Chairman’s Notes  First quarter 2019

Proud Libertarians of Colorado:

First of all, I would like to thank the delegates of our 2019 LPCO annual convention for placing their faith in me to lead this party. I consider it an honor, and a duty; one which I do not take lightly.

Second, I would sincerely like to thank the previous State Chairman, Mr. Wayne Harlos, for doing an excellent job during his tenure.

Most importantly, I’d like to welcome everyone who is reading this to join us on an incredible adventure over the next couple years. We are building our infrastructure, searching for candidates, and preparing to deliver victories for Libertarians throughout the state in 2020 and beyond. It is a daunting task, but achievable with your time, money, and support.

Liberty starts at home, and we are looking forward to bringing a winning campaign to a city near you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at statechair@lpcolorado.org.

We’ve had a great couple of years. The State Party has grown significantly through the efforts of our Outreach programs—thank you Kevin Gulbranson and Michele Poague—and the growth of the county Development groups and Affiliates—thank you Steve Gallant. We now have very strong affiliates in Douglas, Arapahoe, El Paso, Delta, and Boulder Counties, as well as active development groups in Denver, Jefferson, Otero, Pueblo and Mesa counties; and we have you to thank. I would encourage all to get involved with the group that is closest to you. It’s a lot of fun and you will meet a bunch of great people that are liberty loving or liberty curious.

The amount of inquiries LPCO is getting has increased tenfold recently and the activity level from people that want to get involved has increased considerably.

I feel that the efforts of the State Party are on the right track baby “cause we were born this way.”

In Liberty, Victoria Reynolds
State Chairman

Previous Chairman’s Remarks

We are starting a new year and a new opportunity. I wanted to take a minute and thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Chair for the last two years. It was a pleasure for me, and now it time to do new things.

My next project is to help Elbert County build an affiliate and help any other counties do the same. As you know, it’s always been my passion to grow the party through affiliate growth and I plan to continue that effort. My wife, Caryn Ann, and I are looking at the possibility of starting a PAC that will be geared towards issues advocacy on Libertarian causes.

Nothing gets accomplished without you. Please volunteer for the party today.

In Liberty, Wayne Harlos
Former State Chairman

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State of the State

During a strategic planning session held in June, the State Board identified goals for 2020:

- Identify and concentrate on winnable races.
- Support line holder and educational candidates.
- Have a full slate of Libertarian candidates for 2020.
- Hold several fun and profitable fundraising events.
- Publish items in the press several times a month.
- Mail a quarterly newsletter to donors of the party.

Planning is already in motion for the 2020 annual state convention; Focus on Liberty. The Chair and committee have been formed and are reviewing venue options. For more information or to volunteer contact Angela Plummer at fundraisingdirector@lpcolorado.org

Affiliate Updates

- **Arapahoe County LP** has a lot of exciting stuff going on. During the warm months we are going to be participating in the Adopt-a-road program, our first collection in July 20th. We have 2 candidates who have announced their runs for office. Eric Mulder will be running for RTD district F and Kat Martin will be running for county commissioner of Arapahoe County 5th district. Through the month of September, please join us for the Arapahappy Hour on the second Tuesday of each month to be held at 21079 E Mineral Dr, Aurora, CO 80016

- **Boulder County LP** is busy spreading liberty and acts of voluntarism with continued adoption of a stretch of highway in north Longmont and with a liberty garden that will feed the homeless.

- **Douglas County LP** has offered to assist Elbert County in becoming an affiliate with plans to meet with Elbert Libertarians to discuss. County Chair Wayne Harlos encourages all established affiliates to take their neighboring counties under their wing.

Update from Region 1

*What an exciting last couple of months it has been in the Libertarian Party!*

Recently many of states have been hosting various outreach booths, clean-up efforts, and, of course, state conventions. Most of the affiliates in our Region have completed their annual conventions and with that came new leadership and changes in several states.

With changes in leadership and as we transition into the latter half of the year in preparation of the 2020 Election Season, I urge all membership to strive to do what they can for the party in their own way. The Libertarian Party has had the success it has because our volunteers are everywhere and have a wide variety of skill sets, which can be applied to virtually any situation to the benefit of the party. We are a strong and growing group, and it is important to remember this after internal elections – regardless of your color of libertarianism – radical, moderate, constitutionalist, pain-in-the -buttarian, etc. – we all need to be united on a front of keeping the Libertarian message alive and doing everything we can to continue growing our movement.

