutes after the report of conflicts of interest. There was no objection. There was no objection.
- The Chair moved to add five minutes to considering awarding \$5k to the 2010 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy, a conference on initiative and referendum in San Francisco. The motion failed.
- Stewart Flood moved to add 15 minutes to consider the 'Top two' (Proposition 14) effort in California and to ask for funding. This item would be put last. There was no objection.
- Dan Karlan moved to delete the counsel's report. There was no objection.
- Dan Karlan moved to delete the verbal staff report. The motion to delete was withdrawn with the body's permission and reduced to 10 minutes.

May 28, 2010 Meeting Agenda

St. Louis, MO – Adopted

Call to Order	1:00 pm (minutes)
Moment of Reflection	1
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Credentials Report and Paperwork Check (Secretary)	5
Adoption of the Agenda	5
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5
<i>Clarification to Austin Minutes</i>	3
Standing Reports	
Chair's Report	10
Treasurer's Report	20
Secretary's Report	10
Staff Report	
Staff	30 10
Counsel's Report (scheduled for 2PM Central Time)	15

Reports of Standing Committees	
Convention Committee (Colley)	30
Affiliate Support Committee (Jingoian)	5
Bylaws Committee Report (Karlan)	10
Platform Committee Report (Mattson)	10
New Business without Previous Notice	
Ballot Access Report (Redpath)	10
Campus Organizing Report (Lark)	3
Various Regions	5 per
<i>Ballot Access Resolution (Redpath)</i>	3
<i>California 'Top Two' (Prop 14)</i>	15
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Adjournment	

The revised agenda was adopted without objection.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Lee Wrights announced he was named Chair of the 'Foundation for a Free Society', an Advocates-like organization focusing on Texas.
- Mary Ruwart announced she was Secretary of the same organization.

AUSTIN MINUTES

The chair noticed an item on page 17 of the Austin minutes regarding the \$2000 Roger Gary had pledged for ballot access. To clarify, his donation was to apply to the 2012 Illinois ballot drive should the current ballot drive for 2010 fail to deliver the ballot access anticipated for both 2010 and 2012. The motion to clarify the minutes passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Redpath provided an oral report summarizing what he had done since the Austin meeting. Highlights included:

- He has been busy with campaigns, particularly in Virginia where the number of Libertarian candidates for representatives is at an all time high.

- The chair appeared on the *Daily Show* on March 30, an event he characterized as 'irritating'. His tactics included 'saying as little as possible'.
- He traveled to Oklahoma on April 10 and lobbied the legislature on April 12 for it to amend its draconian ballot access laws.
- On May 17 and 18 he was in Pennsylvania petitioning and encouraging locals to carry their efforts to a successful conclusion.
- The chair quoted Richard Winger as saying voter registration for political parties over the last 18 months has been down for all parties except the Libertarians, where voter registration is up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aaron Starr presented financial information and noted our position continues to improve, even to the point 'looking very good'.

- We have \$250k in the bank.
- Staff monitoring and controlling expenses and donor generosity have accounted for the increases.
- Year-to-date we have an \$86k surplus, including \$30k already spent on ballot access
- Average donations are up from \$61 last year to a projected \$77 this year.
- April's revenue, standing at \$125k, is high water mark going back to some presidential campaigns.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Sullentrup reported the following mail ballot:

- Sent 3/14/2010. **MO LP Resolution (below)**. Co-sponsors: Aaron Starr, Daniel Wiener, Admiral Colley, Rebecca Sink-Burris. Passed 12-0, 5 abstentions.
 - Voting in favor: Aaron Starr, Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Alicia Mattson, Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Daniel Wiener, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Dan Karlan, James Lark, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkrige
 - Abstaining: Bill Redpath, Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup, Tony Ryan, Stewart Flood

WHEREAS, Section 3.03.1 of our policy manual states that "Special agreements with states require the approval of the LNC",

WHEREAS, the LNC cannot allow a state party to conduct fundraising at an LNC underwritten event without running afoul of FEC regulations,

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Missouri has requested the use of our convention hall facilities during the Memorial Day Weekend for a public candidates forum of Missouri candidates,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LNC grants permission to the Libertarian Party of Missouri to make use of the convention hall facilities free of charge at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel for a public candidates forum during the Libertarian Party's 2010 Convention on Saturday, May 29, provided no other LNC sponsored event is taking place, attendance is open to all attendees to the Regular Convention, the Libertarian Party of Missouri charges no fee for its event, no fund raising takes place, and the facilities are not used in a manner contrary to our Party's Bylaws or its Standing Rules.

STAFF REPORTS

Wes Benedict addressed the body covering the staff report provided in the appendix. He used a PDF to discuss monthly pledges, the relative profitability of fundraising appeals, numbers of candidates, reserve adequacy and membership. All charts reflected healthy results.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Admiral Colley noted convention registration is exceeding the committee's expectations, pushing 500 delegates. We had met our room-night obligation a month ago. Meeting that avoids an attrition penalty and provides our convention floor space a no cost.

Admiral Colley thanked his committee that included

- Bob Sullentrup who worked on awards and speakers
- Stewart Flood, Rachel Hawkridge and Pat Dixon whose participation was helpful
- Aaron Starr, an adjunct committee member who helped address convention financials.
- Robert Kraus 'with an excellent institutional memory' and Wes Benedict for his part in producing convention materials.
- Mary Ruwart, for raising over \$29k in pledges for the convention banquet, primarily from non-attendees.

A key factor in the Convention's solvency was the Audio/Visual fees that were more than cut in half from Denver.

For 2012, Indianapolis is emerging at the front contender. Other cities include Pittsburgh, Charlotte, DC (two), and Las Vegas.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Jingoian reported that the Committee has started to do its work. He presented some suggestions for future effectiveness: using teleconference calls; partner with like-minded organizations; strategic regarding funds and (affiliate) elections to maximize return on investment; avoid disagreements that waste time and energy.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Dan Karlan reported the Bylaws Committee completed its second round of surveying. The Bylaws Committee largely finished up its work two weeks ago, and the upcoming Bylaws meeting will be an open forum in the Pershing/Lindell room.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Alicia Mattson noted the Platform Committee met this morning and 'tweaked 5 or 6 items'. The final result will be publicly available soon.

BALLOT ACCESS

Bill Redpath reported the status of ballot access in several states:

- In North Dakota with Scott Kohlhaus and Richard Winger leading the effort, not the LNC, ballot access has been successful
- In New Mexico the petition drive we subsidized was successful gaining ballot access for 2010 and 2012.
- In New York petitioning extends from July 7-August 18. Mr. Redlick, a former Republican, is running for governor and will help maintain ballot access in that state.
- We await word in Oklahoma of the result of legislation, this being the last day of the legislative session.
- In Pennsylvania a ballot access petitioning drive is underway. During Bill's recent visit he was on radio and TV and attended a dinner sponsored by the LP PA.
- In Illinois petitioning is underway, and the chair and Crystal Jurczynski petitioned in Belleville on Thursday before the convention. (Pat Dixon noted the heroism of a chair carrying a petitioning clipboard on the ground.) The LNC provided \$30k for this effort.
- In Nebraska \$15k had been encumbered but not yet spent. A qualified state auditor candidate has the potential getting ballot access for 2010 with a 5% showing. The LP joined a lawsuit with the ACLU challenging Nebraska laws that ban out-of-state petitioners, among other things. 5900 valid signatures are needed.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING

Jim Lark provided a report in the appendix and noted new programs will be rolled out this summer.

Again Jim Lark praised the Students for Liberty who are doing the 'heavy lifting' of campus organizing in areas where they are established.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Jim Lark noted Pennsylvania and Virginia passed resolutions asking the next LNC board to consider. The items include the scheduling of national conventions and the restoration of the Unified Membership Plan.

BALLOT ACCESS RESOLUTION

The chair introduced the following resolution:

At its meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 28, 2010, the Libertarian National Committee commends and thanks the following people:

Robert Bastress

Mark Brown

Oliver Hall

James Linger

Bryan Sells

Gary Sinawski

Dan Treuden

for their tireless and outstanding representation in the cause of ballot access freedom in the United States.

The motion passed unanimously.

CALIFORNIA'S 'TOP TWO', PROPOSITION 14

Stewart Flood moved the LNC provide \$10k to the California LP to assist in fighting Proposition 14.

Proposition 14 is an odious measure that restricts access to the political arena. Only the two candidates who get the most votes in the primary elections would be put on the ballot for the General Election in November, regardless of their party affiliations. Thus, a race on the November ballot would only have two candidates: a Republican and Democrat or two from the same party.

