



# T LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

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## **State Convention 2017**

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 01, the duties of the Chair are as follows:

The State Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The State Chair may appoint such Party functionaries as a recording and corresponding secretary, an office manager, and an events chair. The State Chair shall compile, maintain and make available to the Board of Directors a publication listing all "Standing rules" and "Special rules" adopted by the Board of Directors. The State Chair shall specify the date and time of the next Convention at least 45 days before it is convened. The State Chair, or his or her designee, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party. The State Chair shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State within fifteen days after such amendments are adopted.

April started our year out with a bang and an incomplete board. A few of the board members put out feelers and searched for people who were capable and willing to fill board positions. The Outreach filled up pretty quickly while the Fundraising position took us a couple attempts.

During the month of April the board completed the implementation of a database that is Customer Relation Management oriented and has worked very nicely for the State Party. Some county affiliates are using the database for their membership management and are loving it. We also started the State Convention Committee and would like to thank Bill Arnett for taking on the challenge of chairing the committee.

At National Convention we have 32 delegates filled with 2 alternatives. Thank you to the delegates who attended Nation Convention and attended all of the business meetings.

We had many events and activities that spanned from outreach to candidate forums and events from the Western Conservative Summit to Mosques and from Grand Junction to Burlington.

The committee members who participated in the Constitution & Bylaws and the Platform Committees were fantastic. There was plenty of discussion and thought put into each resolution that will be presented during the business meeting.

Please support the next chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. The job doesn't pay and they will be spending a lot of time away from family and other activities in order to be the lead of the LPCO board. Your support of them will not only encourage them to work hard but will also show the work they do is appreciated.



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Lastly, I would like to thank the many volunteers that put a lot of work, blood, sweat, and money into spreading the message of liberty. I would like to ask those of you who have put a lot of work into the cause of liberty to not give up. There is movement and the message is getting out to those who need to hear it. Even though i don't plan to be chair in Colorado, I will continue to convert hearts and minds to liberty.

In Liberty,

Jay R North  
LPCO 2016-17 State Chair



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## **March Vice Chair Report March 2017**

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 2, the duties of the Vice Chair are as follows: The Vice Chair shall assist the State Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the State Chair, develop and support affiliate parties and district caucuses, ensure affiliate compliance with requirements in the Party Constitution and Bylaws, communicate with Affiliate Representatives on a monthly basis, and facilitate resource sharing and cooperation among the affiliates.

This last year has been a great year. The LPCO has experienced fantastic growth and has set the stage for even greater growth in the following year.

I was elected mid-term to fill a seat vacated by the previous Vice Chair, Jay North, when he was elected Chair.

It has been a busy year as I attended most of the events along the front range as well as staffing many outreach booths and helped many county groups get started.

I had the opportunity to Chair 4 monthly meetings when the Jay (chair) was called away for business.

In the first few months of the year we had some vacancies in the board and I helped reach out for donations, answer questions about membership, and helped get new development groups started.

I had the great opportunity, for this convention, to serve as a member of both the Platform Committee and Bylaws and Constitution committee.

It has been a great year for me and I hope to serve, if elected, another 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Harlos  
Vice Chair



## Treasury – John Hjersman

2016 was an eventful year with Libertarian candidates breaking some records and with major party presidential candidates throwing attention to Gary Johnson as the reasonable alternative. This interest is reflected in the level of donations as well as expenses for 2016. LPCO participated in the Gary Johnson Victory Fund PAC and, as such, became registered as a state party with the Federal Election Commission. Following are the contributions and expenditures as reported to the Secretary of State:

Receipts	2016	Expenses	2016
16-Jan	\$1,265.52	16-Jan	\$1,223.36
16-Feb	\$4,140.76	16-Feb	\$828.38
16-Mar	\$5,816.52	16-Mar	\$9,802.13
16-Apr	\$3,121.82	16-Apr	\$3,250.35
16-May	\$1,581.71	16-May	\$993.02
16-Jun	\$937.76	16-Jun	\$690.62
16-Jul	\$2,792.10	16-Jul	\$1,580.48
16-Aug	\$1,017.76	16-Aug	\$1,504.36
16-Sep	\$1,549.76	16-Sep	\$1,063.14
16-Oct	\$1,800.95	16-Oct	\$1,880.30
16-Nov	\$936.52	16-Nov	\$1,352.76
16-Dec	\$3,980.52	16-Dec	\$946.09
total	\$28,941.70	total	\$25,114.99



