

# The Libertarian Penn

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## LPPA MAKES HISTORY!

### 125 Libertarian Election Victories and Counting



#### Fellow Libertarians,

We have had an incredible election cycle with a lot to celebrate. We surpassed our goal and won 125 elections on November 2nd. Write in results are starting to trickle in, so we expect that number to increase. I would like to highlight some of our notable wins:

Michael Owen mounted a write in campaign and won a seat on Athens School Board against the incumbent who was on the ballot.

Jaimee Alsing won a seat on Sayre Area School Board against a Republican in a red county.

Benjamin Seevers came in first place in a three way race against two Republicans for North Apollo Borough Council.

Susquehanna Valley secured countywide minor party status through 2023, with Alison Smeltz breaking previous vote total records for her county. In addition, they turned one of their election wards gold, with a full slate of Libertarians elected to office.

Our current affiliate leader is York County, with 14 confirmed wins.

Several of our candidates won reelection. In municipalities where Libertarians were already serving in office, we are now seeing additional wins to increase our party's influence. Many of our contested

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### Jake Towne Not Guilty

A three-year legal battle over the state's suppression of minor parties ended late November. Jake Towne was found not guilty on all counts, after having been falsely accused of forging signatures on his nomination papers. We all breathed a collective sigh of relief for the former Northampton Chair and elected auditor upon hearing this great news.

These battles against the state's suppression of our candidates not only is mentally taxing but financially as well. We ask that you please help contribute to Jake's legal fund if at all possible by visiting: [jaketowne.com/gifts/](http://jaketowne.com/gifts/)

On behalf of the entire Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, we

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# The Moulton Maneuver

The Moulton Maneuver is a coordinated push to recruit candidates for local elections where they can run unopposed and almost certainly win. This year we elected over 100 Libertarians to partisan office in Pennsylvania as a result. Pennsylvania has several advantages which make this possible: 1) voter registration by party, 2) all elected positions are partisan, 3) local/county in odd years, state/federal in even years, and 4) Libertarians nominate after Republicans and Democrats.

Registration by party gives us a mailing list of over 45,000 voters who identify as Libertarian. Many states have non-partisan offices at the lower level. In contrast, Pennsylvania partisan offices include all municipal positions (mayor, borough council, township supervisor, auditor, constable, tax collector, etc.) and even precinct positions (judge of elections and inspector of elections, who run a polling place for voters). Many states have to choose whether to devote their energies to winnable local races or unwinnable (but useful for media) legislative and statewide races. We get to focus on winning elections in odd years and focus on spreading the libertarian message in even years.

Pennsylvania has three types of political groups: major party (15% of registered voters), minor parties (2% of top vote getter the previous statewide election), and political bodies (neither). Major parties nominate by primary in May with a 6-week petitioning period (Febru-



ary and March). Minor parties and political bodies nominate by convention/caucus with a 6-month petitioning period ending August 1. Even if no candidate petitions onto the primary ballot, a write-in winner from the primary can still make the general election ballot. It can take 2-3 weeks to post full primary results. That still leaves almost two months when we know open positions, yet can still nominate our candidates.

This type of mass recruitment effort requires a lot of organization. I pored over the primary election results in 65 counties (2 counties did not post results online) comparing the list of winners for each office with the list of positions up for election that year, noting where no one was running. After I compiled the list of open positions, Art DiBianca merged that list with our registered voter database, adding fields for the opportunities. Wes Benedict mail merged our list of leads with a brilliant sales pitch that basically boiled down to “If you run, you win. This is

not a joke.” Executive director Kevin Gaughen (who had previously fund-raised over \$10,000 for this project) contracted with a mail house to print, stuff, and mail out our letter.

Then the calls and emails started pouring in from people excited about running for office. Wes Benedict, state chair Jenn Moore, and I handled these inquiries: explaining responsibilities of the positions, walking them through the petitioning process, giving them forms they needed to file, putting their info in a spreadsheet, and informing county parties to facilitate nominations. Wes in particular was spending 18 hours a day on this project for about a month. The election committee calculated petition requirements for each office (2% of the top voter getter the last election) – as low as 10 signatures, as high as hundreds. Wes Benedict emailed candidates form PDFs pre-filled with their information (petitions, candidate affidavits, and statements of financial interest). Jenn Moore made sure counties filed their lists of nominated candidates with county boards of elections. It was especially important to have active county parties help candidates with the paperwork, petitioning, and nomination process.

Although it is theoretically possible for a write-in from the major parties to beat our candidates on the ballot, in practice we found 95% of our candidates would win. Even when we couldn’t get a candidate on the ballot, we still encouraged write-in campaigns: both through a mailer out to the higher-level open offices (mayor, borough council, township supervisor, school board) and by emailing all of our inquiries from the big mailer who had not made the ballot (auditor, constable, etc.).

In 2019 we sent 3,692 letters (12/67 counties) to get on the bal-

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lot and 2,875 letters (32/67 counties) for write-ins, which netted 39 elected Libertarians (25 on the ballot and 14 write-ins, drawn from 137 ballot responses and 49 write-in responses). In 2021 we sent 15,838 letters (64/67 counties) to get on the ballot and 1,490 letters for write-ins (higher offices), which netted 113 uncontested candidates on the ballot (drawn from 511 responses) and 126 wins so far. Write-in votes are still being counted in many counties, so we expect another 25-50 wins.

We plan to repeat the Moulton maneuver every 2 years in Pennsylvania and are actively seeking other states with similar opportunities (especially Libertarian deadlines after the major party deadlines). Thank you to all of the candidates who stepped up to run and to all the volunteers and donors who made this possible. 🗳

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**Jake Towne**

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thank Jake for his dedication, service, and sacrifice for this party.

-Editor

The following is a statement that Jake submitted for us to share with our members:

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I was maliciously targeted for my efforts to combat government corruption. This was a politically-motivated attack by both the Democrats and Republicans against the free speech of third parties. The state GOP Executive Director, and local Republicans began a “fishing expedition,” hoping to find me guilty of something. Attorney General Joshua Shapiro, a Democrat, enabled the GOP to escalate a single sheet of bad signatures into a Grand Jury investigation.

I believe three of my own lawyers were working against my best interests. Collectively, they used fear tactics to try to influence my decisions, failed to disclose conflicts of interest, and provided incorrect information about my legal rights. But by far the most glaring acts of malice were those who attempted to destroy my marriage by making false allegations about my wife, Jane Horvath, and urged me to take their unsolicited advice regarding matters unrelated to my case, while advising me to take a plea deal knowing I had not committed a crime. If not for Jane’s enduring support, I would have collapsed under the pressure. Jane did the legal precedent research and fought for me because she knew admitting guilt and being portrayed as a fraud in the public eye would destroy me.