Kevin Takenaga, the current CA chair, noted Prop 14 would likely become a nationwide problem if passed in the Golden State. It needed to be met with radio and TV advertising.

After some discussion, there was no objection to the resolution.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Alicia Mattson noted Paul Campbell broke his back recently in an auto accident.
- Chuck Moulton noted region formation was underway and forms were due to the Secretary by 5pm Sunday.
- Mark Hinkle thanked the LNC for passing the Prop 14 resolution. He noted phone calling technology provided by Stewart had already produced 3500 phone calls.
- Norm Olson of Colorado thanked Tony Ryan for his many years of service on the board.
- Mike Seebeck thanked the LNC for Prop 14.

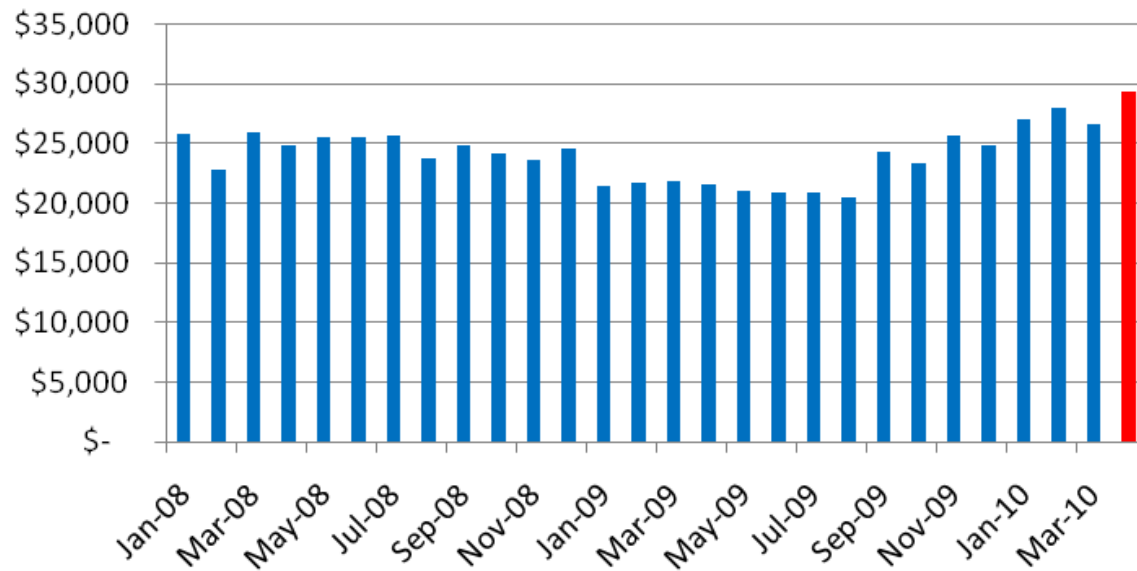
ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned at 3:30pm.

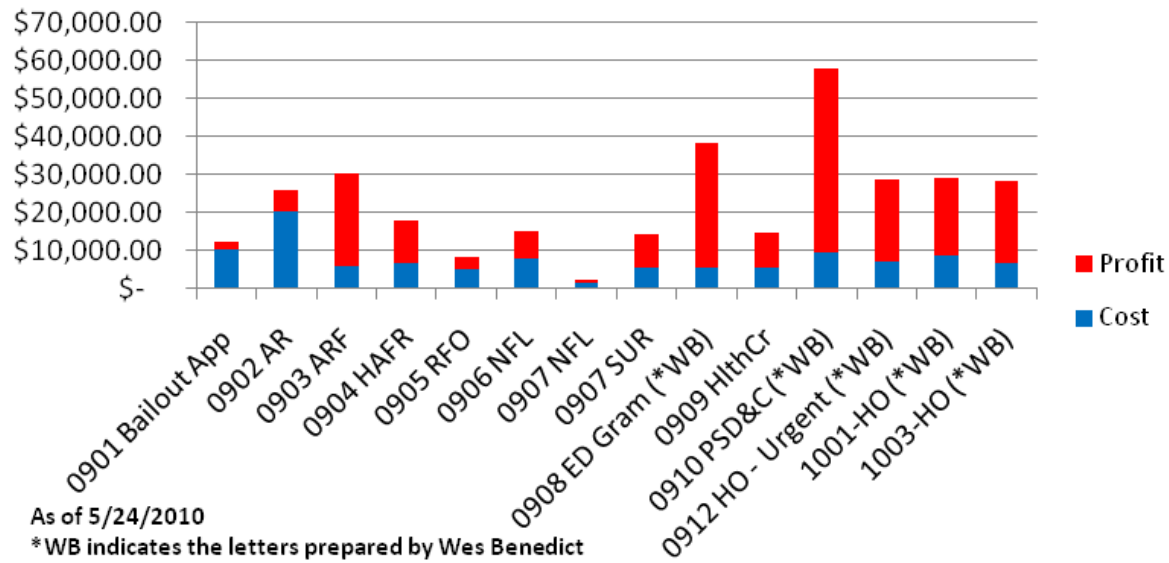
NEXT MEETING

The LNC will meet after the St. Louis Convention on May 31.