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## **Fundraising Director 2016 Report**

Money bombs, small events, and phone banking efforts have been used so far in my tenure. All of the donations are greatly appreciated, and volunteer efforts from JeffCo, as well as Nathan Grabau, Ken Wyble, and Bennett Rultedge helped us spread word of what looks to be a very successful convention.

Struggling is a difficult chair position, and the outgoing chair recommends anyone interested choose wisely. It takes confidence, organization, and the ability to make attend events and make contact with new donors. There are limitation to how much any one donor can give to political parties. Maximizing the Libertarian Party of Colorado's coffers will require reaching out and forming relationships with numerous donors, big and small.

We have a very dedicated pool of donors, the next step is expanding that pool, which will require not only the work of the Fundraising Director and Board, but also the work of numerous volunteers, taking the time to spread the word of liberty, while inviting people into the party with open arms.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew DiGiallonardo***

## **2017 Libertarian Party of Colorado Campaigns Director Annual Report**

Richard Longstreth was glad to assume the role of Campaigns Director following Jack Woehr stepping down in May of 2016. As the Campaigns Director during the 2016 season, Richard communicated regularly with candidates in order to keep the Board and the Party informed of races happening in their areas. He also sought out opportunities to share get information on our candidates out to the public by contacting various newspapers and online publications about surveying our candidates. This year, a Facebook group was created for all candidates and the intention is to continue this group for future races; building our collective campaign knowledge each year and providing a way to quickly share tips and advice.

Our Party ran 26 candidates this year and, while none of our candidates were elected, nearly every race broke records for Libertarian votes. Two of our Candidates, John Hjersman (State House 16) and Michael Seebeck (State House 21) each received over 25% of the votes in their districts and Gary Johnson (President) received 5.18% of the vote in Colorado! It was truly a fantastic year in which we saw our message resonate with more people than ever before.

Looking forward to November 2017: This is a year of local races. Make a difference in your community and speak with your neighbors about the ideas of liberty. The wave to changing this nation begins in your own backyard and by getting local libertarians in office who understand that without liberty, we are all slaves. If you intend to run for a local race this year, please be sure to get in touch with the Campaigns Director by emailing [campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org) and finding out how the state party can help you make a difference.



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## **Annual Outreach Report**

**March, 2017**

Outreach yearly Report 2017

These are the outreach events that we hosted this year.

- Tanner Gun Show
- Peoples Fair
- Western Conservative Summit
- Open Carry BBQ
- Pride Fest
- Douglas County Gun Show (hosted by DC Affiliate)
- Douglas County Fair (hosted by DC affiliate)
- Zombie Crawl
- Riot Fest
- Pueblo Chili Festival

All of the outreach supplies have been distributed and updated.

Prepared by Wayne Harlos after review of previous Outreach Directors' monthly reports

## 2017 Regions Annual Report Summary

Campaigns Director Richard Longstreth transitioned the Regions seat as interim Director with all records and responsibilities up-to-date and in exceptionally good order. Jorge Zogaib was appointed to Regions Director September 2016. There was an increase in volunteer interest during the lead up to the 2016 Presidential Election which translated to new leadership in several development groups. In an effort to address the problem of burnout among county contacts, a model was piloted whereby the responsibilities of new development group leadership was shared between more than one volunteer according to their talents.

The Development Group and Affiliate Handbook has been updated for 2017. Facebook pages for development groups without county contacts have been maintained with periodic posts. Most recently, affiliate board meetings attended by the Regions Director have been in El Paso, Douglas, and Arapahoe Counties.

It should be recognized that the Libertarian Party of Delta County supports party members from all over the Western Slope Region. The Metro Region has strengthened with the recent welcoming of Douglas County as an active LPCO Affiliate. Development groups and affiliates are seeking ways to utilize inexpensive platforms to communicate with the public and otherwise become more visible.