Over the past 3 years, I incurred debts totaling over \$50,000 to defend my reputation. I was subjected to a 16-month grand jury in-



vestigation and was under arrest for 2 years. Politicians and lawyers arbitrarily interpreted vague laws as a way to manufacture criminal charges. When it became glaringly obvious that there was no basis for this case, instead of backing down the AG scrambled to justify their allegations. They submitted a supplemental brief containing misleading information which compelled Judge Dally to proceed to trial.

The AG repeatedly urged me to plead “no contest” to lesser crimes, although I hadn’t committed any. Unscrupulous former attorneys encouraged me to take the “sweet” plea deals. Fortunately, I found an ethical lawyer, Eric Winter, who did an excellent job defending me.

What made me an easy target was my level 1 autism, something I was unaware of my whole life until I finally obtained and accepted a diagnosis last year. Last week I filed a bar complaint against my first attorney on this case, Jeremy Clark, Easton’s City Solicitor, and plan to cooperate with the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court for justice.

Besides Jane, I would like to thank my friends, and the members and leadership of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania for their support. 🗳

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# Executive Director Report



Executive Director Gaughen was one of the many Moulton Maneuver candidates in 2021.

For my Q4 report, I'll be presenting a case study on why it's important for the Libertarian Party to regularly advertise to registered Libertarian voters.

You may recall that there were three constitutional amendment referenda on the ballot back in May. The first two proposed amendments were in response to Governor Wolf's horrific abuses of power during the coronavirus pandemic, and they were designed to limit the governor's power. The third proposed amendment would limit the government's ability to discriminate based on race. All three of the proposed amendments were 100% in line with our party's platform and principles, so our Board decided to make our official stance "yes" on all three proposed amendments.


The Powers that Be cleverly scheduled these questions to appear on a ballot during a primary election, when Libertarians, independents, and other minor-party voters typically cannot vote and therefore don't bother coming to the polls. In fact, most non-major-party voters don't even know that they are able to vote on questions placed on a primary ballot. Sneaking questions onto primary, rather than general election, ballots has been done before in Pennsylvania. I hesitate to ascribe motives to people I don't know, but it's seemingly a tactic designed to keep anyone who isn't Democrat or Republican from voting on referenda.

The last major constitutional amendment proposal appeared on the ballot during the primary election in 2016. It concerned the mandatory retirement age of judges. There were a number of lawsuits about that, which forced the legislature to reschedule the question for the following general election. When people finally did vote, the results were interesting. The proposed amendment narrowly passed, 51.09% to 48.91%. Despite the fact that nearly 5 million votes were cast, the deciding margin was only about 109,000 votes.


In short, we know how evenly divided Pennsylvanian elections can be, and we knew the 2021 proposed constitutional amendments vote would be just as close as, and even more contentious than, the 2016 referendum.

Earlier this year, the LPPA Board allocated \$5,000 to send mailers to registered Libertarian voters to in-

URGENT NOTICE: UPCOMING ELECTION



YES, YOU \*CAN\* VOTE ON MAY 18!

 Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania  
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There will be three proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution on the ballot during the primary election scheduled for May 18, 2021. The first two amendments seek to limit the governor's emergency declaration powers that were so horrendously abused during the Coronavirus pandemic, and the third would prohibit Pennsylvania's government from discriminating on the basis of race or ethnicity.

**We encourage Libertarians to vote YES on all three amendments.**


While it is true that Libertarians cannot vote for Republican or Democratic candidates during a primary election, ballot questions are another matter entirely. Any registered voter in Pennsylvania, including Libertarians and independents, may vote on proposed constitutional amendments - even when they're placed on the ballot during a primary.

Given the extreme importance of these proposed amendments, we suggest that no one miss this election. Polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM on May 18. Voting by mail is also an option.


If you would like to help us notify more voters, please donate: [LPPA.ORG/donate](https://LPPA.ORG/donate)

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This was the front and back design of the postcard sent to voters to notify them of the upcoming constitutional amendment proposals.

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form them of the upcoming ballot questions. I donated another \$2,500 from my own funds toward the project. That total amount of \$7,500 allowed us to send postcards to 29,489 Libertarian voters.

Here were the results of the election: the first amendment passed 52.05% to 47.95%; the second, 51.97% to 48.03%; the third (which was favored by both Republicans and Democrats) passed 72.31% to 27.69%. The first two amendments passed by approximately 90,000 votes each. So, it was as close as we expected it to be.

But did our postcards affect the outcome?

Before the primary, both major parties and their myriad associated PACs had heavily bombarded Republican and Democrat voters with advertising regarding the upcoming vote. However, they were largely ignoring Libertarians and other minor-party voters. As a result, the average major-party voter was substantially better informed about the constitutional amendments than his minor-party counterpart. Millions of dollars were being spent to advertise the matter to Republicans and Democrats, and our \$7,500 seemed paltry in comparison.

The inset chart shows the voter turnout for each of the political parties. There are hundreds of political parties in Pennsylvania so, for the sake of simplicity, I lumped independents and any political party with fewer than 1,000 registered voters into the “other” row. As you can see, the Republican turnout was the heaviest, percentage-wise, followed by the Democrats. But it’s interesting to note that the Libertarian Party had better participation than the Green party, and we also bested the “all others” category. This can be attributed to our advertising.

Political Party	Number of Registered Voters	Number who Voted in the 2021 Primary	Percentage who Voted
Republican	3,411,887	1,093,493	32.05%
Democrat	4,026,734	1,144,981	28.43%
Libertarian	44,986	6,280	13.96%
Green	9,892	1,101	11.13%
All Others	1,217,786	113,371	9.31%

Thank you to John Karr of the Philadelphia LP for helping with this data analysis.

Now, if you’re a numbers enthusiast like me, you’ll quickly notice that there were nearly 45,000 registered Libertarians at the time of the election but, as previously mentioned, we only sent 29,489 postcards. Since our budget was limited, I specifically targeted only the 29,489 Libertarians who had voted in the 2020 presidential election.

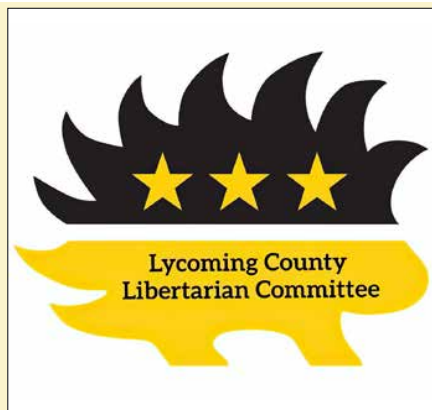
This is where it gets even more interesting. While no one knows *who* or *what* you vote for (ballots are secret), the state does keep track of each time you vote. That voter record is public information that can be purchased from the Department of State. So, it was easy to plug all of this data into a spreadsheet to see exactly which of the 29,489 voters I sent cards to had voted in the primary as a result. The answer: 18.96% of the people we mailed went out and voted. Compare that to the 9.31% of “others” to whom no one was advertising. *One small mailing costing us \$7,500 doubled the odds of a Libertarian voter voting.* In the marketing world, this is an exceptionally good result.