Monthly Pledge: Total Received

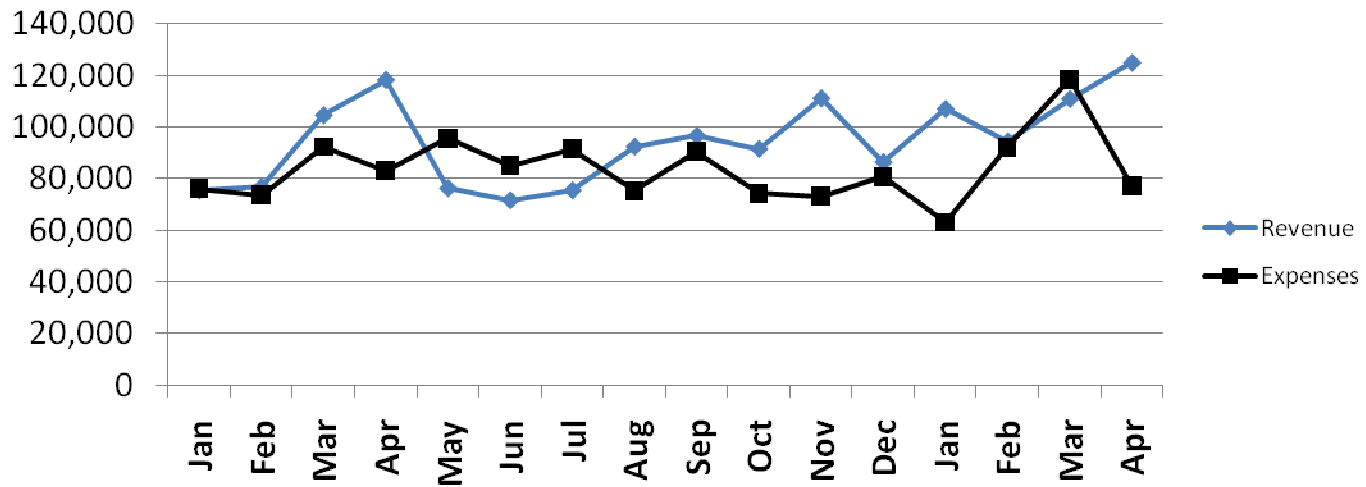


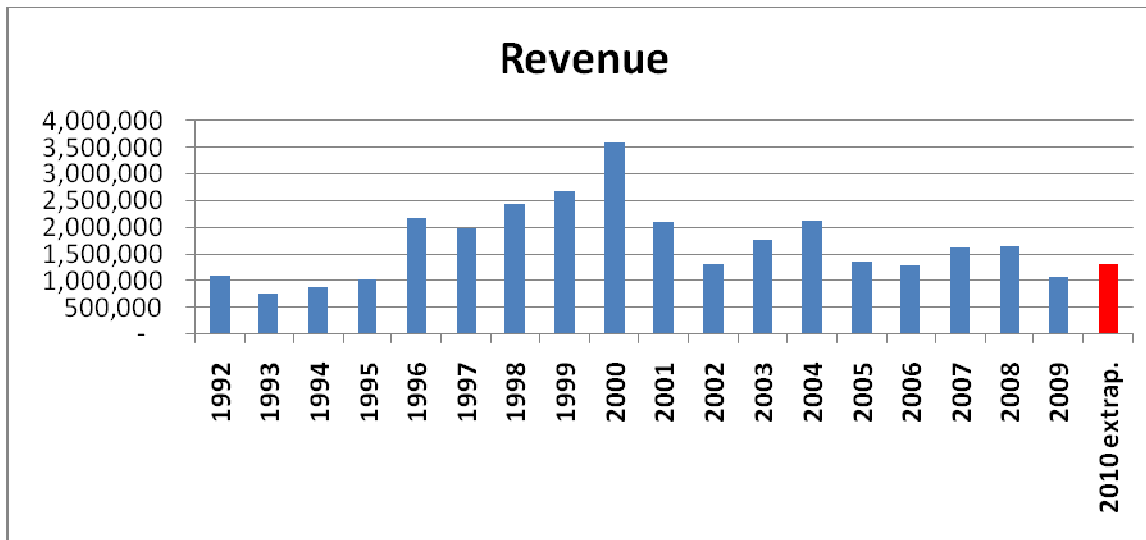
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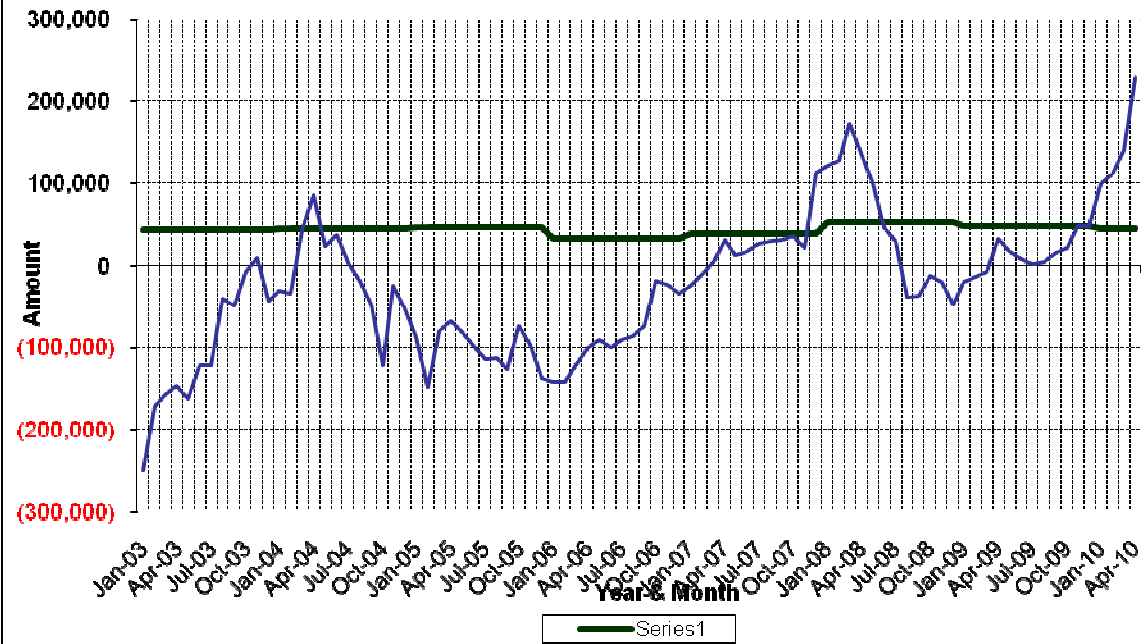
Candidates	2006	2008	2010
US Representative	114	127	171
Other	482	466	545
Total Candidates	596*	593*	716**

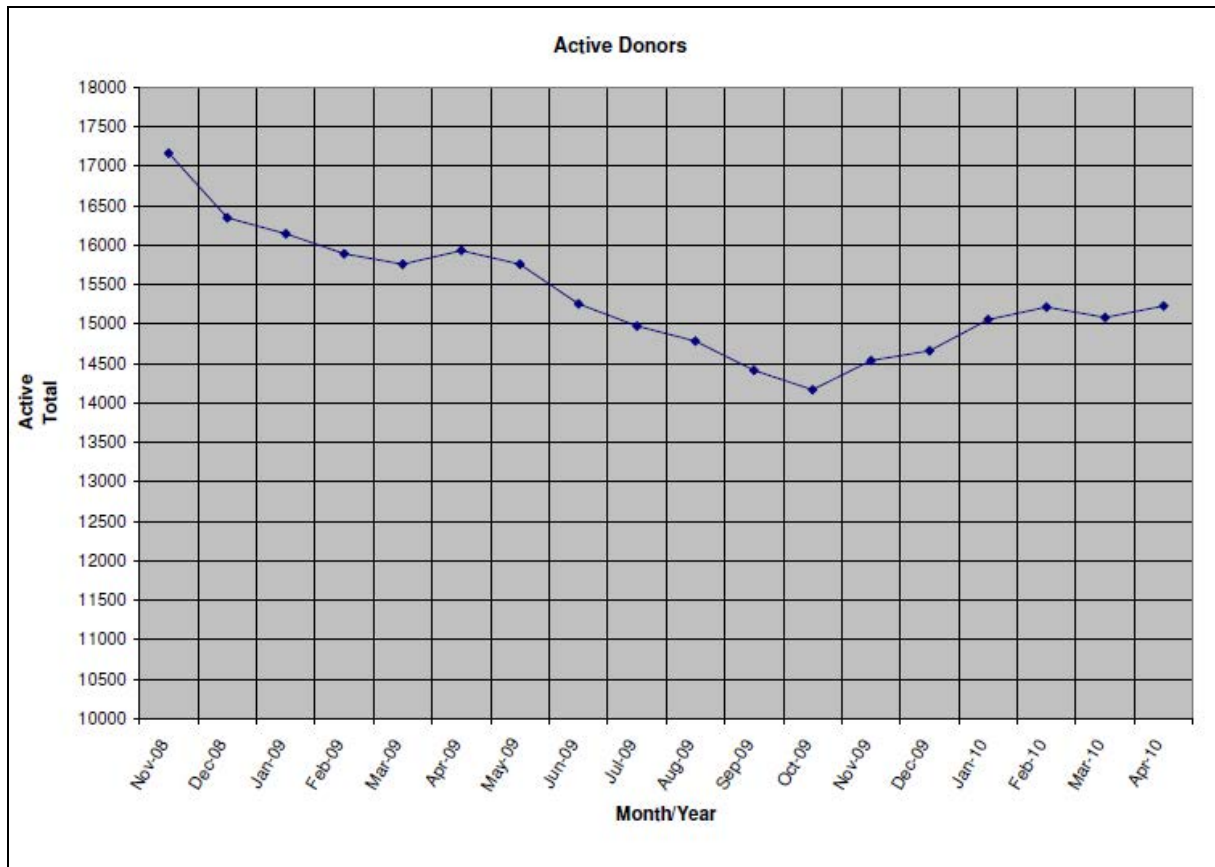
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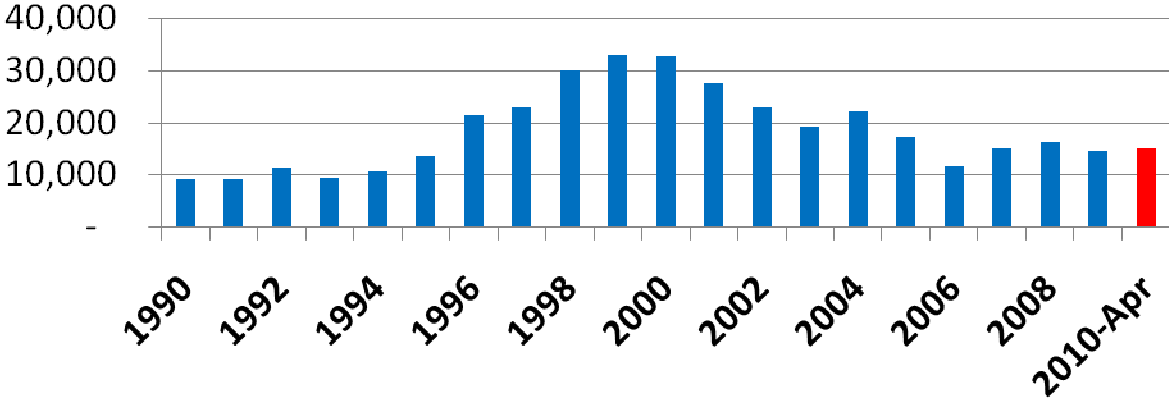


