



LNC Meeting Minutes, December 6-7, 2008, San Diego, CA

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The meeting commenced at 8:12am on December 6, 2008.

Intervening Mail Ballots

LNC mail ballots since the last meeting in DC included:

- Sent 9/10/2008. Moved, that the tape of any and all recordings of the LNC meeting of Sept 6 & 7, 2008 be preserved until such time as we determine, by a majority vote of the Committee, that they are no longer necessary. Co-Sponsors Rachel Hawkridge, Dan Karlan, Stewart Flood, Lee Wrights, Julie Fox, Mary Ruwart. Passed 13-1, 3 abstentions.
 - Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup, Michael Colley, Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan, Mark Hinkle Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan, James Lark, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge
 - Opposed: Aaron Starr

- o Abstaining: Bill Redpath, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton

Moment of Reflection

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

Kevin Takenaga (CA) welcomed the LNC to San Diego.

Andy Jacobs (CA) asked why 2000 ballot access signatures were directed to be burned by the LP Political Director in violation of election law? Mr. Jacobs claimed this action and associated misallocation of petitioners caused collateral damage to ballot access efforts in other states. *Lee Wrights noted later that no petition signatures had been destroyed.*

Richard Newhouse noted he has discovered some college-level books on libertarianism entitled *American Government by Holmes, Englehardt, Elder Zoetewey and Ryden* and *The Challenge of Democracy by Janda, Berry and Goldman*.

Rob Power (CA) encouraged the LP to reach out to the political left as much as it does to the political right.

Andy Jacobs (CA) also praised Paul Frankel and others for their volunteer work collecting LP candidates for publication on the LP website.

David Nolan (AZ) wanted to know if he would be allowed to speak during the deliberations of the Bob Barr Resolution. The Chair said that the matter was on the agenda and that his speaking was up to the discretion of the body.

Dr. Lark noted that in as much as the LNC was in California, he wanted to make a special recognition of the late Marshall Fritz who received a round of applause.

Paperwork Check

Chair Bill Redpath asked the Secretary to confirm the binder's contents.

Pat Dixon, Dan Karlan and Stewart Flood provided additional materials.

Attendance and Credentials

Secretary Bob Sullentrup confirmed the attendance of the members and alternates.

Attending the December 6-7, 2008 LNC meeting in San Diego were:

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

At-Large Representatives: Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart.

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

Regional Alternates: Scott Lieberman (2)

Alternates not attending were George Squyres (1), Bob Jackson (3), Heather Scott(4), Berlie Etzel (5-S), Jake Porter (6) and Steve LaBianca (7).

Hardy Macia (5-N) has resigned as an alternate and has not been replaced.

LNC Counsel Bill Hall did not attend but was available by telephone.

Staff included Acting Executive Director Robert Kraus, and Political Director Sean Haugh,

Others in the gallery consisted of Gene Trosper (CA), Mike Seebeck (CA), BetteRose Ryan (SD), Andy Jacobs (CA), David and Elizabeth Nolan (AZ), Rob Power (CA), Kevin Takanaga (CA), Ruth Bennett (WA), M Carling (CA), Brian Holtz (CA), Brian Dougherty (CA), Don Patterson (CA), George Phillie (MA), Wayne Allyn Root (NV), Alan Hacker (TX), Alicia Mattson (TN), Jim Duensing (NV), Debra Dedmond (NV), Vicki Kirkland (FL), Bo Cain (CA), Matthew Barnes (CA), Kelly Barnes (CA), Ken Gillespie, Mike McMahon, Carlon Marbry (CA). Christina Ohalan (TX), Zander Collier (CA), Jesse Thomas (CA), Starchild (CA).

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the May 26, 2008 meeting. Hardy Macia resigned in November 2008 as Region 5 North alternate.

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

¹ Mr. Ryan also has a residence in SD. He serves on the LNC as a resident of AZ.

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Rachel Hawkridge reported she is involved with and may raise money for LPWashington and NorthWest Legal Foundation.

Approval of the Agenda

The group amended the agenda by adding, removing and reordering items. The resulting agenda is given below with changes in italics or strikethrough.

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. December 6-7, 2008 Meeting Agenda San Diego, CA

Call to Order	8:00am
	Minutes
Moment of Reflection	1
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Credentials Report and Paperwork Check (Secretary)	5
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5
Approval of the Agenda	5
Standing Reports	
Chair's Report	20
Treasurer's Report	30
Secretary's Report	10
Wayne Allyn Root to address the LNC	30
Barr Resolution (Ryan)	15
Discipline of Angela Keaton (<i>moved until after lunch</i>)	30
Staff Report	
Staff	60
Counsel's Report	45 30
Action Items Previously Submitted in Writing (none)	0
Reports Previously Submitted in Writing	
Campus Organizing Report (Lark)	5
Various Regions	5 per region
California Report (Takanaga)	10
Action Items Not Previously Submitted in Writing	
Mission Statement (Hawkridge)	60
LNC Term Goals (Lark / Dixon)	60
Executive Director Search (Colley)	10
Budget 2009 (Starr) (already submitted in writing)	120
Convention 2010 (Colley)	15

Convention Electronic Voting Demonstration (Mattson)	30
Platform Committee Nominations and Selection	60
Bylaws Committee Report (Karlán)	10
LNCC Report (Hawkridge)	10
Policy Manual Amendment—Authorization of Lawsuits (Lark)	20
Policy Manual Amendment—Mail Ballot Reporting <i>and Strategic Plan</i> (Karlán)	10
LNC Meeting Video Recording & Archiving (Keaton)	15
Volunteer Confidentiality Form (Redpath)	15
LP News Content (Keaton)	15
Other Resolution(s) (Hawkridge)	10
Set LNC Meeting dates for July or Aug and Nov or Dec	15
Opportunity for Public Comment	10
Adjournment	

The agenda was amended, and attempted to be amended, as follows:

- Dan Karlán wanted his item 'Mail Ballot Reporting' to read 'Mail Ballot Reporting and Strategic Plan'
- Aaron Starr moved to remove the 'Barr Resolution'. The motion failed 4-12.
- Lee Wrights moved to remove the 'Discipline of Angela Keaton'. The motion failed.
- Dr. Lark moved the place the 'Discipline of Angela Keaton' after the budget. Aaron Starr moved a substitute to take up the matter right after the Saturday lunch. The motion to substitute passed and the motion to move the matter to after lunch was approved.
- Lee Wrights moved to extend the counsel's report to 30 minutes – approved without objection.

Without objection the resulting agenda given above was approved.

Officer Reports

Chair's Report

Chair Bill Redpath provided an oral report noting he had done the following since the September meeting in Arlington, VA:

- Campaigned for US Senate in Virginia
- Since the election has been conducting more interviews such as one in Baton Rouge and an upcoming interview out of Salt Lake City
- The chairman has received a response from Russ Verney regarding list sharing. The response indicated 'first things first' – the campaign will pay down its debts and then would address data sharing
- The chairman plans to proceed with Alan Gura on the FEC lawsuit that seeks to allow contributions received from estates to not be subject to limits.