And then there’s the unknown knock-on effect. In my analysis, I assume a 1:1 ratio between postcards and votes, but it doesn’t work like that in the real world. It could very well be that each person who got one of our cards told *several* freedom-minded friends about the proposed amendments. In a very close election, any bit of advertising can be the deciding factor, and our mailing may have helped push these amendments over the victory line.

If you’ve watched TV recently, you’ll recognize the little green lizard selling car insurance. The ads aren’t particularly clever, but they stick in our brains because of their obnoxious repetition. Repetition works in advertising. Had we the sort of budget that the major parties have, we could have sent *multiple* reminders to Libertarians and we would have easily rivaled the 32.05% Republican turnout.

As we go forward, we need to remember that the Libertarian Party is small, but we are not weak or insignificant. As we saw in the 2020 presidential election, the small percentages of the vote that we earn often beat the margin between the two major party candidates. We can, and do, tip the scales in either direction. Libertarians decide the outcomes of elections for major parties a hundred times our size. Pound for pound, Libertarians are the most powerful voting bloc in the nation, and it’s important that we stay in touch. 🗳️

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**LYCOMING COUNTY** welcomes the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania State Convention, March 4, 5, and 6, 2022! We're working to make this a great convention, and are looking forward to welcoming our liberty minded friends to our fine, rural, county!

The convention promises to be a lot of fun. We've secured two venues, the Genetti Hotel, which will house the bulk of events, and right next door, the Community Arts Center, which will be the site of our business meeting. We're planning some exciting events for the convention in addition to the business meeting, and hope that word of the convention will attract new libertarians to the LPPA from across the north central region.

Those attendees who haven't visited the region before should find plenty to do in Lycoming County and Williamsport in addition to the convention itself. There are plenty of interesting places to eat within a five-minute walk of the convention hotel, and a number of things to see and do within a short drive. Some highlights, and facts about the region:

#### **Lycoming County-**

- The largest county in the state.
- Great natural beauty.
- Hiking, hunting, fishing.
- 45 minutes south of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

- A three hour drive or less from every part of the state.

#### **Jersey Shore -**

- On the western border of the county, Jersey Shore was home to the Fair Play Men, who composed and signed their own Declaration of Independence from the British on the very same day that Jefferson and the Continental Congress signed the one we're all familiar with.
- Our own Sally Combs is the newly elected Libertarian Mayor of this historic borough.
- Host of Perspectives on Freedom.

#### **Williamsport -**

- The highest number per capita of millionaires in the country, in the early 20th century.
- Lots of great Victorian architecture.
- Once a center of the music publishing, logging, and textile industries.
- Birthplace of Little League Baseball, and home to Little League International and the Little League World Series. The Little League Museum is open to the public.
- Our own Savanna Pick is a newly elected Libertarian council member of South Williamsport Borough!
- Home of The Pennsylvania College of Technology and Lycoming College.

#### **The Libertarian Committee of Lycoming County -**

- Newly formed in October 2020.
- Two elected Libertarian officials in its first year of existence.
- Very enthusiastic and active affiliate

#### **Looking for something to do?**

- Clyde Peeling's Reptiland is an American Zoo Association accredited zoo specializing in - you guessed it - reptiles!
- The Pennsylvania Grand Canyon offers excellent hiking and views. There are hiking trails all around the region, with some of the best vistas in the state, bar none.
- Ricketts Glen State Park - unrivaled waterfalls and hiking trails.
- Very close to downtown is the Break Room, owned by our very own Virginia Harriet.
- Downtown Williamsport is home to the Hatchet House, Williamsport Wine and Design, and Williamsport Escape Rooms.
- The Little League Museum is open to the public most days.
- Check out [www.visitlycoming-county.com](http://www.visitlycoming-county.com).

#### **The Convention -**

- The Genetti Hotel:
  - » 1926 hotel, formerly known as the Lycoming Hotel
  - » Over 100 fully renovated guest rooms
  - » Three large ballrooms, several smaller meeting rooms
- The Community Arts Center
  - » 1928 movie palace
  - » Seats 2150+
  - » Restored in 1994 for \$11M by largely private donations and the local foundation
  - » Fully up to date stage, lighting and sound systems
  - » 50+ live shows a year, including nationally known musical, comedy, and theatrical events

Tickets for the Convention are expected to go on sale in Decem-

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ber, and of course the business meeting is always free to attend. Hotel room packages will be available at that time, and there are ample hotel rooms in the area, most within walking distance, if you choose not to stay at the convention hotel.

Come on up and see what rural Pennsylvania has to offer you. History, recreation, natural beauty, food, and of course your friends in the Libertarian Party movement! We'll be waiting for you in March! 🗳️

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## Treasurer Resignation and Replacement

On July 17, 2021 treasurer Matt Baltzar resigned from the position he had held since the May 2021 convention and issued his final treasurer's report.

A regular LPPA Board of Directors meeting was already scheduled for later that day, during which the directors selected Mr. Baltzar's replacement.

Steve Scheetz of Bucks County nominated Nicole Schultz. Marc Bozzacco of Montgomery County nominated Rob Cowburn. Luke Ensor of Capital Area LP nominated Laura Hackenberg. Ms. Schultz and Ms. Hackenberg accepted their nominations, while Mr. Cowburn declined.

Both candidates spoke to their qualifications and answered a lengthy series of questions from the Board. After a vote was called, Nicole Schultz was elected Treasurer of the LPPA with a vote tally of 25 to 6.

Ms. Shultz can be reached at [treasurer@lppa.org](mailto:treasurer@lppa.org) 🗳️

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candidates came in with strong double digit numbers, proving that we are closing the gap.

We elected three mayors, as well as supervisors, council members, school board directors, constables, auditors, judges of elections and inspectors of elections.

I want to take a moment to address the candidates who did not win their elections. Over the past five years, I have learned many lessons and grown as an activist myself. As time goes on, I have begun to see a tapestry unfold and the connections from one year to the next. In places where candidates run, we have stronger counties. In the next election cycle, we see bigger gains. When our best new activists come in, they often cite a previous candidate as the person who first caught their interest and introduced them to our movement. Each and every candidate who did not win office this year should be proud of their contributions. You spread our message and pushed us a little closer to the next goalpost.