With warmer temperatures come more activities outside and more outreach opportunities. Consider using #LPEverywhere or to share your photos and stories of Libertarian activism throughout your state.

As always, I was elected to be YOUR VOICE to the LNC so please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time and thank you for all you do to make your community more libertarian!

Richard T. Longstreth
Region 1 Representative
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The **Legislative** Committee will be forming in September and interested volunteers should contact Mike Stapleton at legislativedirector@lpcolorado.org. Items on the agenda include the National Popular Vote Compact ballot initiative and protecting the taxpayers’ bill of rights. We need to make sure that amendment CC—the last line of defense to protect Colorado from tax increases without consulting the voters—doesn’t pass.

**Membership** Director: LPCO currently has 45,386 members. Any Colorado voter who is registered as a Libertarian is automatically considered a member of the LPCO. Of those, we have 521 volunteers.

The **Outreach** Director’s seat is vacant. If you are interested in taking this valuable board seat, please contact Victoria Reynolds at statechair@lpcolorado.org. If you would like to help on a campaign or outreach event go to lpcolorado.org and click on the Get Involved button at the top of the page!

- **Garfield County LP** will be hosting an outreach event on Tuesday, July 23rd at Doc Holiday’s Saloon in Glenwood Springs to activate their Development Group.

- **Pueblo & Otero Counties LP** – Pueblo County development group held its first meeting in May at which Otero County expressed willingness to have a combined Pueblo and Otero County LP group. In July, the group hosted a speaker on the “Red Flag” gun control law, and in August, the group will feature a speaker on TABOR and the most recent effort to undermine it.

Is there an affiliate or development group in your area? Check the listing at lpcolorado.org/affiliates and then volunteer to start a development group or to help grow an existing group or affiliate!
Advocacy in Action

Members participated in the Rally for Your Rights event at the State Capital, and the Cinco de Mayo and Pride Festivals.

This summer and fall, LPCO will be at the Chili Festival in Pueblo and the Apple Festival in Cedaredge. We also hope to have a spot at the Wine Festival in Palisade.

Stay tuned and consider spending a day volunteering to help us spread the message of liberty at one of our upcoming advocacy or outreach events.

For more information and to volunteer visit lpcolorado.org/get-involved/events.

Take-Make a Seat Improving mass transit when government drops the ball.

By Eric Mulder

For people living in metropolitan areas, mass transit is often a crucial means of transportation. People flocking to the cities, instead of being driven away from them, results in a greater number of mass-transit users. This creates a stable means of transportation alleviating poverty through shorter commute times and improving access to local business.

It’s been no secret that Metro Colorado’s Regional Transportation District (RTD), has one of the highest fares in the country while also struggling to maintain ridership. It’s also no secret that when stops lack places for people to sit, riders will resort to whatever is available, even if it’s cinder blocks and planks. The average RTD bus shelter costs up to $10,000.

What can be done?

Cities all over the country have seen their communities rise up to provide their own solutions to a lack of bus benches. Rochester, New York has an organization that creates wooden bench “blocks” for riders to use. West Philadelphia has a youth program that engages in public projects such as designing benches for elderly riders. “Thanks” to the bureaucratic nightmare of the city’s approval process, only three have been installed. Cleveland Ohio has an organization that solicits sponsorship for the installation and construction of bright blue wooden benches, which can be furbished for as little as $30 in lumber.

Government has a long and storied history of frequently failing to address the needs of a community, and communities have quickly learned that we can achieve so much more by working with each other instead of waiting for government.

Eric Mulder is the Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

He is also a candidate for RTD’s District F. Follow his campaign at mulder4rtd.com.
I was asked by the Board to help with the convention and I am grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me. This would not have been possible without the assistance of Beatriz Sutton. It was a pleasure to serve to advance liberty with you all. Caryn Ann Harlos

We put on our platform shoes and other clothing abominations of the 1970s and kicked off both the convention and party fundraising with a Friday meet-and-greet and dance. Fundraising events continued throughout the entire weekend including auctions of items graciously donated by vendors and party members, a bid to wear the “Only True Libertarian” button (there can be only one!), and opportunities to throw alcohol-infused pies (the infusion included both the pies and the participants) at willing subjects.