Treasurer's Report

Aaron Starr presented a treasurer's report and noted these highlights:

- A graph of revenues by year since 1992 indicated receipts drop after presidential elections. A tough year for the LP is coming up.
- Though assets trail liabilities by about \$40k, we anticipate a receipt from the Burrington Estate in January which will bring the financials to a net of about 0.

Aaron fielded questions regarding current financials and his report is attached as Appendix A.

Ruth Bennett noted there is no provision in the upcoming budget for Judicial Committee expenses that may be required. Candidates ran for their positions not expecting to have to incur travel. She recommended the LNC plan for such eventualities.

Secretary's Report

Bob Sullentrup stated he is pleased to welcome the 2010 conventioners to St. Louis and listed some of the amenities within walking distance of the Renaissance Grand hotel which includes:

- The Arch and Museum of Westward Expansion,
- The Mississippi riverfront,
- Busch Stadium,
- Ballpark Village,
- The City Museum for kids,
- A renovated Union Station with food court, otel and shops,
- Anheuser Busch brewery tours and Clydesdales,
- Laclede's Landing for music, dancing and dining, and
- Lumiere Place Casino and hotel.

Metrolink and public transportation are free downtown.

Dan Karlan noted the Bylaws specify:

- *The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions (Article 8, section 11), and*
- *The National Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by mail. (Article 8, section 9)*

Accordingly, the minutes should include roll call ballots on mail ballots.

Bob agreed to provide that information for the September minutes and to include the roll calls on mail ballots in the future.

Roll Calls for Mail Ballots Reported in September:

- Approval of 5-26 minutes, passed 11-4, 2 abstentions
 - Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, Michael Colley, Mark Hinkle, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan, James Lark, Rachel Hawkridge, Bill Redpath, Pat Dixon
 - Opposed: Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan, Angela Keaton
 - Abstaining: Rebecca Sink-Burris, Julie Fox
- Approval of 5-22 minutes, passed 12-1, 4 abstentions
 - Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup, Aaron Starr, Michael Colley, Mark Hinkle, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan, James Lark, Pat Dixon, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Julie Fox, Tony Ryan
 - Opposed: Angela Keaton

- Abstaining: Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Bill Redpath, Rachel Hawkridge
- APRC Resolution, passed 13-3, one abstention
 - Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Aaron Starr, Michael Colley, Mark Hinkle, Stewart Flood, Pat Dixon, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Julie Fox, Tony Ryan, Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Rachel Hawkridge, Angela Keaton
 - Opposed: Bob Sullentrup, Dan Karlan, James Lark
 - Abstaining: Bill Redpath
- Remove Give-or-Get amounts from the website, fails 8-9
 - Voting in favor: Bob Sullentrup, Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan, Mark Hinkle, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge
 - Opposed: Aaron Starr, Michael Colley, Stewart Flood, Pat Dixon, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Dan Karlan, James Lark, Bill Redpath, Michael Jingoian,

Wayne Allyn Root

Wayne Allyn Root, LP 2008 Vice Presidential nominee, addressed the LNC.

Wayne noted 'we are friends', meaning he started as a libertarian-Republican. He is now is solidly Libertarian and not going back. . He noted Obama, the most liberal president ever, campaigned as a centrist and won. He encouraged Libertarians to remain as fervently Libertarian as ever, but to campaign in a way that lets Americans hear the message. "You be as radical as you want, and I'll spread the message". His job as LP candidate was to win over converts.

In so doing, Wayne worked with many Libertarians and groups, including shaking hands and campaigning at the Gay Pride parade in San Francisco. He listed Aaron Starr, Alan Hacker, Kevin Takenaga, Bob Sullentrup and others as some of the many with whom he had worked during the campaign.

In addition, Wayne had 1000 media experiences including interviews and appearances. This has led to him becoming an established 'Libertarian face' in the US. Since the Election he has been invited to be on Fox nine times, KABC in LA and other major media sources. This number of appearances has allowed him to experiment with various messages and approaches to hone those that resonate with the public.

Some of the winning messages include school choice. Wayne said he termed it 'school choice', rather than 'eliminate government schools' as a means of portraying the issue in a manner that better resonates with the public. Wayne even said in an interview that 'school choice is the civil rights issue of the 21st Century', a phrase co-opted by the McCain camp.

Another winning message is to oppose 'government unions'. About 1500 Americans e-mailed Wayne to express their affinity for his message and to vent their displeasure and distress with what government and its policies have been doing to them.

Wayne has a book coming out in May that includes a 25-city book tour.

Wayne noted the campaign failed to attract Ron Paul supporters in numbers he would have liked. The main lesson he took from the campaign was the role of money. Obama did not win because of the attractiveness of his message. He won because he raised more money. And it did not come from small donors. 60% of his donors contributed \$2300. This translated into a 10-1 TV ad advantage in Nevada and for Nevada friends of Wayne reporting a several-to-zero phone calls to support Obama over McCain. That caused NV, a red state, to turn blue.

In that vein, Wayne noted his appearances attracted 20 people in a location while Obama garnered 70,000. "We won't make it with 20 people contributing \$10 checks who then say they have supported the campaign'.

While Wayne was proud of all of his interviews, he did complain about an interview that appeared in Reason Magazine that made him out to be a racist. This interview was based on comments at a cocktail party during which Wayne did not know the interview was underway. He felt ambushed.

Mr. Root indicated that he had received approximately 1500 emails supporting his campaign. Mr. Jingoizian asked if Wayne if he would be willing to release these contacts to the LP and Mr. Root agreed to do so.

A question from the gallery asked if a lawsuit initiated now against the Commission on Presidential Debates would help gain entry into the 2012. Bob Sullentrup, founder of Rock-The-Debates, noted that the CPD has been sued since its inception in 1987, and that the litigation resulted in the CPD having to produce 'objective standards', which essentially consists of a candidate polling at 15%. "Of course, the polls they use don't always include all candidates", Bob noted "effectively eliminating them at the outset."

Wayne sacrificed his time and money – he has yet to be reimbursed \$20k or so by the campaign – and is proud of the inroads he was able to make. Rachel Hawkrige saluted Wayne for his efforts and expressed on behalf of the LNC its appreciation for his dedication and service.

Barr Resolution

Tony Ryan introduced the following resolution as written by David Nolan, one of the Party's founders.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED FOR LNC CONSIDERATION

Author: David Nolan

Whereas Congressman Bob Barr obtained the Libertarian Party's Presidential nomination by holding out the prospects of tens of millions of dollars in campaign funding and as much as five percent of the popular vote for President, and

Whereas the Barr/Root campaign failed totally to deliver on those promises, and

Whereas the failures of that campaign were due substantially to incompetence and lack of understanding of libertarian principles on the part of the campaign's management, as summarized in the attached Bill of Particulars,

Therefore be it Resolved that the Libertarian National Committee hereby expresses it extreme disappointment at the mismanagement and ineptitude of the Barr/Root campaign, which resulted in the same 0.4% of the vote that previous Presidential candidates have achieved, even as libertarian principles were denied, downplayed and obscured by that campaign. Be it further resolved that we condemn the actions taken by Russ Verney and Shane Cory which resulted in the failures of the Barr/Root campaign, and specifically disavow any LNC responsibility for any debts incurred by the Barr/Root campaign or its agents and employees.