Pennsylvania is one of the most successful and active affiliates in the nation. Our state is now home to more elected Libertarians than the rest of the country combined, but this is only the beginning. A few years ago our team started down this path with a strategic vision. Our Executive Director, Kevin Gaughen, was hired in 2019. His work has allowed us to fund larger and larger projects. Through his recruitment efforts, along with the work of our campaigns and counties, our membership has grown exponentially. We have been able to make Dr. Moulton's election strategy a reality. Through the work of our Vice Chairs, almost monthly we welcome a new affiliates to the party or to the state board. Over the past few years we have hit or exceeded every goal we have set. Party status, positive growth, electoral wins. Looking forward, it is our goal to see our network of elected officials win bigger contested races. Moving Libertarians up to county seats, and eventually Harrisburg. It is attainable, and we are exactly where we are supposed to be for this stage of our growth. We have so much to be proud of. It is an absolute privilege to work with all of you.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, our members, our activists and candidates. Congratulations to our newly elected officials! 🗳️

Jenn Moore

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# Delegate Allocation Finalized for 2022 Libertarian National Convention

Every two years, the Libertarian National Party holds a National Convention. At these National Conventions, a lot of different party business is handled. Changes to the platform and bylaws are considered, Executive Committee and Judicial Committee officers are chosen, and (in presidential years)

candidates for president and vice-president are nominated.

The number of delegates that each state affiliate is entitled to is a process known as delegate allocation. Allocation is determined by a formula that

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## 2022 Libertarian National Convention Delegate Allocation

STATE	BSM #	Earned Delegates from BSM	2020 Vote Totals	Percentage of 2020 Presidential Vote	Earned Delegates from 2020 Votes	Total 2022 Delegates	Number of 2022 Alternates
Alabama	216	9	25,176	1.350	4	13	50
Alaska	72	3	8,897	0.477	2	5	50
Arizona	457	19	51,465	2.759	8	27	50
Arkansas	128	6	13,133	0.704	3	9	50
California	1810	74	187,895	10.071	29	103	103
Colorado	625	26	52,460	2.812	9	35	50
Connecticut	192	8	20,230	1.085	4	12	50
Delaware	71	3	5,000	0.268	1	4	50
District of Col.	29	2	2,036	0.110	1	3	50
Florida	940	39	70,324	3.770	11	50	50
Georgia	565	24	62,229	3.336	10	34	50
Hawaii	58	3	5,539	0.297	1	4	50
Idaho	123	6	16,404	0.880	3	9	50
Illinois	553	23	66,544	3.567	11	34	50
Indiana	541	23	59,232	3.175	10	33	50
Iowa	140	6	19,637	1.053	4	10	50
Kansas	189	8	30,574	1.639	5	13	50
Kentucky	215	9	26,234	1.407	5	14	50
Louisiana	183	8	21,645	1.161	4	12	50
Maine	104	5	14,152	0.759	3	8	50
Maryland	306	13	33,488	1.795	6	19	50
Massachusetts	281	12	47,013	2.520	8	20	50
Michigan	579	24	60,381	3.237	10	34	50
Minnesota	272	12	34,976	1.875	6	18	50
Mississippi	93	4	8,026	0.431	2	6	50
Missouri	310	13	41,205	2.209	7	20	50
Montana	80	4	15,252	0.818	3	7	50
Nebraska	114	5	20,283	1.088	4	9	50
Nevada	250	11	14,783	0.793	3	14	50
New Hampshire	224	10	13,236	0.710	3	13	50
New Jersey	374	16	31,677	1.698	5	21	50
New Mexico	153	7	12,585	0.675	2	9	50
New York	808	33	60,234	3.229	10	43	50
North Carolina	442	19	48,678	2.610	8	27	50
North Dakota	41	2	9,393	0.504	2	4	50
Ohio	686	28	67,569	3.622	11	39	50
Oklahoma	184	8	24,731	1.326	4	12	50
Oregon	203	9	41,582	2.229	7	16	50
Pennsylvania	860	36	79,380	4.255	13	49	50
Rhode Island	40	2	5,053	0.271	1	3	50
South Carolina	271	12	27,916	1.497	5	17	50
South Dakota	55	3	11,095	0.595	2	5	50
Tennessee	370	16	29,877	1.602	5	21	50
Texas	1301	54	126,243	6.767	20	74	74
Utah	167	7	38,447	2.061	6	13	50
Vermont	40	2	3,608	0.194	1	3	50
Virginia	690	29	64,761	3.472	10	39	50
Washington	546	23	80,500	4.315	13	36	50
West Virginia	94	4	10,687	0.573	2	6	50
Wisconsin	319	14	38,491	2.064	6	20	50
Wyoming	65	3	5,768	0.310	1	4	50
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17510</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,865,724</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>2627</b>



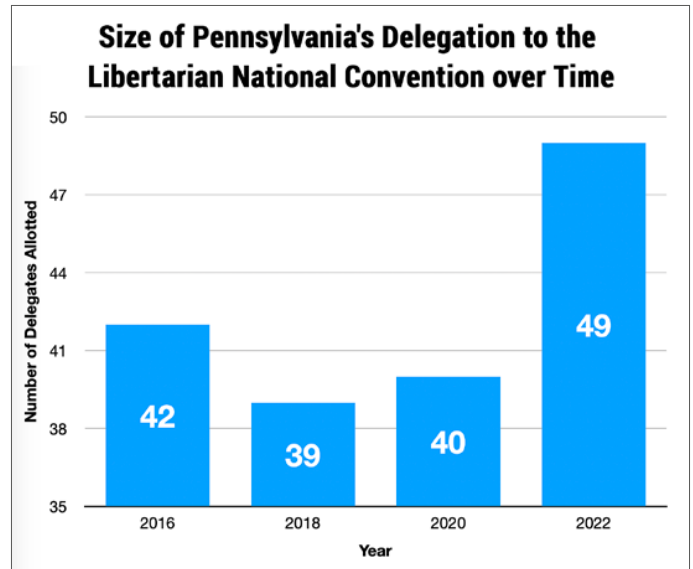
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takes into account each state affiliate’s number of base supporting members and its total vote tally for the Libertarian presidential candidate in the last presidential election. The National Party’s bylaws state that delegate allocation counts must be finalized six months before a National Convention. The allocation deadline this time was October 31, 2021. The Libertarian National Committee released the included chart showing delegate and alternate allocations for all 50 states for the 2022 National Convention.

Because of the rapid growth of state and national dues-paying membership in Pennsylvania, our delegate count has increased substantially over the last four years. Pennsylvania will be entitled to 49 delegates and 50 alternates at the National Convention. Pennsylvania will be the fourth-largest delegation, behind only California, Texas, and Florida.