There is an opportunity for a closer relationship between affiliates and the State Board by way of the Regions Director. The nine-region party structure will allow the Libertarian Party of Colorado to sustainably scale into a much larger organization. As it stands now however, regular affiliate updates are generally always prompted by the Regions Director and subsequent responses from Affiliate Representatives to these requests are not consistently received. Without an advanced level of communication between affiliates and the Regions Director, feasibility of our regional structure comes into question.

The strength of our party comes from our principles. County leadership is dedicated to ensuring voices for liberty are present in their communities. In addition to hosting a regular forum for libertarian discussion, these individuals are attuned to valuable information regarding their communities' events and political opportunities. It is wise for the LPCO to continue developing its relationships with affiliates and not allow their autonomy to be interpreted as silos.



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## **Legislative Directors Report March 2017 – Annual Report**

As of this report we are 54 days into the 120 day Colorado Legislative Session, 66 days remain. There are many tumultuous days ahead, a looming budget debate with transportation and education funding in question. Legislation to move the caps on Tabor are just around the corner, with bi-partisan support and thirst for increased revenue and spending it could go either way. Many pieces of legislation pertaining to cannabis regulations, both pro and con are still up for consideration and debate.

The wins for Liberty are few and far between; the Colorado Ballot Selfie Bill has passed both chambers and is headed to the Governor for signature.

The losses have been many, Civil Asset Forfeiture Transparency, Death Penalty Repeal, Repeal of the 2013 Gun Legislation, Magazine Capacity, just to name a few.

With the help of David Aitken, we have e-mailed Colorado Libertarians and asked them to contact their State Senator on over 26 pieces of Legislations in a 6 week period, covering multiple Colorado Senate districts. Hopefully we have had some increased engagement from Colorado Libertarians in the process.

We will continue to send out the Colorado Libertarian Legislative Alerts weekly and grow engagement; Libertarians are in a unique position to have some influence and impact with our Colorado Legislators.

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 8: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing issue oriented interest groups, and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Stapleton  
Legislative Director – Libertarian Party of Colorado***



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## **Convention 2017 Membership Director Report**

The year saw another grand period of growth in membership and while there was a priority focus on drawing members to campaigns, many new and seasoned Libertarians are searching for new ways to get involved. I am thrilled with the dynamic launch of the Douglas County Affiliate and so many new development groups forming. With a renewed effort to develop a business directory of Libertarian business owners and professionals, I stepped into the vacant Membership director role a few months before the election. As such I made renewed effort to attend Liberty on the Rocks which is a fantastic group of some newer members of the party and use their soapbox to promote the state party activities and begin drawing interest in the business directory. I also became a regular attendee of the Center Right Coalition because that group contains some of the best special interests that align with the Libertarian principles. This next year I hope to continue to serve in the department, dedicated to the business coalition effort but stepping down from the director role. Each Director is a department and I hope to help find more people to fill these departments. As we do better reaching out to our delegation, let's not only encourage participation but bring a friend along.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Wyble***

**ANNUAL REPORT  
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR  
March, 2017**

**Bylaws Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

**Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all communications, such as a regular newsletter, web sites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries.**

I was appointed to this position in January 2016 and confirmed at the 2017 State Convention. In May 2017, I was also elected at the National Convention as the Region 1 Representative representing Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The past year was focused on continuing to expand our social media, traditional media, and web presences to increase the visibility of our Party and principles.

This report is broken down into various areas of focus for this position.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook continues to be an astounding success. The page likes have doubled since last convention, totaling 21,800, ranking number 4 in the nation, at the time of this report. Colorado continues to be a leader in this area as I am now a Page Administrator of the National Facebook page. Twitter is now also coming into its own as a dedicated volunteer Robert Bentley has been cultivating its growth over the past year with over 1,350 followers.

**WEBSITE**

At the last Convention, we had a basic website that needed much more dynamic content and modernization as well as database integration. The decision was made to migrate to NationBuilder, and I oversaw the complete overhaul of the front end and content to the present website. I also spearheaded the move to greater Party transparency and participation so that all of our Board meetings live-streamed with public access to Board reports and minutes.