BARR/ROOT CAMPAIGN - BILL OF PARTICULARS

Specific shortcomings of the Barr/Root campaign which contributed to its failure to achieve its stated goals and disqualify it from receiving any financial aid from the Libertarian National Committee.

AVOIDANCE OF THE WORD "LIBERTARIAN"

The Barr /Root campaign went to great lengths to avoid using the word "Libertarian" wherever possible. The Barr '08 website did not display the word "Libertarian" in a prominent fashion, and campaign material rarely included mention of the Libertarian Party. Our party was not mentioned in the Barr '08 campaign brochure, on most signs or bumper stickers, and in many press releases. Often, Bob Barr was described only as a "former Congressman," with no mention of his party affiliation. Campaign Manager Russ Verney has admitted that this was a deliberate strategy, stating that his goal was to build awareness of Bob Barr only, with no concern for building the Libertarian Party brand.

MISDIRECTION OF FUNDS

The Barr/Root campaign raised more than \$1.3 million in contributions, but spent almost nothing on advertising to the voting public. Campaign staffers were paid inflated salaries; money was spent on refurbishing Bob Barr's Atlanta offices; "political consultants" were paid at least \$100,000; \$19,000 was spent on limousines. But almost nothing was spent on promoting Barr or the Libertarian Party via paid broadcast or print advertising.

BALLOT ACCESS

Despite raising slightly more money than any other recent Libertarian Presidential campaign, the Barr '08 team achieved ballot status for our ticket in only 45 states – the lowest number since 1984. This failure is due largely to ineptitude and arrogance on the part of Shane Cory, who began ballot drives late and refused the services of experienced petitioners. Some petitioners were not paid for services rendered, leaving the LNC in the embarrassing position of being dunned by those petitioners.

INSULTING TREATMENT OF RON PAUL

The Barr '08 campaign team repeatedly and deliberately dismissed and insulted Congressman Ron Paul, who demonstrated an unprecedented amount of support in the months prior to the Libertarian nominating convention. When TV personality Stephen Colbert interviewed Bob Barr shortly after he received the nomination and asked why previous Libertarian candidates had not received higher vote totals, Barr replied that "The Libertarian Party has never had a good candidate before" – thus insulting Ron Paul and all of our previous Presidential candidates. In September, Barr agreed to participate in a press conference organized by Ron Paul, but failed to show up. This understandably enraged Dr. Paul and led to his eventually endorsing fringe candidate Chuck Baldwin for President. As a result, the enthusiasm and potential financial support of Dr. Paul's thousands of avid supporters were lost.

Tony Ryan asked David Nolan if we might absolve Wayne Allyn Root from the resolution based on the comments we had just heard. The resolution addressed only the management of the campaign and not Wayne Allyn Root.

The Chair, after passing the gavel to Vice Chair Michael Jingoian, entered into the discussion noting what he believed to be incorrect statements contained in the resolution:

Often, Bob Barr was described only as a "former Congressman," with no mention of his party affiliation. Campaign Manager Russ Verney has admitted that this was a deliberate strategy, stating that his goal was to build awareness of Bob Barr only, with no concern for building the Libertarian Party brand.

The Chair said Russ Verney had never said that. Instead, the campaign was one that tried to 'appeal to Independents'.

This (ballot access) failure is due largely to ineptitude and arrogance on the part of Shane Cory, who began ballot drives late and refused the services of experienced petitioners.

The chair, whose involvement in ballot access surpassed that of anyone on the board, said this statement was false.

Some petitioners were not paid for services rendered, leaving the LNC in the embarrassing position of being dunned by those petitioners.

The chair said this never happened.

The Chair then read the following e-mail from Russ Verney.

To: Bill Redpath
From: Russ Verney
Date: December 5, 2008
Subject: An Interim report on the 2008 presidential campaign.

Mr Chairman:

I understand that Wayne Allyn Root will be making a presentation to the LNC, therefore I have not included any statistics that are unique to him because he can present them far more eloquently than I can in a memo.

Total Vote for Bob Barr and Wayne Root - 520,386

The Barr Root ticket received the second highest raw vote total for any Libertarian Party presidential ticket.

Bob Barr undoubtedly received the highest level of media coverage of any LP presidential candidate and I believe the same is true for Wayne on the VP level.

Just from August 2 through November 3rd Bob conducted at least:
31 national TV interviews including 15 on CNN and 8 on Fox News Network
31 local TV interviews
93 radio interviews
38 newspaper interviews
11 magazine interviews
4 news conferences
36 speeches, most at leading Universities
1 debate televised on C-SPAN

Additionally, Bob Barr was the subject of more than 240 print and significant on-line news reports during September and October.

The Barr Root ticket was on the ballot in 45 states and their names appeared before 95% of all voters.

Best States (not final numbers)

Texas	56,342	
California	51,479	
Georgia	28,414	
North Carolina	25,279	Obama won the state by about 13,700 votes
New York	22,520	
Michigan	20,802	
Pennsylvania	19,436	
Indiana	19,243	Obama won the state by 26,000 votes
Illinois	19,004	
Ohio	18,663	
Florida	16,134	
Massachusetts	12,989	
Missouri	11,117	McCain won the state by 3,600 votes
Arizona	10,387	
Virginia	10,165	
Colorado	9,361	
Minnesota	9,176	
Maryland	8,943	
Wisconsin	8,795	
Washington	8,583	
Tennessee	8,472	

Dollars spent per vote (approximately)

Obama	10
McCain	6.3
Nader	5.9
Barr	3

For perspective:

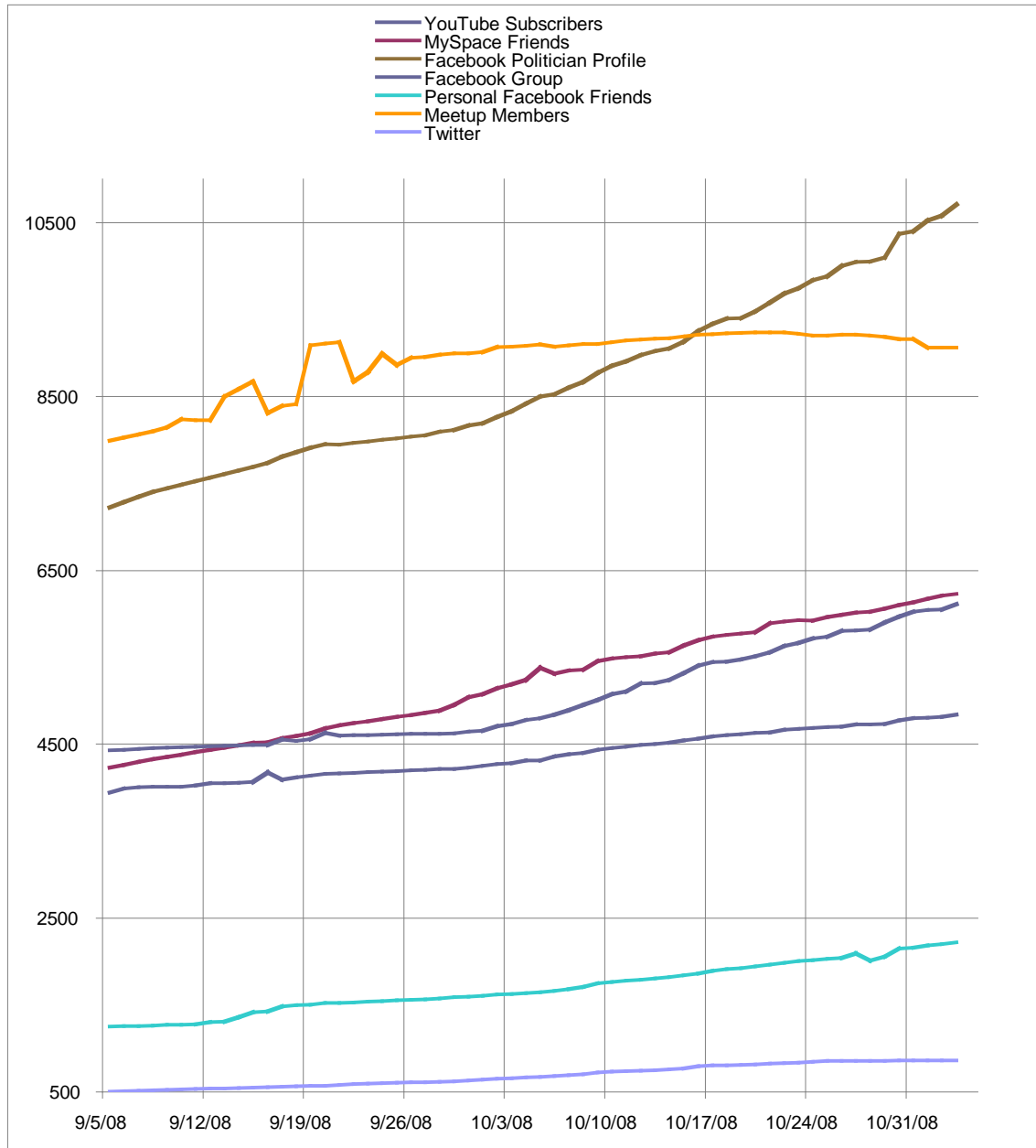
Buchanan in 2000	35
Paul in '08 primaries	15
Perot in 1992	3

Bob Barr issued numerous fact and policy laden News Releases and had several Editorial Opinions published in forums with national circulation. He also published 2 books during the campaign:

Patriot Nation: Bob Barr's Laws of the Universe vol. 1
Lessons in Liberty

Below is a graph representing some of the on-line activity of the campaign that generally shows a 25% monthly growth rate (note: Meetup is the only networking group that charges for some of its services).

Prior to election day the web site Tech President noted that Bob Barr was out performing John McCain with respect to Meetup members.



Aaron Starr asked for an opinion from the Chair: Was this resolution tantamount to a condemnation? The Chair decided that it was not.

Stewart Flood noted that some of Angela's comments may have been libelous and thus put the LNC at risk.

After further discussion, Aaron Starr again asked if this resolution were essentially 'a slap in the face'. The Chair again ruled that it was not.

The motion failed 3-12

Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Angela Keaton, Tony Ryan

Voting against: Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup, Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Mark Hinkle, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dr. James Lark, Dan Karlan, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge

Staff Report

Before turning the report over to Sean Haugh, Robert Kraus noted the Barr Resolution, if passed, would have a 'hugely detrimental effect on Staff'.

Sean Haugh noted the LP has gained ballot status in Maryland through 2010.

Sean wants to start the petitioning in Nebraska before April, 2009. In so doing, Nebraska will recognize Libertarian voters as Libertarians rather than reclassifying them as Independent. Scott Kohlhaus will begin ballot access fundraising January 1.

Sean wants to start petitioning early in Nebraska, Alaska and South Dakota. SD has the advantage of us being able to reuse signatures already collected. As time goes on, the validity rate of the signatures will erode as people move or otherwise become invalid (e.g, deaths, incarcerations)

Staff reports are provided in Appendix C.

Responding to an objection to the Give-or-Get totals included in the staff report, Dr. Lark moved to allow those who did not wish to participate in the program to be able to do so with their names not included in staff reports.

Aaron Starr moved to postpone consideration until after the budget. The motion to postpone failed.

The main motion passed 14-2.

Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup,, Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan, Mark Hinkle, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dr. James Lark, Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge.

Voting against: Aaron Starr, Angela Keaton,

Counsel's Report

Bill Hall participated in the Counsel's Report by teleconference.

As a point of personal privilege, Bill noted the Staff Report failed to note two elected Libertarians in partisan elections in Michigan. Tom Bagwell and Larry Johnson were elected to the Ypsilanti Township Park Commission in partisan elections.

Lee Wrights moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the counsel's report. Dr. Lark seconded. There was no objection.

Before entering executive session Mark Hinkle noted that Kevin Takenaga had to catch a flight. With the indulgence of the body Mark Hinkle asked to hear from Kevin Takenaga to right after lunch. Without a vote the request was so obliged.

SATURDAY PM

California Report

With the indulgence of the body Kevin Takenaga, California Chair who had to catch a plane, addressed the LNC at this time. Kevin praised the several elected Libertarians from the Golden State that includes:

- Brian Holtz
- Norm Westwell
- Kate O'Brien
- Frank Manske
- Eric Henrickson
- Johnathan Hall
- Tom Tryon
- John Inks

Other LP work in California included the LP's opposition to Proposition 8, the measure that made same-sex marriages illegal.

Steven Greenhut of the *Orange County Register*, is a newly minted Libertarian who defected from the ranks of the Republicans.

California, following a recommendation of the Barr campaign has formed many meet-up groups that continue to attract new members.