Pennsylvania’s delegates to the National Convention will be chosen by the delegates at our upcoming State Convention in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Therefore, if you would like to be a delegate to the National Convention, it is highly suggested that you first attend the LPPA State Convention. Please note that being a dues-paying member of the LPPA, in good standing at



Our records only go back to 2016. If anyone has information about delegate allocations from National Conventions before 2016, please send it to the Newsletter Committee (newsletter@lppa.org)

the time of the National Convention, is a requirement to becoming a national delegate per our bylaws.

The next National Convention will be held from May 26th to the 29th, 2022, at the Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada. For ticketing, travel information, and more, please visit: [lnc2022.com](http://lnc2022.com)

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# Lifetime Memberships Awarded

**A**t the August 21, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to formally award Wes Benedict and Art DiBianca lifetime LPPA memberships.

Mr. Benedict and Mr. DiBianca have been instrumental in implementing the Moulton Maneuver, the strategy that has allowed the LPPA to elect more Libertarians to public office than all other states combined. They helped the LPPA win many elections in both 2019 and 2021.

The overall idea behind the Moulton Maneuver's is extremely simple: find uncontested offices and recruit Libertarians to run for them. However, the implementation of this strategy is enormously complicated and laborious. Finding out which offices are up for election, pairing those offices up with Libertarians who live in those districts, and then training those Libertarians on how to get ballot access, is no easy task.

Some of the reason for the difficulty is that there are 67 counties in Pennsylvania but no standardized process for counties to report which offices are up for election. Some counties make it very easy by listing the offices on a website. Other counties require us to travel to their courthouses in person to pay for a physical copy of primary election results. Also, the way in which the data is formatted and reported is not standardized, which means collecting it cannot be automated.

Another aspect of the Moulton Maneuver that is under-appreci-



Wes Benedict



Art DiBianca

ated is the work that goes into it. This year, the LPPA sent out nearly 20,000 letters to recruit candidates, which resulted in hundreds of potential candidates contacting our Elections Committee for more information. Mr. Benedict, Mr. DiBianca, and our other volunteers spent countless of hours talking to those potential candidates to explain to them the process for getting on the ballot and winning.

The third item that makes the Moulton Maneuver difficult to implement is the time constraint. There is a short window of time between when primary election results are reported (typically in June) and the ballot access deadline (typically the first week in August). In just eight short weeks, our Elections Committee must identify hundreds of available offices, send letters to tens of thousands of potential candi-

dates, then train hundreds of those candidates on ballot access laws.

As a result of the 2019 and 2021 Moulton Maneuvers, nearly 200 Libertarians are now serving in government across the Commonwealth. They sit on school boards, borough councils, township boards of supervisors, and hold many other offices at the municipal level. Approximately 200 Libertarians are now trained in how to get on the ballot and win an office, and may use this knowledge to win larger offices later.

Interestingly, Mr. Benedict and Mr. DiBianca both live in Texas. Some may remember that Mr. Benedict was the executive director for our national party for several years. The LPPA thanks them both for their hard work and their dedication to making Pennsylvania a more Libertarian place to live! ▼

## Newsletter Committee Up and Running

After several unsuccessful attempts to get a newsletter committee up and running over the past two years, the LPPA Newsletter Committee is finally fully staffed and operational. This edition of The Libertarian Penn is the first entirely produced by the new committee.

On October 1, the Newsletter Committee elected John Waldenberger to the position of Editor (Chair) and Tim McMaster to the position of Assistant Editor (Vice Chair).

For content submissions, or if you'd like to volunteer with the committee, please email [newsletter@lppa.org](mailto:newsletter@lppa.org) 📧

## Call for Content



**Would you like to be published in the next edition of this newsletter?**

Almost any content related to the party is welcome!

If you are on the Executive Committee, or if you chair any other committee, please consider writing a brief (250-500 words or so) report to let our members know what you've been working on. If you are running for office or seeking a nomination, please send us a short bio. If you are coordinating any volunteer efforts, or if you chair a county

or regional committee, please consider a write-up. We also publish op-eds if we have the space for them.

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The deadline for content submission and advertisements for the Q1 2022 newsletter is January 3, 2022 at 8 PM. This is a hard deadline. Please submit your content to: [newsletter@lppa.org](mailto:newsletter@lppa.org)

Please note that the editorial board of this newsletter has discretion to veto inappropriate or irrelevant content. 📧

## Is Congress Ready for a PA Libertarian?

Libertarians in Pennsylvania held an event in September that attempted to advance the discussion of the ideals of liberty in a new way. Entitled Perspective on Freedom, the two-day event brought together a wide range of moderators, not all libertarians, to lead group discussions of important topics that concern every community. The discussion subjects included gun control, education, health care, drug decriminalization, environmental problems, and other issues. Guests included Spike Cohen, Nicholas Sarwark, the Cajun Libertarian, and many others. Members of the community and other parties were also invited.



The driving force behind this event was Liz Terwilliger who intends to be the first Libertarian elected to Congress. Developing the Perspectives on Freedom event was intended to allow us to have open discussions about how our ideas can help provide solutions to important problems, as well as expose the community to Libertarian ideas.

## Is Congress Ready

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Held in North Central Pennsylvania (Jersey Shore, PA) this event is projected to be the first of an annual gathering meant to tackle difficult issues as well as generate interest in Libertarian ideals. This concept is central to Liz Terwilliger's run for Congress.

Liz is running a campaign that is unusual for Libertarians. For one thing, she has started her efforts long in advance of the 2022 election season, to build support. Her campaign staff worked tirelessly to create Perspective on Freedom as well as help generate campaign brochures, on-line content, and man tables at community events. The results have been impressive. Liz is constantly published in local media participating in volunteer efforts and has already raised far more funding than all of last year. Terwilliger expects to run against a weak GOP incumbent, with little or no opposition from Democrats (her district is heavily Republican).

Liz continues to build her campaign staff and is on the lookout for social media volunteers, graphic designers, and webmasters to help get her elected. If you would like to see a Pennsylvania Libertarian taking the Oath of Congressional Office next year please check out how you can help at <https://lizterwilligerforcongress.org/> ▼

**In Bucks County**, we have been very busy growing and spreading the message of liberty. This year, our business meetings have grown to a normal size of 15-20 libertarians, with our biggest meeting having 40 Libertarians. We have been working hard to extend our reach on social media with our Facebook engagement increasing significantly. We are trying to do more community outreach, for example we participated in a voter registration drive at the Bucks County Community College recruiting students. (Thank you to Steve Scheetz). Most importantly, we had 3 candidates on the ballot in Bucks County; Tim Main for Mayor of Bensalem Township, Kevin Smith for School Director in Morrisville Borough, and John Waldenberger Telford Borough Council. Although all our candidates ran great campaigns, congratulations to Kevin Smith who was elected to the Morrisville Borough School Board. ▼



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# Chester County Election Report



**A**s of this writing, Chester County has five confirmed election winners, and at least one write-in office. Elected positions were mostly Auditors and Constables for Chester County townships and boroughs.