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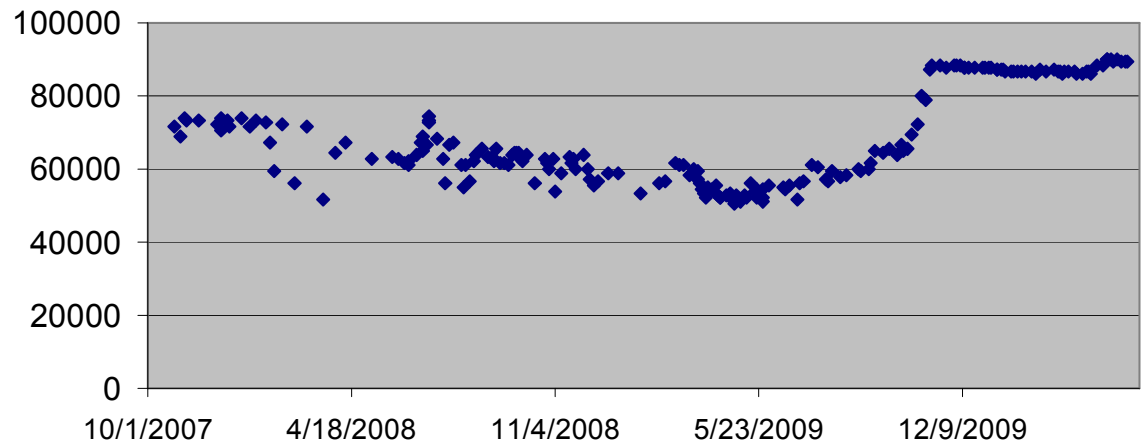




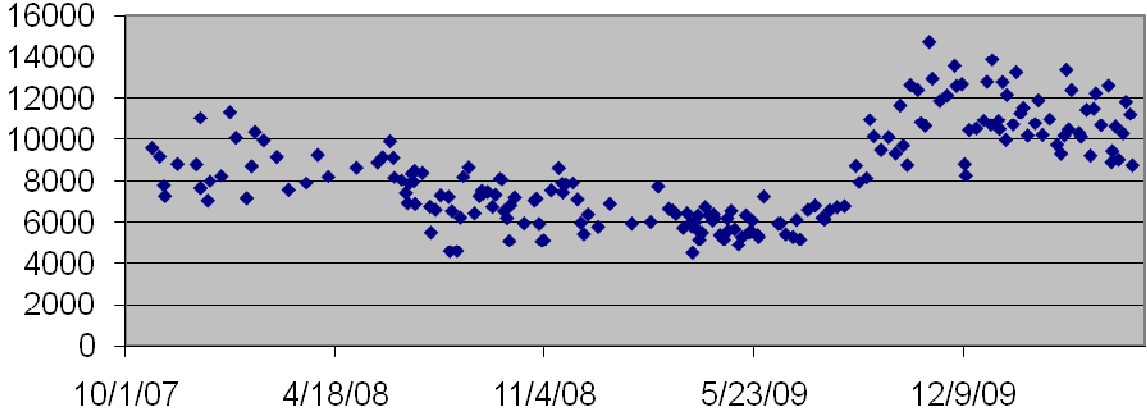
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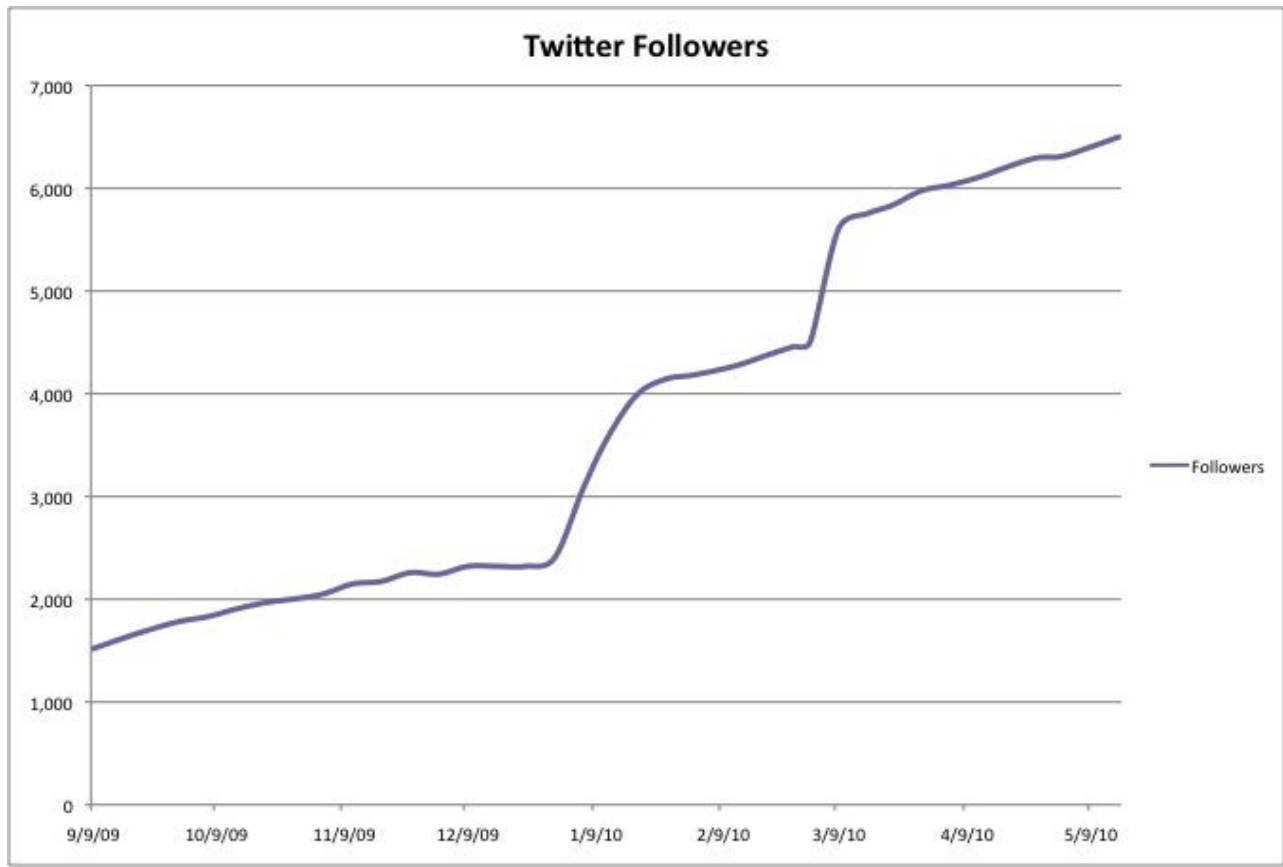


Successful deliveries of LP mass emails



Unique opens of LP mass emails



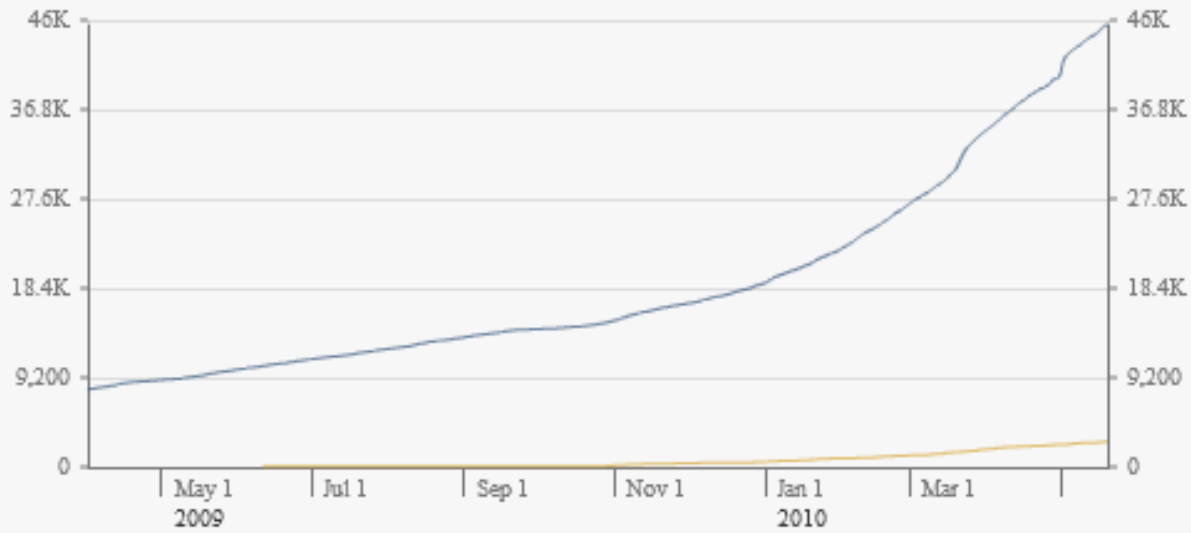


All Fans of Libertarian Party

All Fans Over Time [Learn more](#)