Discipline of Angela Keaton

Stewart Flood read the following resolution:

Resolution of Discipline

Whereas, Angela Keaton has engaged in conduct injurious to the Libertarian Party and its purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Angela Keaton's membership in the Libertarian National Committee is suspended pursuant to Article 8, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party; and further be it

RESOLVED, That the aforementioned suspension is hereby rescinded, contingent upon a determination by the Secretary that Angela Keaton has submitted within seven days of the adoption of this resolution a letter for publication in LP News including (and limited to):

- An apology for being in breach of a board member's fiduciary duty of loyalty to the Libertarian Party, publicly declaring her disinterest in the party, providing material support to another political party and seeking to undermine the success of and attempting to injure

the Libertarian Party and its public image. The contents of the apology to include the following:

- An apology to the members of the Libertarian Party for seeking to undermine the success of and attempting to injure the Libertarian Party and its public image by posting on her blog in July 2008, "Friends don't let friends join the LP" and on September 5, 2008, "The LP is hopeless"
 - An apology to the members of the Libertarian Party for violating the fiduciary duty of a board member by joining and providing material support to a competing political party while serving on the board of the Libertarian Party
 - An apology to the members of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire for attempting on August 21, 2008 to sabotage the party's attempt to win the right to candidate substitution for future elections
 - An apology to Wayne Allyn Root and the Libertarian Party for attempting to injure their public images by knowingly publishing on June 13, 2008 false assertions that an indictment on charges of fraud was pending against Mr. Root
 - An apology to the members of the Libertarian Party for misusing donor data to contact major LP donors and falsely telling them that the Libertarian Party had defrauded them
- An apology for exhibiting a pattern of reckless behavior and poor judgment, potentially exposing the LP to harassment lawsuits, creating an uncomfortable environment for staff and fellow LNC members, and potentially discouraging groups of people from joining the LP. The contents of the apology to include the following:
 - An apology to LP staff member Casey Hansen for violating the LNC Policy Manual Article 1, Section 8.D and risking sexual harassment accusations by blogging on September 6, 2008, "Nice staff piece of ass, Casey. Dark, young and easy prey for a cougar like myself."
 - An apology to Aaron Starr and the Libertarian National Committee for violating LNC Policy Manual, Article 1, Section 8.D (which prohibits harassment of LP staff or fellow LNC members with racial epithets and derogatory posters, pictures, cartoons, or drawings) by posting on her blog on June 16, 2008 a photo-shopped image of herself and Mr. Starr portraying him in Darth Vader costume and Hitler moustache and identifying him as "Darth Herr Vader"
 - An apology to the Libertarian National Committee for violating LNC Policy Manual, Article 1, Section 8.D and risking sexual harassment accusations by posting on her blog on September 6, 2008 sexual comments regarding several LNC Members and one candidate for the Executive Director position
 - An apology to Southerners and Christians for violating LNC Policy Manual Article 1 Section 8.A which states, "All collective deprecation, whether alluding to sex, race, color, national origin, disability, age, religion, or any other protected category, must be avoided. Every person is a unique individual, and as the Libertarian Party is the Party of Individual Liberty, this injunction should doubly apply", for posting on her blog on June 13, 2008 referring to an LP member from

the South as a "hillbilly" and further stating, "All those Christian types married to their uncle cousins look the same to me."

- An apology to the Libertarian Party for violating the confidentiality of the September 7, 2008 Executive Session with a blog post on the same date and also for violating the confidentiality of a February 2008 Executive Session with a blog post on June 15, 2008
- An apology to Stewart Flood for threatening by phone on November 6, 2008, "I could have things done to you."
- A promise not to commit similar offenses in the future while serving as a member of the Libertarian National Committee.

Aaron Starr seconded the resolution.

Stewart then proceeded to present a 23-page document of evidence.

Bob Sullentrup moved to extend discussion for 30 minutes. With no objection, the LNC proceeded.

Dan Karlan moved to divide the issue and Aaron Starr seconded.

Before dividing the question, Pat Dixon requested we allow Angela Keaton to respond to the material Stewart had presented.

Angela Keaton noted:

- Her ongoing opposition to the Barr campaign was widely known
- Her thanks to her detractors for taking the time to compile her 'greatest hits'
- Her right to spew invective across the Internet
- That she had a lot of supporters whose interests she was promoting
- That she was promoting the real issues of 'the movement' in an exemplary way that others on the board were falling short of doing
- That her words represented her honest opinions and as such were not breaches of any fiduciary obligations on the board
- That she harbored disdain for the Party's leadership.

The motion to divide failed 6-8.

Pat Dixon raised three key items that he wished Ms. Keaton would address. Angela responded in due time. The issues were:

- Breaching the confidentiality of executive session. Ms. Keaton noted the executive session was improperly called because she claimed it reduced to a means of putting her on trial. Moreover, Ms. Keaton threatened to divulge executive session material should a bait-and-switch tactic be used against her again.
- Respect for staff (sexual harassment charges involving Casey Hansen). Ms. Keaton said she had offered a 'half-hearted apology' who at the time did not know about the statements.
- Threatening of Stewart Flood.. Ms. Keaton said she has always regarded Mr. Flood as dangerous and was afraid he 'will fall on me'.

Dan Karlan also noted Ms. Keaton's failure to disclose her involvement with the Boston Tea Party as a potential conflict of interest earlier in the meeting was another breach². The LNC passed a resolution requesting Steven Burden resign from the 2008 Platform Committee by virtue of his involvement with another Party.

Rebecca Sink-Burris moved to extend time for another 10 minutes.

Dr. Ruwart indicated that removing an At-Large LNC member was a serious matter that required due process. She noted that Ms. Keaton had requested the final text of the resolution and the supporting documentation to be given to her a week before the meeting. Instead, both the LNC and Ms. Keaton received the material just a few hours ago. Consequently, Ms. Keaton had no time to provide material in her defense. Due process was not being followed and removing Ms. Keaton in this manner would bring disrepute upon the LNC.

Julie Fox acknowledged that the items brought up by Mr. Dixon were of concern, but that some of the allegations were without merit, and including those hurt the integrity of the resolution as a whole. Ms. Fox then noted that Ms. Keaton had brought this on herself by treating her fellow board members disrespectfully, and that the atmosphere created by such actions hinders the ability of board members to accomplish their work.

Bob Sullentrop noted that even if in executive session matters seem to turn into a witch hunt, there still is a responsibility on the part of LNC members to not broadcast it. Moreover, the pattern of sexual harassment, even if not perceived as harassment by the target, can be construed as tacit endorsement of such practices if the LNC were to take no remedial action and would face the potential for a huge financial liability.

After a five-minute extension by Dr. Lark, Michael Jingoian offered a substitute motion:

The LNC shall form a dispute resolution committee to address this issue.

Mary Ruwart seconded. The motion to substitute passed.

This newly minted main motion passed with no objection.

The LNC plans on populating the dispute resolution committee first thing Sunday.

Reports Previously Submitted in Writing

Campus Organizing

Dr. Lark indicated that his report several weeks ago and is attached as Appendix D. He stated he would entertain questions about it; there were no questions.

Regional Reports

Stewart Flood read a letter from Barbara Howe, the NC Chair. Ms. Howe noted Michael Munger received 125k votes - 2.85% - thus securing NC ballot access for four years. This is a significant development considering the expense incurred in securing ballot access in NC.

² Dan Karlan learned later that there was a 'plausible deniability' to Ms. Keaton's association with the BTP, that the Facebook page she managed was not strictly part of the BTP.

Dan Karlan reported Eric Sundwall is recommending the LNC not investigate the Tom Stevens matter any further. Tom Stevens regrettably has suffered a stroke and is incapacitated. The issue involved Mr. Stevens being both an LP Judicial Committee member and was a presidential candidate on the Objectivist Party ticket in Florida and Colorado.