Beth Ann Rosica ran a campaign for mayor of West Chester Borough, the seat of Chester County, which is

heavily controlled by the Democratic Party. In a three-way race she garnered 16% of the vote. Her mayoral election was a milestone for the LPCC in that it involved a well-attended debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters, direct mail flyers, yard signs, support by national organizations and an unprecedented endorsement by the local GOP who had no candidate. Beth Ann was featured in editorials and interviews by the local paper, West Chester University press, and many on-line news outlets.

By running this campaign, Beth was able to put forth Libertarian ideas and solutions for the borough that raised local awareness of Libertarian ideals. ▼

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# Libertarian Party of York Collects Over 700 Pounds of Food!

*Libertarian Party of York, PA raised the bar on giving to York Revolution and York County Food Bank*

**York, PA— September 7, 2021** — This Labor Day, The Libertarian Party of York, PA (LPYorkPA) collected **over 700 pounds** of non-perishable food in support of the York Revolution Baseball Club's "Huger Free Mondays" campaign to benefit the York County Food Bank. The LPYorkPA has been collecting for over a month to make a huge donation to the campaign and help their fellow York County residents. On hand for the turn in were (Back row): Levi Shultz and Tim McMaster (LPYorkPA Vice Chair) and his 2 teenage sons, David Womack, Kristine Cousler-Womack (Community Outreach Organizer), Nicole Shultz, (Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor) and Lancaster County Libertarian Committee Vice Chair Jonathan Weir.

## It wasn't ALL business

During the game, members of the LPYorkPA participated in the between inning games! Kristine Cousler-Womack competed in and won the "Burger Run" while Nicole Shultz played in and also won the "Higher/Lower" pricing game. And LPYorkPA Vice Chair, Tim McMaster and Lancaster County Libertarian Committee Vice Chair Jonathan Wier competed against each other in a friendly Vice-Chair "War of the Roses" during the Bubble Ball game. This game ended in a tie and was the favorite game for players in both dugouts. Mr. McMaster said "Helping the local community is one of the most basic things that we can all do to help each other, and the Libertarian Party of York is more than happy

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to step up and lead in that regard. And it's something that we love doing!"

The Libertarian Party of York, PA meets on the second Monday of each month at Freelance York, located at 2782 S Queen St, Dallastown, PA 17313. All are welcome to attend, no matter party affiliation. ▼

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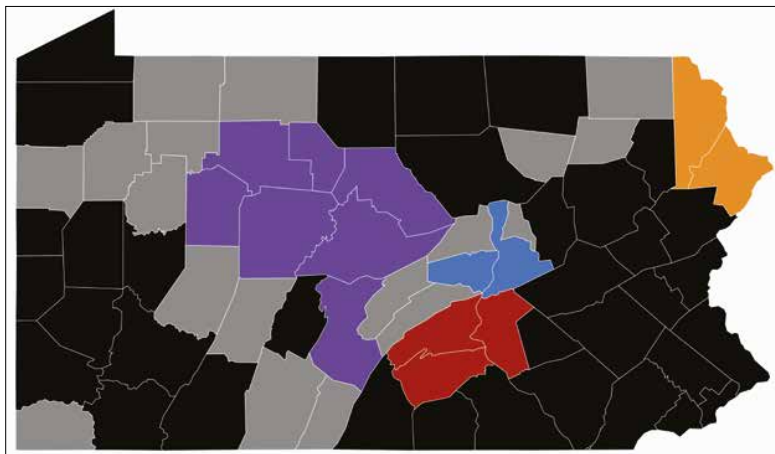
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A regional committee is a multi-county committee created through merger.



Areas in black have organized county Libertarian committees.

Areas in color are regional committees (two or more county committees that have merged into a single committee). Areas in gray are not yet organized.

If you live in an area with no committee and you'd like to organize one, please contact your local vice chair. Contact information for vice chairs is in the State Party Directory in this newsletter.

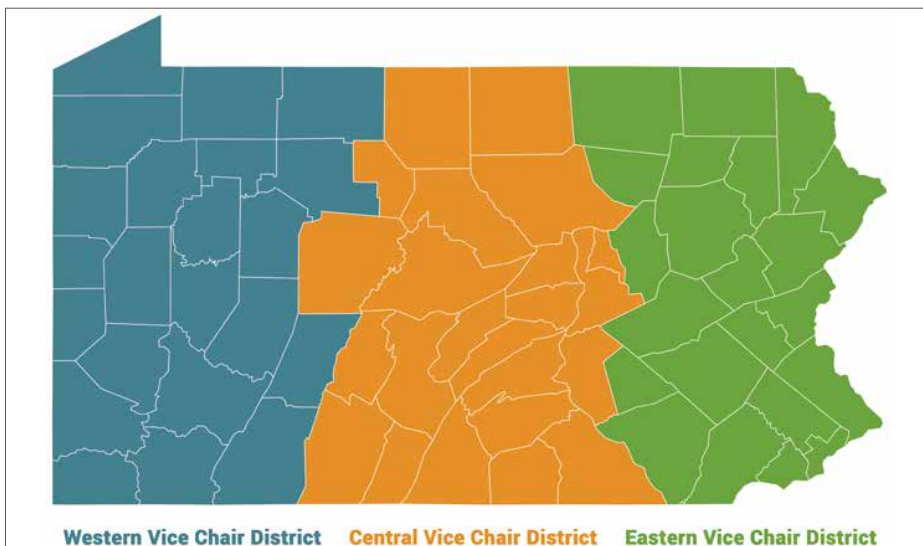
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If you live in a county with no organized Libertarian committee and you would like to start one, please contact the Vice Chair for your region.

## Editor's Corner

# Division is Used to Distract from our Goals

Sometimes division is good. It keeps us on our toes, and it helps us create solutions for growth.

Sometimes division is not good.

Tensions within the Libertarian Party have been at a boiling point over the last year, from the county level all the way up to our National Committee. We are clearly at a flashpoint and I'm concerned about our future.

This November, we as a state party experienced the biggest milestone in our history. We elected over 110 NEW libertarians and re-elected a dozen more. At least 125 were elected total. This doesn't include write-ins, which are still being counted. While this is a huge accomplishment, it comes with a small stained foot note.