Choose a graph: Total Fans / Unsubscribed Fans ▼

Total Fans Hidden From News Feed



Staff Responsibilities:

Wes Benedict, Executive Director
Establish the organizational structure of the staff
Recruit train and assign all staff members
Appoint, employ and terminate staff in consultation with the Chair
Evaluate staff performance
Assure staff is in compliance with party Bylaws and Policy Manual
Maintain frequent and substantive contact with the LNC Chair
Keep members of the LNC informed as appropriate
Develop budget with Treasurer and maintain compliance
Oversee fundraising efforts including fundraising letters, emails, website, telemarketing, and major donor efforts
Oversee membership growth efforts
Write and design fundraising letters or outsource
LP News Editor
Work with the Chair and others to get out a cohesive Libertarian message to the public
Generate press releases
Answer press inquiries and book media appearances for party officials
Generate Monday Message and other email messages to members
Answer questions about the Party and its positions when other staff request assistance
Create and oversee various initiatives to establish a "cause célèbre" for our donors
Function as the intermediary between the Party and the public
Assure compliance with the Advertising Publications Review Committee (APRC) provisions

Appendix A. Wes Benedict, Staff Report, St. Louis, MO, May 28, 2010

Liaison between staff and General Counsel
Direct LP.org website content
Generate blog entries
Generate polls on LP.org
Assist start-up of state affiliates where none exist
Candidate recruitment and training
Manage ballot access activities
Participate in outside conferences
Network with other organizations and politicians in DC to increase the stature and reputation of the party

Robert Kraus, Operations Director
Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)
General purchasing and procurement
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues
Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC
Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff
Create and maintain Employee Manual
Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)
Assure Sustaining Memberships, expiration dates, and Life Memberships are accurately calculated and recorded according to the Bylaws and Policy Manual
Send monthly data dumps to state affiliates
Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ
Customer service (internal and external communications with board members, affiliates, donors, etc.)

Appendix A. Wes Benedict, Staff Report, St. Louis, MO, May 28, 2010

Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
Preparation of financial and membership reports
Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers
Managing our ballot access lawsuits with the chair
Working with the Chair, state parties and local activists to get ballot access reform bills introduced in state legislatures, and developing lobbying strategies for them
Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee
Primary staff liaison to the Secretary
Maintain backups of LP servers, Raisers Edge, Quickbooks, and personal computer files
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)
Record LNC meetings
Process monthly gifts for direct account drafts
Oversee Member Service Specialists in the sorting incoming mail, updating membership information and caging of donations

Casey Hansen, Member Services & Affiliate Relations Manager
Answer and direct incoming phone calls
Answer questions or refer to others
Handle complaints or refer to others
Accept, open and sort mail, packages, couriers and supplies
Greet visitors
Produce and mail LP Membership Cards
Produce and mail LP Information Packets
Sort and tag physical monetary contributions sent to the office (checks, money orders, cash)

Appendix A. Wes Benedict, Staff Report, St. Louis, MO, May 28, 2010

Deposit checks at PCN bank after deposit verified and cash audited
Re-checking of daily deposits and cash audits
Update member's address and contact information
Assist in general office upkeep, organization and maintain office supplies
Any other extra tasks as assigned by other LNC staff such as general filing, research, and responding to member correspondence
Primary assistant to Robert
Customer service to state and local affiliates
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists (the off-line document, not the ones on LP.org)
Maintain Events Listing on LP.org
Fill order requests, such as requests for free brochures or free LP News

Susan Dickson, Member Services Specialist
Process and cage all checks, credit cards and cash received via mail into RE
Photocopy checks before deposit
Process and cage all web transactions into RE
Process refunds and contribution returns
Update and maintain records in RE
Import new inquiry and volunteers from web and send prepare data for information packets
Prepare data for new memberships and renewals and print letters for membership cards
Prepare daily reports and do daily cash audits
Create new records for people who ask for information packets
Properly sort and file all source material to comply with FEC rules

Arthur DiBianca, Staff Assistant
Maintain the list of elected Libertarians (online and a more extensive offline database)
Maintain the list of Libertarian candidates
Assist with database troubleshooting and cleanup
Scan national media for topics for press releases, blog entries, and Email messages
Draft monthly Liberty Pledge Newsletter
Manage Lyris email broadcast system (press list and LP member list): add new subscribers, load and send press releases and general emails
Post blog entries, press releases, polls and other information on LP.org
Help with overall maintenance of LP.org
Monitor and sort incoming email, forward to appropriate staff as necessary
Draft some press releases, general emails (like Monday Messages and fundraising emails), and blog entries
Draft articles for LP News
Edit and proofread all communications including press releases, mass emails, blog entries, fundraising letters, LP News, Liberty Pledge Newsletter, and party literature

Nick Dunbar, Staff Assistant
Maintain accuracy of monthly giving program (donor calls and email changes; contact donors for updated information)
Process monthly gifts for members of monthly giving program and evaluate transactions that do not go through to find out why including contacting the donor for updated information
Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals (copy, art, print, mail shop)
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments from house file for each house mail appeal, and order lists for each acquisition appeal
Data pulls from donor database for house mail appeal and for omission in acquisition appeal

Appendix A. Wes Benedict, Staff Report, St. Louis, MO, May 28, 2010

Data pulls for membership cards, acknowledgments and cultivation
Oversee printing and mailing of membership cards; print and mail acknowledgments; search for creative ideas to cultivate high dollar and loyal donors
Update Board Report (which shows appeal results)
Assist with record archive organization, storage and maintenance

Kyle Hartz, Development Assistant
Phone monthly pledgers with processing problems to get updated information
Phone former monthly pledgers to get them to sign up again
Phone lapsed members to renew memberships--stay late and call at night as needed to reach people on the West Coast at home
Design websites for candidates
Assist with inquiry responses (questions about the Libertarian Party from interested prospects)
Recruit and manage interns
Direct intern telemarketing membership renewal effort
Manage social media pages: Facebook, Twitter, Meetup and LinkedIn
Respond to letters and email requests from volunteers
Forward people who express a desire to run for office to their state party
Staff booths at LP events, direct recruitment of volunteers for affiliate events
Participate in outside conferences
Activist training and support

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, May 20, 2010

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5S representative, Libertarian National Committee

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

- 1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am usually able to respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.
- 2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., "Operation Politically Homeless" kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates.) I am pleased to report that during the ASG Board of Directors' meeting on May 8-9 in the Atlanta area, the Board made clear that it considers support for campus organizations to be an important task for the organization.
- 3) By mid June I hope to revise the campus organizing material I distribute to those interested in campus outreach. I am pleased to report that this material is evidently regarded as very helpful by those trying to build campus organizations.
- 4) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. During the summer I shall contact each state chair via e-mail to provide information about our campus outreach efforts, and to request information about ways in which I can provide additional assistance.

I am in the process of preparing my fall speaking schedule. I hope to give speeches on at least ten high school and college campuses during the fall. In addition, I hope to conduct two-three campus organizing workshops for campus activists.

5) I continue to work with Students For Liberty to promote libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, members of the SFL board and I have found ways for the LP to use the many services available from SFL. We must be careful in so doing because we do not wish to jeopardize the 501c(3) status of SFL. I am planning to participate in the upcoming SFL board meeting.

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

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

8) LP executive director Wes Benedict and I recently discussed the possibility of hiring a staff member whose duties would include campus/youth organizing tasks. We are still considering the matter. At this time, I do not believe it is necessary to hire someone to perform these tasks on a full-time basis. However, it would be very helpful to have a staff member assigned on a half-time basis to perform these tasks.

9) If all goes as planned, we shall roll out some new programs this summer in advance of the 2010 – 2011 academic year. In particular, the revamped campus organizing website and the alumni support program should be operational by the end of June.

REGION 1 REPORT MISSING

LNC Region 2 Report for the May 28, 2010 LNC Meeting

THE major activity in Region 2 right now is defeating Proposition 14, which will be on the June Primary Ballot here in California.

An LP of California e-mail to our members said...

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1. **Only the two candidates who get the most votes** in the Primary Elections would be put on the ballot for the General Election in November, regardless of their Party affiliations. Thus, a race on the November ballot will have only two candidates, and it would almost certainly be a Democrat and a Republican, or two Democrats, or two Republicans. **Voters will lose choices** in the elections that count!
 2. It would also **eliminate write-in votes** in the General Election, further guaranteeing that only Democratic and Republican Party candidates will ever be put on a California General Election ballot.