Mission Statement

Aaron Starr moved to change the agenda by moving the mission statement to a different spot. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Rachel Hawkridge introduced David Nolan who advocated a broad-based mission statement for the Party.

The current mission statement³ of the Libertarian Party is:

The mission of the Libertarian Party is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office.

Rachel Hawkridge moved and Dr. Ruwart seconded the following:

The mission of the Libertarian Party is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a network of pro-freedom activists who can effectively support public policy changes and oppose negative changes by working within the political process on an issue-by-issue basis.

Dan Karlan moved to strike the words 'on an issue-by-issue basis' which passed without objection.

The mission of the LP is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a network of pro-freedom activists who can effectively support public policy changes and oppose negative changes by working within the political process.

Dan Karlan moved to amend by deleting 'can effectively'. With no objection, the main motion read:

The mission of the LP is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a network of pro-freedom activists who support public policy changes and oppose negative changes by working within the political process.

Aaron Starr moved to postpone discussion until next meeting in Charleston. The postponement failed 6-9.

Michael Jingoian called the question which failed.

Mark Hinkle offered a substitute:

The mission of the LP should be to unite voters who want more personal liberty and more economic liberty behind electoral choices that will most move public policy in a libertarian direction.

Without objection, the words 'should be' were changed to 'is'.

A request to allow Starchild to address the body passed.

³ The Secretary does not have any document certifying what the mission statement officially is nor when it was adopted.

Lee Wrights moved to postpone the issue until Charleston. Wrights was on the prevailing side of the previous postponement vote and the motion had changed. The motion to postpone now passed.

Goals

Pat Dixon introduced the following e-mail that he had sent to the LNC:

From: Patrick Dixon <chair@lptexas.org>
Date: December 4, 2008 8:43:13 AM CST
To: LNC LNC <lnc-discuss@lp.org>
Subject: Final proposal regarding LNC goals

Fellow LNC members,

I have spoken with many of you regarding the discussion of short term goals for our LNC term at our upcoming meeting and I thank you for your constructive input.

Based on your recommendations I propose the following approach that may save time and reach consensus. I will print copies of this and bring them with me for distribution.

I also intend to ask that we have a discussion of our strategic plan at our next meeting to address the long term goals and whether we should follow through or abandon the strategic plan.

First, I will make a motion to approve the process for adoption of goals which is the same as I have sent previously, which we used 2 years ago. If this motion fails, we end the topic and move on to the next agenda item. Based on your prior feedback, I expect this motion to pass:

Motion: I move adoption of the following procedure ...

Goal setting procedure:

- All goals should be measurable with stated metrics. There will be 3 categories of goals: POLITICAL, FINANCIAL, ORGANIZATIONAL. They should all have an end date within the LNC 2 year term.

- No more than 3 goals in each category will be formally adopted. Additionally, any goal that does not have 2/3 support by vote of the LNC will be dropped. Therefore, the top vote getters in each category that meet or exceed 2/3 of the LNC members that respond, not to exceed 3, will be formally adopted.

- Approval voting will be used. In approval voting, you cast a YES/NO vote (APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) for each proposed goal in a category. Therefore, you can vote for none, all, or a specified few of the goals in each category. In the case of a

tie for one of the top 3 spots, those goals will remain in the list if they have 2/3 support.

Example 1: If 4 goals tie for 1st, they will remain and all others will drop.

Example 2: If one goal is 1st and 5 tie for second, all 6 will remain.

Example 3: If 1 goal each is 1st and 2nd and 5 tie for third, all 7 will remain in the list.

Next, I will move that those goals that we have already shown consensus for based on my discussions with you be adopted.

POLITICAL:

1) 48 state Ballot access (Champion: Bill Redpath)

ORGANIZATIONAL:

1) The LNC will have 18,000 sustaining members as of Dec. 31, 2009 (Champion: Mark Hinkle, submitted by Dr Jim Lark, amended by Aaron Starr)

2) The LNC will ensure that each state has an operational affiliate party by July 1, 2009 (Champion: Dan Karlan, submitted by Dr Jim Lark and amended by Aaron Starr)

"Operational state affiliate" defined in the following manner:

- * There is a properly maintained website for the affiliate
- * There is at least one LP member in the state who actively serves as an official contact for the affiliate in its dealings with the LNC, and there is at least one LP member in the state who actively serves as a contact for the affiliate in its dealings with the state government.
- * LPHQ has a copy of the current bylaws and associated documents for the affiliate, along with a copy of the relevant laws of that state regarding political parties and ballot access.

FINANCIAL:

1) The LNC will raise at least \$1.3 million during 2009 (Champion: Mike Jingoian, submitted by Dr Jim Lark, amended by Aaron Starr)

Lastly I will present other goals that have been submitted in order of those that you have indicated your support for and consider each one at a time. I intend to limit discussion to 5 minutes for each proposal. The order of support that you have indicated is:

FINANCIAL:

- Full compliance with the Reserve Requirements as stated in Article V Section 5 of the LNC Policy manual by the end of the LNC term (Champion: Aaron Starr, submitted by Pat Dixon)

ORGANIZATIONAL:

- Select 2012 convention site before 2010 convention (Champion: ????, submitted by Pat Dixon)

POLITICAL:

- Remain the Party of Principle as We Grow (Champion: Mary Ruwart, submitted by Mary Ruwart)

FINANCIAL:

- Achieve above-median market rate compensation for the executive director compared to Washington DC non-profits (Champion: Admiral Colley, submitted by Pat Dixon)

POLITICAL

- Seek out friendly legislators in three (3) states to introduce legislation to ease ballot access requirements. (Champion: ?????, submitted by Aaron Starr)

POLITICAL

- Provide recognition to elected Libertarians by publishing at least one elected official profile in each issue of LP News. (Champion: ?????, submitted by Aaron Starr)

FINANCIAL:

- Add 300 new donors pledging monthly by credit card or ach debit. (Champion: ?????, submitted by Aaron Starr)

POLITICAL:

- Invest in marketing to help identify where the LP should invest (Champion: Pat Dixon)

Yours in Liberty,

Patrick J Dixon
Libertarian Party National Committee, At-Large member
Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas
www.LPTexas.org

To start, Pat Dixon moved the following to address the procedure.

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Mary Ruwart moved to change '3 goals per category' to '5 goals per category'. Mary Ruwart's motion passed.

Pat Dixon's motion as amended passed.

Pat Dixon then moved

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FINANCIAL:

1) The LNC will raise at least \$1.3 million during 2009 (Champion: Mike Jingoian, submitted by Dr Jim Lark, amended by Aaron Starr)

Aaron Starr moved to divide the issue into the four questions preceded by numbers. The motion to divide passed.

Accordingly we next addressed the first goal:

POLITICAL:

1) 48 state Ballot access (Champion: Bill Redpath)

Aaron Starr moved to substitute:

POLITICAL

- Seek out friendly legislators in three (3) states to introduce legislation to ease ballot access requirements. (Champion: ?????, submitted by Aaron Starr)

The substitution failed for lack of a second.

