

LPDE Members Demand Recognition of Duly Elected Board

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recipient: Libertarian National Committee

45 SUPPORTERS

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Due to the recent events that have transpired in Delaware beginning on October 1, 2021, as members of both the Libertarian Party of Delaware (LPDE) and of the national Libertarian Party, we have formed this petition calling for the LNC to take direct and swift action to protect our rights as a State Affiliate and, even more importantly, as national LP Members. As a result of a handful of people attempting to co-opt the party, our rights and voices as members of LPDE and of the national LP have been cast aside through wildly unprincipled actions. We have grave reservations as to how we can continue to remain members of the national Libertarian Party if it cannot stand up against these egregious actions by upholding its claim to be "the party of principle."

We, the Libertarians in Delaware, having been registered to vote as Libertarian with the State of Delaware Department of Elections and registered members with the National LP are asking the Libertarian National Committee to recognize that Bill Hinds is the rightful and duly elected Chair of the LPDE, Amy LePore is the rightful and duly elected Vice-Chair of the LPDE, Dave Casey is one of the two duly elected LP of New Castle County representatives on the LPDE state board, and Dylan Griffith is the second duly elected LP of New Castle County representative on the LPDE state board. These LPDE board members were duly elected to those positions by the delegates present at the LPDE Convention in June 2021 and we request that you recognize them accordingly.

Although we reject that our request is one for intervention, some LNC members insist it is, and are using that as an excuse to avoid making a difficult decision. We have heard from several LNC members that disaffiliation is the preferred stance to take on the situation in Delaware, to avoid the appearance of intervening in a dispute. It is important to remember, though, that even disaffiliation will require the LNC to recognize an affiliate eventually, leaving us wondering, "What good are affiliate agreements if the LNC is unwilling to recognize its affiliates?" However, should the outcome of this unfortunate situation be disaffiliation, you have the complete and unfettered commitment from the signers of this petition – Libertarians in Delaware – to reaffiliate in a professional and organized fashion.

The importance of recognizing the legitimate, duly elected board is critical so that the LPDE delegates can carry out a proper investigation and, if necessary, the proper disciplinary process. By ignoring our request, the LNC would be overriding the will of the LPDE delegates twice: by refusing to recognize the duly elected board and in doing so, also refusing to recognize the investigations called for by the LPDE delegates. That is a far more top-down, invasive, and authoritarian approach to this situation than simply recognizing the duly elected LPDE board as is being requested by the lowest level in the LP structure – the individual Libertarians.

We wholeheartedly reject that we are asking for intervention but rather are asking for the LNC's affirmation of the LPDE affiliate led by the duly elected board, given the threats we face from hostile actors who are attempting to disenfranchise us. We understand this request to be reasonable and within the scope of the LP bylaws, because similar recognition was provided in a letter by the LNC to the LPDE in 2018. We urge you to represent the party of principle by recognizing and affirming the duly elected board of LPDE and respecting the outcome of any investigations and disciplinary measures taken by the Libertarians in Delaware.

45 SUPPORTERS

Michael D.

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Member of LPPA, LAMA, LPN. Not LPDE, however, I won't support LP National if they can't exert some type of control on rogue actors within State parties who expel thousands of LP members with no cause.

Asriel M.

Maryland

10 days ago

Lance H.

Delaware

10 days ago

Ariadna F.

Delaware

10 days ago

Keith D.

Delaware

10 days ago

Bill H.

Delaware

10 days ago

I am a member of the libertarian national party and a member of the libertarian party of Delaware and this injustice must be corrected.

Wayne N.

Delaware

10 days ago

Based on the recent 2021 Q4 meeting, the situation in the Libertarian Party of Delaware, has indicated its deteriorating into anarchy.

Ian G.

Delaware

10 days ago

As a dues paying member of the Libertarian National Party and member of the Libertarian Party of Delaware since 2016, this is important to me because the current illegitimate state board attempted to steal our local affiliate. They failed on procedural grounds. Recognition of that fact from the national party will assist us in cleaning up this mess.

Carrie C.

Delaware

11 days ago

Liberty

Krista Lynn G.

Delaware

11 days ago

As a dues paying member, I feel it is absolutely essential that the duly elected people: Bill Hinds, Amy LePore and Dave Casey are recognized by the LNC. It is the only conceivable way the party should & can move forward.

Lance H.

Delaware

11 days ago

Stephen S.

Delaware

11 days ago

I am a member of the libertarian party.

Ashton H.