Although the LP in California can still retain ballot status by maintaining a certain voter registration percentage, the LP of California is still very much against this Proposition. Stewart Flood has been working with our state Party to help train volunteers to make anti-Prop-14 telephone calls using his Liberty Manager database system.

Scott Lieberman Region 2 Alternate

REGION 3 REPORTS

LNC Representative: Rebecca Sink-Burris

May 2010

INDIANA Chair: **Sam Goldstein**

"The LPIN will only be as strong as the membership allows it to be."

For the first time in LPIN History, our entire federal race slate will be filled. We have a total of 68 candidates at the moment, and more than a month to appoint more. I have a list of 30 at the moment for us to call, and we haven't even begun to dig in yet.

We had a successful convention with over 120 attendees. We elected 34 state level candidates. We only had 28 total in 2008! That list will increase by June 30. We filled out our total delegation of 34, and still have over 30 attendees to national looking for delegate spots. We raised more than \$500 per month in less than 5 minutes for the LPIN closing a structural deficit, and over \$2000 for our SOS candidates in that same amount of time.

MICHIGAN Chair: **Emily Salvette**

We have our state convention coming up on Saturday (May 22). Bill Gelineau is doing a fantastic job organizing our convention, with over 115 people registered in advance. We expect to nominate over 100 candidates for the federal, state and local offices. This is due to the hard work of our local affiliate leaders and our political director, Bill Hall, who has matched prospective candidates with available offices.

There is obviously a lot of interest in getting rid of the status quo in Michigan--we had a full house for our April 17 candidate training session.

Our vice chair Dan Johnson and potential LP gubernatorial candidate Ken Proctor were invited to speak about the LP at a Tea Party Rally on April 9 in Sault Sainte Marie (in Michigan's Upper Peninsula). They addressed a crowd was over 400 people, and the result is serious interest in forming a northern Michigan affiliate group.

On May 6, the **DETROIT FREE PRESS** printed our "con" argument against the recently passed text messaging while driving ban in Michigan.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the national convention.

OHIO Chair: **Kevin Knedler**

The Ohio LP held a May 2010 primary. This has happened only three times in the history of the LPO, the last time being about 10 years ago. In fact, the LPO had three (3) contested primaries at the US Congressional level and each had a debate. Over 4,200 people requested a Libertarian ballot and are “members” of the LP, per the Ohio Revised Code. Note that Ohio has no other way to affiliate with a political party. There is a Senate bill in committee that would allow for mail-in registration and affiliation.

Going into the Fall elections, there will be 48 LP candidates on the ballot with “Libertarian” below their name. This includes the first full-slate of statewide candidates from a minor party, since 1934 (Communists). Candidates for statewide office include:

Governor, Ken Matesz; Lt Governor, Ann Leech; Secretary of State, Charlie Earl; Attorney General, Marc Feldman; Auditor, Mike Howard; and Treasurer, Matt Cantrell.

The LPO Central Committee met on May 15 to elect officers and also the LPO Executive Committee. The Central Committee’s of state parties are elected via the primary, with some being voted into the body after the primary. Elected chair of the Central Committee was Luke McKellar. The LPO Executive Committee manages the day to day operations of the LPO. Those elected include: Chair, Kevin Knedler; Vice-Chair, Michael Johnston; Treasurer, Ann Leech; Secretary, Jacob Dawson; and 3 at-large members: Scott McClure, Matt Cantrell, and Joe Kolby. All have two year terms.

First order of business is to have a strategy planning meeting. Selected members of each of the 5 Divisions with the LPO will meet to create an overall strategy and also one for their respective divisions. 9 people will have their first meeting on June 6.

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

KENTUCKY Chair: **Ken Moullman**

Kentucky is going pretty well, despite the Rand effect. People are figuring out that Rand is more conservative than his father and slowly making their way back into our ranks. While number of candidates is less than hoped, the quality of the candidates is high.

Have a number of party-based initiatives going in local areas and one or two statewide. Can't give details as I don't want to show our hand - yet.

Region Four Report

Stewart Flood

Region 4 Report LNC Meeting, pre-convention St Louis Mo

During the 2010 campaign season the focus of the national party should be on the races where we stand the best chance of effecting the outcome of the election – and possibly even winning the seat.

While I certainly believe that we should try to support all of our candidates to the best of our ability, we need to pay special attention to those candidates who are in these key races.

One of these races is clearly the selection of the Governor of Georgia. John Monds, who already set a precedent of a vote total in excess of one million in his 2008 race for the public service commission, is the Georgia Libertarian Party's nominee for Governor. John has been campaigning for this seat since he first announced his candidacy in 2009. His campaign staff consists of dedicated Georgia LP members who have already built the structure needed to run an effective campaign. Obviously they need money – lots of it. While the national party cannot directly contribute to a state race, we should certainly be promoting John Monds as much as possible to our members and activists around the country who can help him financially.

Georgia has a number of other candidates running for office, as do North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. Texas has, as you are already aware, been growing at a pace that far exceeds most other states. Their hard work is paying off in contributions that have reached a level that now allows them to expand their operational infrastructure. This will, of course, make it easier to run more candidates, which should then bring in more funding to grow even faster. The party deserves recognition for the success that they are experiencing.

When Bob Barr and I attended the 2007 Mississippi state convention, the number of people in attendance was less than a dozen. The number of convention attendees this year was close to fifty and I believe that their slate of candidates was larger than the entire convention was three years ago. Their party is energized and growing. Another success story.

North Carolina retained ballot access in 2008. That's certainly not new news, but we need to keep reminding ourselves of how much that hard work will be paying off over the next few election cycles as they focus on campaigns instead of petitions.

While all of the states in our region continue to fight to gain or retain ballot access, and all the state parties consist of dedicated activists who frequently work long hours to achieve

little ground – or hold what they have – I wanted to point out the states in the region that have begun to experience well deserved success.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving on the LNC as my region's representative during the past two years. If re-elected, I will be honored to serve a second term on the board. I look forward to a more congenial and productive term, with a board that is motivated by the successes not just in region 4, but throughout the party.

Respectfully, Stewart F Flood Jr Region 4 Representative

REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, May 20, 2010

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on Feb. 27-28, 2010. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in St. Louis should additional information become available.

I am pleased to note that since the LNC meeting in February, I have had several opportunities to represent the LP in various ways. For example, I addressed a meeting of the "Youth in Government" organization at Spotswood High School (McGaheysville, Virginia) on April 14, and appeared as a guest on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville) on May 13 to discuss the Libertarian Party's view on various current issues.

Delaware

Jim Rash (DELibertarian@gmail.com), Libertarian Party of Delaware chairman, reports that the LPD convention in Dover on March 6 was a great success. The guest speaker was Brett McCrea of the 16 Mile Brewing Company, who discussed his experiences doing business in Delaware. The LPD nominated four candidates for the House of Representatives in the Delaware General Assembly: Scott Gesty (7th District), James Christina (12th District), George Barnet (15th District) and Will McVay (32nd District. In addition, Brent Wangen is the candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, and Jim Rash is the candidate for the U.S. Senate. (The LPD Executive Committee has the authority to nominate additional candidates if they come forward before the filing deadline.)

He noted that monthly LPD meetings take place in the three counties in Delaware. The New Castle County meeting is held on the third Sunday of the month in Wilmington. The Kent County meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month at Touchdown Restaurant in Dover. The Sussex County meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month in Milton

District of Columbia

The LPDC held a convention on April 15 to elect officers of the organization, and to elect delegates to the 2010 national convention. 12 people attended the convention. The following people were elected to serve as officers: Kyle Hartz (chairman), John LaBeaume (vice-chair), Christin Jessup (secretary), and Dick Heller (treasurer).

Maryland

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

The current membership of the Maryland Libertarian Party is 80.

The MDLP held its annual spring convention on Saturday, 13 March, at Squires Italian Restaurant in Dundalk, MD. Speakers included LP Executive Director Wes Benedict, "Citizens In Charge" President Paul Jacobs, Daniel McAndrew of "Maryland Constitutional Convention 2010", and Radley Balko of "theagitator.com" and Reason Magazine.

Currently the MDLP has nominated 3 candidates for the US House Of Representatives: Dr. Richard Davis (1st), Lorenzo Gaztanaga (2nd), and Jerry McKinley (3rd).

The MDLP has a candidate for Governor, Susan Gaztanaga, and Lieutenant Governor, Doug McNeil.