Mary Ruwart moved to amend to say that we 'Raise one third of the necessary funds this term in order to achieve 48 state ballot access in 2012'. The amendment failed.

Mark Hinkle moved Bill Redpath craft language for this goal and defer the matter to a mail ballot (i.e., to essentially commit the issue to a committee). There was no objection to this motion.

Next we considered:

ORGANIZATIONAL:

1) The LNC will have 18,000 sustaining members as of Dec. 31, 2009 (Champion: Mark Hinkle, submitted by Dr Jim Lark, amended by Aaron Starr)

Lee Wrights moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of having Pat Dixon and champions of the various goals craft language for the remainder of the items and present in (no later than) the Charleston meeting.

The suspension of the rules passed with no objection.

The motion passed on a voice vote after Mary Ruwart had called the question.

Policy Manual Addition for Mail Ballots

In as much as Admiral Colley had stepped out the room at the time he might have discussed the ED search, Dan Karlan's change to the Policy Manual advanced to the business at hand:

Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section A (page 15), append a new third paragraph:

The Secretary shall report the results of mail ballots at each LNC meeting immediately following those ballots. The minutes of each meeting of the LNC shall include the following aspects of each mail ballot conducted since the prior meeting and reported by the Secretary at that meeting: the complete text of the motion, the names of the co-sponsors, the dates of the initiation and completion of the balloting, and the roll of those voting on the motion.

With no objection and the Secretary affirming his support the motion passed.

Executive Director Search

Admiral Colley noted the search continues for an executive director with interviews ongoing, including some conducted in San Diego.

Meeting Dates for 2009

The LNC settled on the following dates:

Charleston, LSLA Conference Feb 28, Saturday PM
March 1, Sunday all day
July 18-19 Likely St. Louis or Boise, ID⁴
December 5-6

Adjournment / Recess

Lee Wrights moved to adjourn for the day. The motion passed.

Sunday AM

The Sunday session commenced at 8:03.

Population of Conflict Resolution Committee

Bill Redpath recognized Michael Jingoian who recommended the following members to populate the Conflict Resolution committee:

Rachel Hawkridge, Tony Ryan, Mary Ruwart, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Admiral Michael Colley,
Michael Jingoian

Angela Keaton objected to the formation of the committee. Her objection was ruled out of order. The committee membership was established without objection.

Post-Meeting Note:

Angela Keaton resigned from the LNC on December 8 in an e-mail submitted to the LNC-Discussion list and received by the Secretary at 4:17pm CST.

Dear Mr. Redpath:

I am resigning my At Large seat on the Libertarian National Committee effective immediately.

Angela Keaton

West Hollywood, CA

The Chair accepted the resignation on December 9 in an e-mail submitted to the Secretary to be forwarded to the LNC-Discussion list that emerged onto cyberspace at 9:50am CST.

Fellow Board Members:

FYI

⁴ July 18 will occur immediately after the 2009 MLB All-Star Game on Tuesday night. The Cardinals are in town that weekend. Vacationers and fans may still be in town after the game.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: William Redpath <bredpath@bia.com>

To: rwsully@att.net

Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 9:34:48 AM

Subject: Please forward this to the LNC Discuss List ASAP

Mr. Secretary:

I am not at a computer that has LNC Discuss List posting privileges, so I am asking you to forward this to the LNC Discuss list for me as soon as possible.

I accept the resignation of Angela Keaton from the Libertarian National Committee.

William Redpath
Chair
Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

2009 Budget

Bob Sullentrup moved to reduce the amount of time for the 2009 Budget from 120 to 30 minutes. The motion failed.

Aaron Starr presented the proposed 2009 budget, pegged at \$1.3M as an order of magnitude. Aaron covered budget items line by line answering questions and providing explanations.

The LNC entered executive session for the purpose of discussing salaries and compensation.

The 2009 proposed budget is attached as Appendix B.

Washington "Top Two" Litigation

Coming out of executive session from the budget discussion, Pat Dixon moved to suspend the rules to consider for 10 minutes appropriating \$15k previously authorized for challenging the FEC limits on bequests to support the Washington State "top two" litigation. The "top two" refers to the primary system that we wish to throw out in order to preserve trademark protection for the Libertarian Party name. The fear is D's and R's would use this procedure to eliminate 'spoilers'.

The suspension of the rules passed and Mr. Dixon introduced the motion.

The motion passed 15-1.

Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Bob Sullentrup, Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan(1), Mark Hinkle (2), Rebecca Sink-Burris (3), Stewart Flood(4), Dr. James Lark (5-S), Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox (6), Rachel Hawkridge (7)

Voting against: Aaron Starr

2009 Budget, continued

Mary Ruwart called the question on the 2009 budget as proposed. The motion passed 10-6.

Voting in favor: Michael Jingoian, Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup. Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Tony Ryan, Mark Hinkle, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Dan Karlan.

Opposed: Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Dr. James Lark, Julie Fox, Rachel Hawkridge

Lee Wrights challenged that the budget had not been previously submitted in writing. The chair ruled the budget had been submitted in writing.

Rachel Hawkridge moved Michael Jingoian provide his 'quick and dirty' marketing proposal regarding ways to enhance 2009 revenue to the LNC, and that the Executive Committee meet before the end of the year to make corresponding budget adjustments. There was no objection to Rachel's motion.

Agenda

Pat Dixon moved to strike Alicia Mattson's E-voting demo from the agenda. There was no objection

Platform Committee Nominations and Selection

No candidates other than those nominated previously via e-mail were added to the list of candidates for the Platform Committee. Ballot results were as follows.

Receiving majority support and selected for the Platform Committee were

Adam Mayer	13
Rebecca Sink-Burris	13
Richard Randall	12
Brian Holtz	11
Alicia Mattson	11
Stephen Gordon	10
Jon Roland	10
Rob Power	9
Joe Hauptmann	9

Not receiving a majority were

Chris Barber	8
Susan Hogarth	8
Stephen Green	6
John Howell	5
Starchild	5
James Oakson	3
Michael Carmany	2
Corey Carpenter	2
Scott Stewart	1
John Jacob	-
Richard Stewart	-

Aaron Starr moved, and then later withdrew, a motion to fill the tenth person on the Committee in Charleston.

Mary Ruwart proposed a voice vote to choose between Chris Barber and Susan Hogarth who had fallen one vote short. Mary's motion passed.

Susan Hogarth was selected 9-5. Chris Barber is the alternate.

Rebecca Sink-Burris moved Alicia Mattson be the interim chair of the Platform committee. The motion passed.

Bob Sullentrup commended Alicia Mattson for her 'masterful' job Alicia as 2008 Platform Committee chair, suffering the slings and arrows from many sources yet maintaining her composure, refusing to be bullied and letting the Convention's will to ultimately prevail.

Convention 2010

Admiral Colley said the LP will hold its convention at the Renaissance Grand hotel in downtown St. Louis Memorial Day weekend in 2010. The Convention will be Saturday, Sunday and a half day Monday.