Instead of spending the last four months since the convention, completely focused on recruiting candidates and campaigning for these races, certain actors within our party have used that time to distract us by tearing down individuals in the party who have built this success over the past few years. One such person, the main architect of the Libertarian Party's civil war, recently posted that he was disappointed that he had no libertarians on his ballot and wrote himself in in an uncontested race. While I'm sure he meant this as a criticism of the current LPPA leadership, the irony was that he could have had several Libertarians on his ballot had he spent as much energy on recruiting candidates as he does on stoking and monetizing our infighting.

These divisive individuals have caused LPPA Board meetings to be filled with hours of yelling and nonsense, keeping us from achieving the goals of each month's meeting. Our September meeting went on for four hours, and accomplished nothing other than continually questioning new county affiliates who wanted their rightful representation at the table to continue our success and growth.

Leading the way in dishonest and dilatory tactics is Marc Bozzacco, the Board representative for Montgomery County. Mr. Bozzacco, who said he would not support funding the Moulton Maneuver if he became chairman and later voted against funding it as a director, has made a habit of misusing the Judicial Committee



to attack people within the party, such as our previous chairman, our current chairwoman, and our executive director. He recently asked the Judicial Committee to rule on "hypothetical questions" regarding our bylaws, constitution, and the employment contract of our executive director. These "hypothetical questions" were thinly-veiled accusations. Our executive director, despite being the subject of one complaint, was not given proper notice of the hearing nor allowed to appear at the Judicial Committee hearing to defend himself.

These questions and issues had no place being brought to the Judicial Committee to begin with. Per our charter, our Judicial Committee is "the final body of appeal." Meaning, it is the appellate court for contested Board of Directors decisions. Yet, there was no Board decision being appealed. This was just an artful way to evade due process.

Simply put: these issues could have been dealt with through bylaw proposals and contract amendments when the contract was up for renewal. Aside from this, none of the actions taken by our Executive Director, Kevin Gaughen, caused any harm or damage to our

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## Editor's Corner

## Division is Used to Distract

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party whatsoever. In fact, everything Mr. Gaughen has done to this point has contributed to the recent growth and election wins. We are the keystone state affiliate in this party thanks to our success.

How can we proceed forward? At the time of this writing, there are less than four months until the next LPPA convention. Instead of bickering over nonsense, we should be celebrating our newly-elected libertarians and shifting our focus to the 2022 election.

Are you not happy with how something is going in the party? Run for an office inside the party. Get involved with one of our many committees. If you don't qualify to be an officer or a delegate, no worries, just volunteer for something. You don't need to be a "voting member" to volunteer to help.

Or, you can take action at your county level. If you see holes in what the state party is doing, use your county affiliate to fill those gaps. Don't have a local affiliate? Then contact your vice chair, get the paperwork, knock on some doors, and start one. Just make sure your petitions are in order.

The bottom line is that we are a bottom-up organization. YOU are the Libertarian Party. Instead of fighting with others inside the party, which just drains our energy and makes us less productive, try to think about how you can make our party better.

See you in Williamsport on March 4th. ▼

In Liberty,

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# Get it Together, LPPA



**T**he absolute state of the party in this state, and at the National level is disheartening.

We have seen, and have continued to see, divisiveness and derision from all points within the party. Much like the prolonged and unconstitutional wars this nation finds itself in, each action by any of the actors results in an escalated retaliation by the other. This is a never-ending, self-perpetuating, vicious cycle. It *must* end.

If we, as libertarians are to further our cause of absolute freedom for all, we must be using our time, treasure, and energy to beat back the duopoly, not score 'internet points' with our respective echo chambers. As I see it, the way forward is that "we all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." Is one-upping the perceived "other" on social media worth surrendering the sacrifices made in the name of this party and this movement during the last

50 years? Are your potential hurt feelings more critical to you than the cause of liberty and the blood, sweat, and tears that our candidates, affiliates, elected members, and elected Libertarians have shed?

I consider myself, and strive to be, an avowed 'Caucus Agnostic.' As a candidate, I have accepted and will accept help in campaigning from any person who wishes to help. My ultimate loyalty is to liberty and freedom for every single person, period.

With that in mind, I say this as an outsider... GROW UP, ALL OF YOU!

We are either all Libertarians who will still respect those we disagree with and will call out bad actors and actions when they are discovered, or we are not. If we are not willing to be the beacon of light in this dark time, maybe we should, for the remaining sanity of those of us who still care, simply disband and go our separate ways.

I am here to tell you that *hell no* I am not quitting. I will continue to fight for liberty. I will fight for your rights, for your children's rights, for the rights of those I disagree with, even passionately. But you must make that choice yourself. And when you do, you can find me on the front lines of the fight for liberty - battered, bruised, but never defeated. ▼

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## Inspiration from Lycoming County

Just like 1776, the idea of freedom flows throughout the country as little seeds nestled in small gatherings, in the quiet back rooms and pubs all over the the country, where plans and plots are born with the intent to push tyranny back into the realms of obscurity.

Just like 1776 the world watches, afraid to join for fear of repercussion, hoping for our victory but quiet in their involvement, while the bravest among us nurture our seeds to bloom.

Just like 1776, it is the will and drive of Pennsylvania that leads the charge to Freedom as the Keystone State. Here, like in the halls of Philadelphia of old, the seeds bloom, those ideas we've nurtured and grown with our pain and our sweat come to fruition and we are once again the spearhead for the nation to fall in behind.

We lead by example, we show you how, follow us, let's be free. 🇺🇸

**Luke Moyer**

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# Everything We've Built is at Risk

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania is currently enjoying its most successful era in its history. We have record-breaking donations and membership levels, more organized county committees than ever and, (what I find most amazing) 125 newly-elected Libertarians. When added to previous years' wins, I think this brings our current total to nearly 200 elected Libertarians.

Pennsylvania now has more elected Libertarians *than all other states combined*. The LPPA is the crown jewel of Libertarian Party state affiliates in terms of electoral success. No other state's LP even comes close to us.

The effort to elect all those Libertarians was personally spearheaded by our chairwoman, Jennifer Moore. Ms. Moore, who has served on our Elections Committee for four years now, spent hundreds of hours making phone calls and stuffing envelopes to recruit candidates for the 2021 campaign with a strategy known as the Moulton Maneuver. She spent a small fortune of her own money on postage and mailing supplies. She did the same thing back in 2019 when we got 47 Libertarians elected. Ms. Moore's leadership style is very hands-on and she gets impressive results.

We've made a lot of progress as a party. But all of that is at risk because the Mises PAC is threatening another hostile takeover of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania at the



upcoming convention in Williamsport.

If you were at the last convention in Pittsburgh, you will remember that the Mises PAC bussed in at least 100 people to pack our convention. Their takeover attempt was unsuccessful, because most of the people they bussed in hadn't been members for 180 days and/or were registered to vote with another political party.