There are 3 candidates currently nominated for the state House Of Delegates: Justin Kinsey (5b), Brandon Brooks (11), and Arvin Vohra (15).

This upcoming Saturday, 15 May, there will be a special MDLP Central Committee meeting for nominating more candidates, including 3 for the US House, in the 5th, 7th, and 8th congressional districts, and at least 1 person for the state House Of Delegates.

My goal is to run a full slate of candidates for the US House, as we did in 2008. We have until the first week in July to nominate candidates and get them onto the ballot.

We most likely will not run anyone for the US Senate race.

You can see the current MDLP candidates here:

<http://www.md.lp.org/candidates/>

Bob Johnston

Chairman

MDLP

(Note: I had the honor of participating in the MDLP convention on March 13. Allow me to offer my thanks and congratulations to Mr. Johnston and his colleagues for a fine convention.)

Pennsylvania

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

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania is currently conducting the signature drive to get our candidates on the November ballot. It appears as of now we will be contesting the two statewide races for Governor and US Senate, Congressional races in districts 3,5,7, 8, 12 and 18, Pennsylvania Senate districts 14 and 46, and Pennsylvania Representative districts 35, 38, 63, 64, 85, 119, and 120. That count may change if additional candidates come forward. In addition, we have candidates on the ballot for special elections in Congressional District 12, and Pennsylvania Representative District 20 to be held in conjunction with the primary election on May 18.

We are pleased that Mr. Lark and Mr. Redpath will be coming to help us collect signatures on Primary Day, May 18, 2010. We hope to knock out a big chunk of our required 19,082 signatures to get our statewide candidates on the ballot on that day. We are also working on getting companion legislation introduced in the Pennsylvania

House to match Senate Bill 252, which would modify the Pennsylvania Election Code to eliminate our unfair hurdle to gain ballot access in general elections for our nominees. Their presence will help to draw attention to that effort and the current inequality in the code as well as helping with the signature collection.

To facilitate getting signatures for our candidates, the LPPA has decided to match the funds expended by candidates needing over 1,000 signatures to get on the ballot for using paid petitioners up to \$1,000. The candidates would be choosing who to use to gather signatures, and the LPPA would simply help with the expense. We look to submit our signatures by the end of July, ahead of the August 2 deadline.

The LPPA Board of Directors has also resolved to request the LNC consider nominating Presidential candidates in the regular convention earlier to allow for states with significant signature requirements to use the LP nominee rather than use a proxy name on petitions and then have to substitute the nominee (from the Board):

In an effort to improve the effectiveness and impact of our Libertarian Presidential Candidates the LPPA is requesting the LNC to adopt a policy of nominating the Presidential candidate in the year preceding the General Election.

This proposal would greatly improve the marketing impact of our candidates by giving them more time to run a professional and organized campaign.

Our ability to get on state ballots would also improve by maximizing the time available to collect signatures. Under the current process we accentuate the perception of a spoiler candidate by getting in to the race late in the game and many signature collection efforts are forced to use placeholders which also alienates us with the general public.

The LPPA feels ample time has been given to pursue legal hardship challenges to certain states ballot access laws and that those legal efforts should continue regardless of this change in policy.

Selecting our Libertarian Presidential Candidate in the year prior to the General Election will be a great benefit to the entire organization and its members.

There was also a resolution developed for consideration of delegates in convention:

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party nominates its Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates in convention, and

WHEREAS there are states which require those nominees to collect a significant number of signatures in order to appear on the election ballot, and

WHEREAS the timing of those signature drives often begin before the nomination of Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates takes place, and

WHEREAS the legal challenges to modify these state laws resulting from the timing of the nominations have not been successful in eliminating this barrier to ballot access, and

WHEREAS the delayed nomination of Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates places an additional burden for ballot access in states which require additional steps to be taken to substitute candidates,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Libertarian Party hold its regular convention in which Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates are nominated no later than January 1 of a Presidential Election Year in accordance with Article 11 Section 1 of the Bylaws.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. "Mik" Robertson

Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

(Note: I had the honor of participating in the LPPA convention in Harrisburg on March 27. Allow me to offer my thanks and congratulations to Mr. Robertson and his colleagues for a fine convention. In addition, Bill Redpath and I had the honor of assisting the Northeast Pennsylvania Libertarian Party in their outreach and petitioning efforts in the Wilkes-Barre area on May 17-18. Allow me to thank Lou Jasikoff and his

NEPALibertarians colleagues for their great work and tremendous hospitality during our visit to the area.)

Virginia

I offer the following report on behalf of LPVa chairman Bill Wood (wnw3@yahoo.com):

The LPVA held its 2010 State Convention in Falls Church on March 6. Speakers included Michael Tanner (senior fellow and health care policy expert at the Cato Institute) and Paul Jacob (president of Citizens in Charge). Bill Wood, Jim Lark, Marc Montoni, and James Curtis were elected chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. During the convention, the attendees passed the following resolution authored by Mr. Curtis:

Whereas the Libertarian Party decided to end the Unified Membership Program, and

Whereas, subsequent to this decision, the Libertarian Party of Virginia has implemented separate and additional definitions of who is a member of the State party, and,

Whereas, subsequent to this decision, the Libertarian Party of Virginia has implemented separate and additional dues to be recognized as a Member of the State party,

Recognizing other state parties have experienced similar difficulties,

We Resolve that the Libertarian Party of Virginia encourages the Libertarian Party to reinstate the Unified Membership Program with dues set at \$40, of which \$25 will be retained by the Libertarian Party and \$15 will be remitted to the state or District party, where one exists, in equal monthly or quarterly payments.

Furthermore, we direct James Lark, in his capacity as Region 5-South representative, to advise the Libertarian National Committee of this resolution and whoever serves as Chair of the Virginia delegation at the Libertarian national convention to introduce a similar motion at the convention.

At this time, we have the following congressional candidates: Jim Quigley in the Third District (which contains part of Richmond), Stuart Bain in the Sixth District (which contains Roanoke, Salem, Lynchburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Harrisonburg), Matt Mosley in the Eighth District (various suburbs of Washington, D.C.), Bill Redpath in the Tenth District (which stretches from the DC suburbs to Winchester), David Dodson in the Eleventh District (various DC suburbs). If all qualify for the ballot, it will be a record number of congressional candidates for the LPVA. In addition, Ben Vanderjadt is running for the Winchester City Council.

We continue to see increased levels of activity in the DC suburbs, the Tidewater area (Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake), and central Virginia (both Charlottesville and Lynchburg). In the Charlottesville area, Jefferson Area Libertarians treasurer James Curtis and secretary Jim Lark are guests on the second Thursday of each month on the "Schilling Show," a popular news/talk show on WINA radio in Charlottesville.

West Virginia

Tad Britch (tad@lpwv.org) provided the following information (which I have edited for formatting purposes):

The LPWV held a successful bi-annual meeting on April 17 in Clarksburg. We would like to thank Dr. Jim Lark for taking the time to appear at our meeting. Dr. Lark once again provided valuable guidance and assistance to the party.

Those in attendance elected the following officers and members to the executive committee: Congratulations to the following individuals on their election:

- Tad Britch - Chair, Treasurer
- Karl Swisher - Vice-chair, at-large executive committee
- Tom Thacker - Secretary, at-large executive committee
- Alan Westfall - at-large executive committee

(Note: As mentioned above, I had the honor of participating in the LPWV convention on April 17. Allow me to offer my thanks and congratulations to Mr. Britch and his colleagues for a fine event.)

Region 6 Report

Illinois

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS LNC REPORT

On March 22, 2010, the Libertarian Party of Illinois (“LP Illinois”) commenced its petition drive to get our state-wide slate of candidates on the ballot for this fall’s election. As of this writing we have had 65 volunteers circulate petitions and have obtained 20,627 signatures. Our goal is to get 50,000 signatures, which is twice the minimum number required in Illinois. LP Illinois members will be assembling the petitions in Springfield on Sunday, June 20th and will present them to the State Board of Elections the following day. We will wrap up our efforts with a press conference in the state capitol press room at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21st.

In addition to our state wide candidates, Doug Marks is running in the 14th U.S. Congressional district (Speaker Hastert’s former seat) and needs an astounding 16,743 valid signatures. Marks campaign was recently mentioned in Ballot Access News. The article indicated that this is the most signatures ever needed to qualify for the U.S. House of Representatives. Steve Funk is running for State Representative in Illinois’ 18th district. He will need 2,561 valid signatures to be on the ballot.