About 50 Libertarians came together this Spring to take care of important party business, including the election of new officers and updates to the LPCO governing documents while even more joined us to listen to some amazing guest speakers. Our out-of-town guests were singularly impressed with the organization and enthusiasm level, but of course, this is the birthplace of the Party, we could do nothing less. If you were not able to attend, our new Fundraising Director Angela Plummer is planning already for 2020 to light your liberty fire with a “Focus on Liberty” going into the 2020 presidential election season.

The Race for Chairman and Vice Chairman - We had two contested races this year. Candidates for both the chairman and vice-chairman positions participated in community forums and moderated debates.

Presidential Panel Nomination hopefuls Adam Kokesh, Vermin Supreme, and Arvin Vohra graciously answered questions from our delegates about their campaign visions. New faces have entered the race for 2020 since that time. Below is recap of how this field presently looks (SOURCE: wikipedia.org/Presidential_Candidates_2020)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee The Delegates patiently worked their way through some 20 amendments, including an overhaul of the Board of Director duties and how the Party nominates candidates. The Committee thanks them for their diligence. One major change going forward is the segregation of Bylaws and Platform reform and the nomination of partisan office candidates. Bylaws and Platform reform will be considered on odd years here out. Note that some titles changed to reflect changes in duties previously passed in the Party bylaws. The Records Director is now the Secretary, and the Regions Director is now the Affiliate Development Director.

The 2018 Convention passed Constitution & Bylaws Proposal #16, which contained a Proviso that the 2020 Convention would hear only two proposals to combine the Constitution and Bylaws into one document and to codify the Convention Standing Rules into that combined document. Any other proposals will be addressed by the 2020-21 Committee. Mike Seebeck

Platform Committee Chair History was made for us when the changes proposed by this committee were passed in one vote (with the exception of the facetious “Conjoined Twins” plank put in to see who actually was reading the report). Thank you for the trust in this committee and all the work we have put into having a platform we can be proud of. Caryn Ann Harlos
2018-2019 LPCO Awards

Leadership Award 2018 Elected Officials
- David Black - Sheridan City Council
- Dylan Lewis - Silt City Council
- Beau Woodcock - Milliken Mayor

The Minuteman Awards
David Aitken, Roger Barris, Clayton Casciato, Lance Cayko, Darrell Dinges, Raymon Doane, Kyle Furey, Wayne Harlos, Caryn Ann Harlos, Sabrina Hornung, Chris Houtchens, John Keil, Gaylon Kent, Ross Klopf, Morell Madrid, Christopher Marston, Kat Martin, Marc Montoni, Eric Mulder, John Pickerill, Mike Quinlan, Jesse Raby, Victoria Reynolds, Joshua Robertson, Bennett Rutledge, Mike Seebeck, Ralph Shnelvar, Paul Smith, Michael Stapleton, Karin Steadman, Jay Stooksberry, Beatriz Sutton

Ptak Award Honorable Mentions:
David Aiken
Lance Cayko
Kevin Gulbranson
Ross Klopf
Marc Montoni
Michael Stapleton
Jay Stooksberry
Winner: Eric Mulder

Friend of Liberty Award
Frank Atwood
Natalie Menten
Lesley Hollywood

Thomas Paine Award Honorable Mentions:
Lance Cayko
Michael Lopez
Bonnie Hobart (Pyle)
Winner: Jay Stooksberry

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

2019 Lexington Award
Lifetime Achievement
Kathy Romack
Bennett Rutledge
Mike Seebeck

In Memoriam

“Ralph dedicated his life to the cause of liberty, never faltering in his dedication. I will be forever grateful for all that he did for the cause which I hold so dear. I remember working closely with him when I was the Chairman of LPCO. He invited us into his home and his heart to work to increase the membership and spread the word of liberty and freedom. In 2004, he was my press secretary for my successful campaign for trustee of Frederick, and his dedication was an inspiration to us all. I consider Ralph a hero of the liberty movement, and I will always remember him fondly. Rest In Peace my friend, may you have finally found the peace and freedom for which you strove to bring to the world.” — Joe Johnson, 02/14/19

Know Our History

PTAK Award
Activist of the Year

Back in the 1990s, activist Judd Ptak worked tirelessly at the state capitol lobbying to get the minor Political Party Bill passed. He couldn’t have done this without the help of other great activists like David Aiken, Doug Anderson, and David Bryant.