Delaware

11 days ago

I am a dues paying member of the Libertarian National Party and would like to see the people elected in charge.

Michelle H.

Delaware

11 days ago

Jesse M.

Delaware

11 days ago

JUSTICE

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Delaware

11 days ago

Irene M.

Delaware

11 days ago

I am a member of the LPD and was at the convention and voted to elect them.

Ragan T.

Delaware

11 days ago

Walter T.

Delaware

11 days ago

Cause I'm a dues paying member of national

Nelson W.

Delaware

11 days ago

The authoritarian actions of Will Mcvey and his conspirators to remove the duly elected DE chair and co chair, along with the attempted disaffiliation of a county affiliate must be addressed and rectified.

Justin J.

Delaware

11 days ago

Anthony M.

Delaware

11 days ago

Michael M.

Delaware

11 days ago

Bonnie J.

Delaware

12 days ago

Due process was not followed. Remove the illegitimate board.

Steve B.

Delaware

12 days ago

Robert H.

Delaware

12 days ago

As a member of the state and National party, I find it disturbing how these bad actors can take away the will of the people, and then strip them of their membership.

Colleen D.

Delaware

12 days ago

David C.

Delaware

12 days ago

Mark D.

Delaware

12 days ago

I am a dues paying member of the Libertarian National Party. Please recognize the duly elected LPD State Board members.

Michael N.

Delaware

12 days ago

LPDE delegates deserve to have a duly elected board, not authoritarian imposters. I am a dues paying member of the Libertarian National Party.

Sean G.

Delaware

12 days ago

After 4 years as chair, and being a lifetime member of National, to have Wm McVay blatantly violate libertarian principles and cut out my fellow Delaware libertarians from their own State Party is a slap in the face.

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Delaware

12 days ago

I am a dues paying member of the Libertarian National Party...

Brett S.

Delaware

12 days ago

The question of liberty and freedom vs. tyranny and authoritarianism has never been more obvious. I finally joined the LP and became a registered national member in hopes of making some small difference. What I found was a side show and the joke I always expected. Whatever their intentions, if allowed to persist the actions of the Delaware LP interlopers will destroy the state party. They would rather burn the party to the ground than lose their fiefdom. If the national LP cares about justice and the flourishing of their own party they will intervene in one way or the other.

Justin B.

Delaware

12 days ago

I am a dues paying member of the national party.

Ryan B.

Delaware

12 days ago

As an active and energized member of the LPDE body, seeing my fellow members have the rug pulled from under them after a year of hard work is extremely concerning. All of this vitriol and confusion over the actions of a malicious tyrant who wishes to rule the ashes of an otherwise burgeoning state affiliate. Delaware may be small, but its size is its advantage - we can affect real change in line with libertarian principles, but not if we're in constant conflict with rogue actors. If you truly care for liberty across the nation, and the globe, please address this issue so that our membership - who were up until recently, engaged, active, and excited - may return to doing the work that really matters.

Benjamin H.

Delaware

12 days ago

I am a national member

Chris V.

Delaware

12 days ago

The will of the LPDE delegates and their vote at convention must be honored and recognized. The rightful, duly elected chair, vice-chair and officers should not have their positions stolen from them and occupied by unelected individuals in an attempted, potentially unlawful coup.

Prakash S.

Delaware

12 days ago

Christopher C.

Delaware

12 days ago

I have never felt that there was a strong libertarian presence in the DLP until 2021. That is when I wanted to finally join after being a non active libertarian for over a decade. Unfortunately my prior beliefs of how weak and poorly run the LP was were proven right by the actions done by nefarious party members that mainly being will mcvey. Will has demonstrated many times that he does not want the party to advance in any way. And with the recent NH style coup that has taken place I feel like will at a minimum should be removed from the party for actions that he even admits to. I can say personally that if the LNC chooses not to step in and take action against all the people responsible for the removal of 3 elected board members, then there is no hope for the libertarian party

Dylan G.

Delaware

12 days ago

I am a member of LP National

Francis S.

Delaware

12 days ago

The acts that have transpired at the hand of nefarious actors has damaged the reputation of good Libertarians in Delaware, and the only way to shut it down is recognizing the will of the body of Delaware libertarians.

Amy L.

Delaware

12 days ago

Dues paying member, Libertarian Party

Marie D.

Delaware

12 days ago

Brian C.

Delaware

12 days ago

Carter H.

Delaware

12 days ago

The LNC refusing to act as requested will disenfranchise me as a member of the national LP and of the LPDE.