Our candidates continue to work hard on their campaigns. All are increasing their presence by speaking to community groups, raising their profiles on the internet, making joint-appearances, greeting voters with petition in hand, etc. All are poised for the November election.

The Green for Governor of Illinois campaign started by pushing weekly press releases to all major newspapers, radio, and TV stations in the state. This has had success by getting Lex onto a few of the radio stations and letting others know that the campaign exists. The campaign is getting its name out to the media with this tool. Green has been contacted by MSNBC New York wanting quick contact information in case they want to interview Lex on short notice. The campaign believes that the media is waiting to see: (1) if the campaign will be on the ballot and (2) if ignoring the LP will be a liability for the press.

The Funk for State Representative campaign has been covered four times in The Daily Northwestern newspaper, including two front page articles. He has also received press coverage on The Evanston Now and Evanston Review websites.

The Fox for Comptroller campaign has received media coverage from the Crystal Lake newspaper for speaking at a Tea Party rally in April. She also appeared on Kenneth Johns’ Freedom Rings radio show in March, a gun show in Belleville and has had letters to the editor published in four newspapers.

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LP Illinois has been selected to host a booth as this years' Illinois State Fair in Springfield. The fair runs from August 13th to August 22nd. Our candidates will be there to greet voters and answer questions about their campaigns. In addition, the booth will be staffed by LP Illinois members who will be distributing literature as well as administering the "Worlds Smallest Political Quiz" to fair attendees. This will be a great opportunity to promote our candidates and spread the word of liberty!

LP Illinois will hold its annual convention the weekend of September 10-12. This year's theme is: "The Libertarian Revolution, Our Time is Now." The convention will be held at the Hilton Gardens in Springfield. Featured speakers include Sharon Presley, Sheriff Mack and David Nolan. There will be a Friday evening meet and greet and a Saturday breakfast event with the candidates.

We continue to grow as a state party. LP Illinois currently has 1,609 members and 12 active local chapters.

Iowa:

The Libertarian Party of Iowa has the following candidates running for office this year:

Eric Cooper, Ames, nominee for Iowa Governor, website: www.coopersmallergovernment.com

Nick Weltha, Des Moines, nominee for Iowa Lt. Governor, website: www.coopersmallergovernment.com

Jake Porter, Des Moines, Secretary of State, website:

www.jakeporter.org

John Heiderscheit, Bettendorf, nominee for U.S. Senate

Gary Sicard, Robins, nominee for U.S. House District 2, website:

www.garysicard.org

Rob Petsche, Manchester, nominee for U.S. House District 1, website: petscheforsmallergovernment.com

Campbell DeSousa, Ames, nominee for Iowa Senate District 23

Tyler Pauly, Ames, nominee for Iowa House District 46

Karen Tegtmeyer, Johnston, nominee for Polk County Attorney

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This is the most candidates the LPIA has run since 2002. The Associated Press recently picked up a press release, regarding the state convention, which was covered by every major media organization within the state. Eric Cooper gave a speech at the lowans For Tax Relief Forum along with most of the other candidates for Governor and received a standing ovation and Eric had an long opinion piece written about his campaign in the Des Moines Register.

North Dakota

Dear LPND members and friends:

Attached is the listing of candidates for the June 8, 2010 primary election in North Dakota. This list is historic in that the LPND has never had so many candidates on the ballot! Now we need your help. First, no matter what district you live in, you can vote for the following Libertarian candidates: US Senate, ND Tax Commissioner and a write-in candidate for the Secretary of State. There is also a candidate for Grand Forks County Sherriff – Roland Riemers.

The most critical candidate as far as the 2012 elections is concerned is the Secretary of State Candidate: Joshua Voytek. Joshua has to get enough signatures in the June 8th primary to get on the ballot in November of 2010. Once on the ballot in November 2010 he need to get at least 5% of the votes. If he does that we will retain our major party status for the 2012 election cycle. Major party status is a monstrous advantage when it comes to getting candidates on the ballot. Instead of getting 100's or 1000's of signatures, depending on office, the candidate has to get some forms filled out and signed by the state chair or the district chair. In many cases, the candidate would also serve as the district chair. That is what we did this year for the district level candidates.

Update on the major party status we currently have:

Groups from outside the state specialize in ballot access for the freedom loving 3rd parties. They approached the LPND to give it another try in 2010 and they collected tens of thousands of dollars from outside of ND and funded the petition drive to establish a political party in ND. They collected over 8000 signatures and on April 12, 2010 Secretary of State, Alvin Jaeger, certified the signatures and we will be included on the 2010 ballot under the Libertarian Party column. This has only happened one other time, I believe, when Bob Barr was the LP Presidential Candidate in 2008. Since we did not run any other candidates and Mr. Barr did not get 5% of the votes, we lost major party status.

Back to our Secretary of State Candidate, Joshua Voytek. Go to your polling place on June 8th and vote for the LPND candidates on your ballot. The be sure to write in Joshua Voytek as the Secretary of State Candidate. Have all your friends and neighbors do it also. There is so much frustration with the current political regime, both the R's and the D's, that we have a great chance of picking up that vote in November and then retaining major party status.

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If we retain major party status, it is very likely many closet libertarians will become active and we may grow substantially as a political force. Our focus should be on a smaller, limited, constitutional government and lower taxes. Don't say just "limited". Say "limited constitutional government". That way people know what we are talking about.

Also, I'm focusing on the primary election right now and not on fund raising. If you do have any extra money or time to spend, please print up some small cards with the candidate list for your district and past them out to all your friends and associates and strangers alike. Remember to always focus on the Secretary of State Candidate as a write in.

All the best to you,

Richard Ames

LPND Chair

REGION 7 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, May 28, 2010

Submitted by: Rachel Hawkrige

Region 7 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report provides information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 7 since my last report.

Florida

LP Florida has 11 declared candidates this year, and they had a good time making an incredible showing in the Tea Party Straw Poll. <http://tinyurl.com/LPFCand>

Governor:	John Wayne Smith
Lt. Governor:	J. J. McCurry
US Senate:	Alexander Snitker
US Congress District 12:	Thomas Snider
State House Seat 33:	Ellen Paul
State House Seat 33:	Franklin Perez
State House Seat 42:	Jeff Shoobridge
State House Seat 51:	Joe Haynes
Palm Beach County Commission:	Karl Dickey
Bay County Commission:	Geoff Scott
Bay County Commission:	Justin Guthrie

Alexander Snitker has achieved ballot access. We have a Libertarian in the Senate race! He becomes the **first** Libertarian to qualify for the ballot in the state's history. My sources tell me that he has campaign staff of 200. **Great job, all!** He is, in some circles, expected to split the conservative vote (good on ya, Alex!), and in others, to be more acceptable than Rubio.

Hawai'i

Libertarian Party of Hawai'i is still producing a newsletter, and having members participate in protests and Tea Parties. They have a delegate registered for this weekend. That delegate, Dave Hudson, was also at Denver in 2008. Mr. Hudson shows a great deal of dedication to travel all this way.

Appendix I. Rachel Hawkridge, Region 7 Report, St. Louis, MO, May 28, 2010

Chair Ken Schoolland is now the acting president of ISIL, and is leading the effort to find Vince Miller's successor.

Idaho

Idaho has a full delegation again this year! I think that's quite an accomplishment for a small state. They continue to have a good turnout, and great discussions at their Philosophical Brunch.

LPID's convention is scheduled for 26 June. I expect to attend.

Oregon

Gene and I attended the convention on March 13, where an entire new slate of officers was elected and installed. They also have an awesome set of candidates running . . .

- Fred Jabin – Oregon House 22
- Joe Tabor – TBA
- JT Barrie – Oregon House 16
- Lars Hedbor – Oregon Senate 19
- Mark Vetanen – TBA
- Marty Soehrman – TBA
- Wes Wagner – Governor
- Marc Delphine – US Senate

If you're in the area, please come to <http://www.oregonfreedomfestival.com/> on JUNE 12th 2010 10am-8pm at the Oregon Fairgrounds in Salem.

The Real Washington™

LPWA held a convention on 24 & 25 April. Most of our officers are the same, as we work on a biannual schedule. We're gearing up for Hempfest again, and planning FIJA outreach, looking for candidates, and fighting the "Top Two" primary. Our plan to work with other third parties to back an independent candidate has fallen through – the candidate has ended his campaign, in the face of limited support, and having one of the main organizers endorse California's Prop. 14.

State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders, arguably the highest elected libertarian in the nation (in a non-partisan office), faces a difficult re-election campaign. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to go to <http://www.friendsofjustice.com>