Men like these have pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to move public policy in a Libertarian direction.

What do the words “Sacred Honor” mean?

These are the last words of the Declaration of Independence. The word honor is singled out here. For the signers of the Declaration of Independence, their lives were not sacred nor were their fortunes. It was their honor, their word, their integrity they were pledging to each other.

Libertarians are not strangers to pledges.

Ralph Shnelvar 10/30/50-02/12/19
Chairman of the Boulder County Libertarian Party, Ralph Shnelvar devoted much of his time to growing and developing the liberty movement in his city, and his presence will be sorely missed.

Friends say good-bye to long-time activist Ralph Shnelvar.
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Call for 2020 Nominees:
LPCO Awards

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$50.00 / mo Grant Club
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$19.71 / wk Founders 1971 Club ($78.84 /mo)

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1776 Freedom Fighter $1776.00

Friends of Liberty Club: Receives your name in the newsletter, regular emailed newsletter, bumper sticker, and Libertarian materials to give away.
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$120.00 Hamilton Club: Everything in the Friends of Liberty Club, PLUS Newsletter mailed or emailed.
$213.12 1776 Club: Everything in the Hamilton Club, PLUS a Libertarian t-shirt.
$240.00 Jackson Club: Everything in the 1776 Club, PLUS 20% off any LPCO Libertarian event.
$500.00 Patriots Club: Everything in the Jackson Club, PLUS 50% off any LPCO Libertarian event.
$600.00 Grant Club: Everything in the Patriots Club, PLUS two specially selected Libertarian books.
$1000.00 Franklin / Founders Club: Everything in the Grant Club, PLUS a monthly conference call with other high level donors and/or the LPCO state chair.
$1776.00 1776 Freedom Fighters: Everything in the Franklin Club, PLUS TWO free tickets to the annual fundraising Gala.

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Membership Activities Form: The Libertarian Party is a grassroots political organization. Most of the day-to-day work of our party and our campaigns is done by tens of thousands of volunteers working at the state and local level. We appreciate your willingness to pitch in and help build a new political majority in America. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

Event locations and times are subject to change. Visit lpcolorado.org regularly to confirm dates, times and locations.

Arapahoe County LP Meetings
Upcoming Arapahoe County LP Meetings, 8/13/19 and 9/10/19, (2nd Tuesday of the month) 21097 East Mineral Dr. Aurora, CO. 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Boulder County Libertarian Lunch
Every Thursday at Carelli’s Restaurant in Boulder, 30th & Baseline at 12:15

Delta County LP Meeting
First Saturday of every month at Needle Rock Brewing, 820 Highway 92 in Delta at 6:00 pm.

Denver Libertarian Meet Up
3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Dive Inn.

Douglas & Elbert County LP Meet-up
First Thursday of every month at Sawmill Grill, Elizabeth, CO at 6pm.

El Paso County LP Meeting
Third Thursday of the month from 6pm – 9pm at Fargo’s Pizza Company.

JEFFCO, The Jefferson County Meeting
Third Thursday of the month, 7PM at Old Capitol Grill.

Liberty Toastmasters
Usually held on the first Saturday of every month, 10:00 am, at the Independence Institute. Please use the North Entrance.

Mesa County LP Social
Usually held on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesdays, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Old Chicago Pizza and Tap Room.

Pueblo & Otero County Meet up
Held on the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm at The Senate Bar & Grill. 219 S. Grand Ave, Pueblo 81003

National Platform Committee 2020 SNAFU

Due to an error in procedure, the election of our party’s representative for the national platform committee is considered invalid.

As of this writing, a vacancy exists for this position. The state board is seeking applications for this national platform committee seat in accordance with current by-laws. If you are interested in being the representative or an alternate, follow this link and fill out the application:

https://form.jotform.com/91807156180154

- Applicant must be a member of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.
- Applications are due by midnight, July 31, 2019.
- These applications will be posted to the LPCO website.
- Members are encouraged to contact the board (board@lpcolorado.org) with any thoughts or recommendations.