**BRANDING AND MATERIALS**

I oversaw and/or assisted in the building of a graphics team and the production of fresh branded items for publication and distribution including bumper stickers, brochures, platform pamphlets, and t-shirts. I have a goal to create a Style Guide over the next year if re-elected to this position.

**PRESS AND MEDIA**

Engagement with the Press was a high-water mark with multiple interviews and many press releases sent. The LPCO received a great deal of attention through my civil rights suit against the State of Colorado on the issue of illegal “ballot selfies” and the obtaining of an injunction. My appearances have included several news TV segments, Colorado Public Radio, Westword, Colorado Springs Gazette, the Denver Post, the Liberty Radio Network, and the Tom Woods Show amongst others.

## **MAILERS**

Engagement with the membership has taken place routinely with the NationBuilder and MailChimp platforms. This has also helped supplement fundraising with the total amounts I have raised being around \$2,000.00.

## **COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Over the length of my service on the Board, I have also served on many committees both with the LPCO and elsewhere, including the honor of being asked to serve on the Gary John Advisory Committee. My Committee service thus far is as follows:

Social Media Chair, Libertarian Party of Colorado- January 2015 through present.

Member, National Social Media Team, August 2015-present.

Editor, Independent Political Report, August 2015-present.

Member, Platform Committee, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus 2015-2016.

Communications Director, Libertarian Party of Colorado-January 2016 through present.

Board Member, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, April 2016-present.

Chair, Platform Committee, Libertarian Party of Colorado-2016.

Member, Bylaws Committee (twice), Libertarian Party of Colorado-2016.

Member, Bylaws Committee, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus 2016.

Regional Representative, Libertarian National Committee, May 2016-present.

Member, Advertising and Publication Review Committee, May 2016-present.

Member, Libertarian Advisory Committee for Gary Johnson Campaign, July 2016-November 2016.

Chair, Bylaws Committee, Libertarian Party of Douglas County Development Group, October 2016

Chair, Platform Committee, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, October 2016-present.

Member, Convention Committee (Party Business Subcommittee), Libertarian Party of Colorado, October 2016-present.

Member, Branding Committee, Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, October 2016-present.

Chair, Credentialing Committee, Libertarian Party of Colorado, November 2016-present.

Member, Convention Standing Rules Committee, Libertarian Party of Colorado, November 2016-present.

Chair, Historical Preservation Committee, Libertarian Party, January 2017-present.

## **MISC INVOLVEMENT**

I believe it is vital for the growth of our message and Party to be involved as we can in other areas outside of State Party duties. In furtherance of this, I help administer multiple Libertarian groups (including ones focusing on transparency within the LP and LP history), am a member of the National Committee, am the State Coordinator with the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, and am editor with Independent Political Report to name a few. I often mentor newer Libertarians to become more involved and was invited to be the featured LNC speaker in a national orientation call to new National Party members.

I also regularly assist other Board members in other areas, particularly in Outreach, and county development, assisting in bringing the Douglas County group from Development Group to Affiliate.

Lastly, as part of my historical interest and research, I have developed a presentation on the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles. I put in about 30 hours a week for the Party on the state and national levels and love it.

#TaxationIsTheft

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Caryn Ann Harlos  
Communications Director, Libertarian Party of Colorado**



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## **Annual Convention Report Records March 2017**

There were some improvements to records keeping throughout the year. These changes and tools will make operations easier for the next Records Director.

I worked with Caryn Ann Harlos to go through 15 years worth of paper documents. We removed a couple file cabinets worth of trash and she recovered some priceless historical documents.

I built a minutes template and added a voting block to standardize and simplify the meeting recording process. I added email motions to the minutes. And I added a spending summary.

As a board member I worked at People's Fair and participated in other outreach and campaign events throughout the year. I also located a budget (\$200) Convention location.

I reconstituted my database of 3,000 smaller offices in Colorado. I gave this to Campaigns and others to encourage Libertarians to run for offices that they can win.

At the direction of the board, I built and populated a motion tracking database for future reference.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Spalding  
Records Director***