This year they will attempt it again - and they'll be more organized.

The question many have is: why? Given that the LPPA is the most successful Libertarian state affiliate in the nation, why would the Mises PAC want to kick out our current executive officers and take over? What if the Mises replacement officers are incompetent and destroy everything we've accomplished? To put it in layman's terms, why fix what ain't broken? A leadership change seems like an unnecessary risk.

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Opinion Section

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The candidate that the Mises PAC put up against Ms. Moore for the chair seat last time was Marc Bozzacco. As a member of the LPPA Board of Directors, Mr. Bozzacco voted against funding the Moulton Maneuver. Thankfully, Mr. Bozzacco was outvoted by a majority of the Board, and we were able to go on to get those 125 Libertarians elected. But had the Mises PAC takeover been successful in Pittsburgh, then Mr. Bozzacco would be chairman right now, Ms. Moore wouldn't have been able to do her great work, and we might not have elected *any* Libertarians this year.

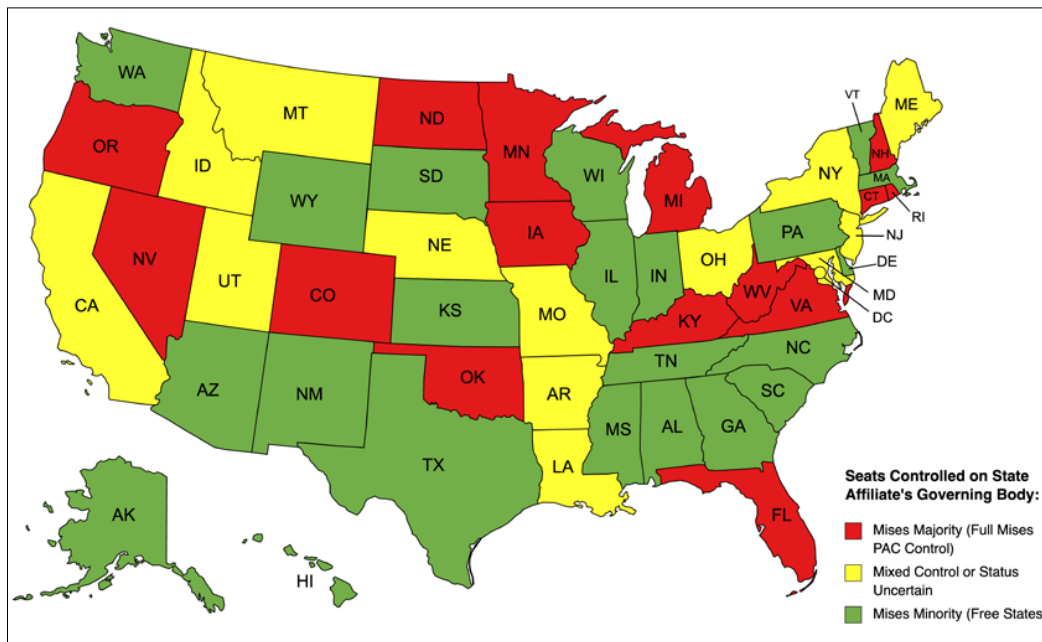
It's important that everyone understands what the Mises PAC is. It is a private political action committee wholly owned by Michael Heise. The PAC's bylaws and minutes have never been made public. All we know is, Mr. Heise appointed himself chairman, and the PAC has a very small board of directors who were personally hand-picked for the position by Mr. Heise. For the most part, it seems Mr. Heise has total control over everything the PAC does.

The Mises PAC, which likes to call itself the "Mises Caucus," is not a true caucus because its "members" aren't allowed to vote on anything. Mises PAC supporters donate money and follow orders but have no say in the leadership, organization, or activities of the PAC. Because Mises Caucus "members" can't vote, they can't remove Chairman Heise from office. He's basically chairman for life.



The implications of this worry me. If the next hostile takeover attempt is successful, then the entire Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania will be under the direct control of the Mises PAC, which itself is apparently under the direct control of one man, Michael Heise. The LPPA would then be a dictatorship instead of a democracy, and regular Libertarians like you and me would no longer be in control of our own organization!

I've learned something in life that many of my fellow Libertarians may agree with: no one who craves power should be allowed to have it. And it's pretty clear that Mr. Heise is after power. As of the time of this writing, Mr. Heise's Mises PAC has taken full control of at least 14 state affiliates of the Libertarian Party, and he has an uncertain amount of control over another 14. The map is my best estimate of the current status of his nationwide takeover.



Pennsylvania is one of the state affiliates whose Board of Directors has remained free from Mises PAC domination. But, believe me, the Mises PAC aims to change that. At our upcoming LPPA convention in Williamsport, the Mises PAC is planning to bring far more people than it bussed in last time. They are openly making plans to pack the convention with as many pro-Mises delegates as possible, even going to extremes like using out-of-staters and chil-

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dren as shills to stuff our ballot box. (Since this isn't explicitly prohibited by our bylaws, they will argue that it's allowed.) Some Mises PAC supporters have said they will fly in from as far away as California to interfere in our convention. They intend to storm our convention and shut Pennsylvania Libertarians out of the decision-making for our own party!

We are in real danger. Unless every single LPPA member reading this shows up in Williamsport to vote against their coup, the Mises PAC will take over our party. If you don't think such a thing is in our best interest, then I beg you to attend the next convention to vote against Mises-backed candidates.

Our bylaws do not allow online voting or proxy voting. The only way to save our party is to show up in Williamsport in person and vote.

Please come. We need you. 🇺🇸

Sincerely,

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**Note from the Editor:** In the interest of fairness, we offered Michael Heise a chance to tell his side of the story in this edition, and the previous edition, of this newsletter. Unfortunately, Mr. Heise declined our invitation both times. If Mr. Heise, or anyone else from the Mises PAC, would like to respond to this op-ed in the Q1 2022 edition of this newsletter with a reply of equal length, they are welcome to. The deadline for content submission is January 3, 2022 at 8 PM.

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**ABOUT STEVE**

Discovering Libertarianism as a teen, the philosophy led Steve to vote Libertarian as far back as 1992. Later, at the local levels in Montgomery and Chester County, he became active in more leadership roles such as secretary and chair of a county affiliate.

Steve was elected to serve in the role of Chair in 2013, for two years, after which he took a break from that role and became more of an activist for Libertarian idealism. He ran for Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania chair again in 2019 to serve for another two years.

Steve grew up in Southeastern Pennsylvania, along the Schuylkill River in a suburb of Philadelphia. He is a Veteran, and he works in the chemicals industry innovating for the Automotive, Aircraft, Cookware, Electronics, and even for the Fashion industry.



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