This property offered the best prices, had a central location, offered Metrolink light rail transportation from the airport and provided additional amenities. Room rate is \$109, locked in at the 2008 price. Room commitments: 41 Thu, 341 Fri, 341 Sat, 316 Sun, 31 Mon for a total of 1165. The LNC would be responsible for room attrition penalties of 70% of that number.

Pat Dixon moved to accept the recommendation of St. Louis. There was no objection.

Convention Electronic Voting Demonstration (Mattson)

Pat Dixon had moved to defer Alicia Mattson's demo to Charleston.

Bylaws Committee Report (Karlan)

Bill Redpath at this point had to leave for the airport to catch a flight United had changed and was unwilling to let him change.

Vice-Chair Michael Jingoian took over running the meeting.

Before leaving, Bill noted that he had appointed M Carling as LNC parliamentarian, a prerogative within his authority.

Dan Karlan noted the Bylaws Committee has started its work. The plan includes meeting face-to-face in Charleston and to conduct much business by e-mail.

Dan noted that some of the committee members will be unable to come to Charleston. In order to secure a quorum, Dan needed to have the LNC approve alternates,

Dan moved to appoint Vicki Kirkland as Bylaws Committee alternate. There were no objections

Dan moved to appoint M Carling as an alternate. M's appointment passed 10-5.

Julie Fox nominated Starchild. Starchild was selected as an alternate. 8-6,

LNCC Report (Hawkridge)

Rachel Hawkridge quizzed Alicia Mattson and Aaron Starr on the LNCC and its decisions and practices.

Bob Sullentrup moved to end discussion. The motion passed 8-4.

LNC Meeting Video Recording & Archiving (Keaton)

Angela Keaton moved to upgrade the video recording capabilities to digital and create a permanent archive of all meeting recordings, accessible to any member on request, and no destruction of recordings.

This motion was one to reconsider a matter previously adopted.

With no objection, the word 'digital' was changed to 'high quality'.

Aaron Starr noted individual initiative could easily provide this service.

Lee Wrights moves to postpone the matter to Charleston. There were no objections to the postponement.

Policy Manual Amendment—Authorization of Lawsuits (Lark)

Dr. Jim Lark sent the following e-mail to the LNC on November 21:

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Nov. 21, 2008

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

During the Libertarian National Committee meeting on Sept. 6-7, 2008, I was requested by the LNC to prepare proposed language for the Policy Manual concerning a procedure for the authorization of lawsuits. I have enclosed proposed language below for your consideration.

Please note that the wording of the language is largely the product of LNC general counsel Bill Hall, who graciously prepared some language for my consideration. I have made what I believe are a few minor modifications of his language. I provided the proposed language to Mr. Hall for his comments; he indicated that he found no problems with that language.

The proposal is to amend Article I of the LNC Policy Manual to add a new section (to be numbered Section 9) that will read as follows:

Section 9: Authorization of Lawsuits

Prior to the filing of a lawsuit, or the joining of a lawsuit filed in any court, in which the LNC or the national Libertarian Party is proposed to be a named plaintiff, the Chair shall:

(1) Advise all LNC members (including alternates) of the proposed lawsuit, its purpose, and its estimated cost;

(2) Confirm, or seek and obtain approval for, the budgetary authority for the expenses of the lawsuit as provided for in Article V, Section 2 of this Policy Manual; and

(3) Seek and obtain approval of the Executive Committee for participation in the lawsuit.

(end of Policy Manual addition)

Issue for Consideration

Due to the fact that participation in litigation may require the Chair to make a commitment very quickly, I believe it would be better to require the Chair to seek and obtain approval of the Executive Committee rather than the LNC. However, I request that you consider whether to

modify item (3) to require the Chair to seek and obtain approval of the LNC, rather than the Executive Committee.

I have enclosed Article V (Finances), Section 2 (Budget) of the LNC Policy Manual for your consideration:

Section 2: BUDGET

A. PREPARATION

1. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Executive Director, shall develop an annual operating budget and present it to the LNC for approval prior to the start of each fiscal year. This budget shall include a statement of anticipated revenue and expenditures in sufficient detail to adequately outline specific activities and plans, including those for raising funds, and to outline the major categories of expense required to implement each activity or plan.

2. No budget shall be submitted to the LNC for approval that exceeds 110% of the actual revenue over the immediate past 12 months prior to the date of the budget approval.

3. Absent LNC action directing otherwise, year-end closing positive or negative fund balances for restricted funds shall be reflected in the next year's budget as incremental budgeted expenses or revenues.

B. AMENDMENT

1. The budget may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the LNC.

2. Expense items within one budget area may be amended with the consent of the Executive Committee, as long as the total expense for that budget area is not increased.

3. A line for a previously unbudgeted item, total expense for a new line not exceeding 1% of budgeted revenues, may be added to the budget by the Chair, with the consent of the Executive Committee. The cumulative amount budgeted for any item that was not approved by the LNC shall not exceed 1% of budgeted revenues without LNC approval.

4. An existing budget line may be increased by the Chair, with the consent of the Executive Committee, during the period between LNC meetings, provided that there is a corresponding reduction from the contingency fund.

5. The National Committee shall be notified in advance by the Executive Director of any intention to undertake any project that is estimated, on gross, to cost more than 2.5% of budgeted revenue. The Executive Director must immediately report to the National Committee when any project's gross cost unintentionally exceeds 2.5% of budgeted revenue.

C. SPENDING LIMIT

1. Funds shall not be disbursed for any expense which is not in the budget. Funds shall not be disbursed for any budget line which exceeds the total budgeted expense amount by 10% or \$100, whichever is more.

2. Discretionary Disbursement:

The Director may not disburse any funds in excess of these limits until a budget amendment is approved. Failure to follow this policy may be cause for dismissal.

The Chair shall be allowed \$1,000 in discretionary funds within any (rolling) three month period and not to exceed \$5,000 per term unless those expenditures are approved by the LNC. Penalty for violation of this shall be the same as listed in the Policy Manual V.2.C.3.

3. The Treasurer is required to report any violations of this policy to the LNC.

D. REVENUE SHORTFALL REPORTING

At the end of each month within a fiscal year, the Executive Director must immediately report to the Executive Committee if cumulative revenue is less than 90% of the accepted budget and submit detailed plans for appropriate expense reductions for the remainder of the budget period.

E. REVIEW

The Executive Director shall provide monthly budgets for the next calendar year including when the proposed budget might use reserve funds for any purpose.

Aaron Starr moved to amend changing 'named plaintiff' to 'a participant'. This provides for the times when the LNC is footing the bill but not named as a plaintiff.

Mark Hinkle and Mary Ruwart offered suggestions. In the end, there was unanimous consent to withdraw the matter to run the changes past counsel before adoption.

Aaron Starr Personal Privilege

Aaron Starr rose to a point of personal privilege, noting someone ordered food for the room that had been charged to LNC. Aaron would not name the individual.

Starchild said he had inquired of the hotel if there were any more snacks coming, but that he did not order any. If he were involved, the matter was a misunderstanding.

Policy Manual Amendment—Mail Ballot Reporting *and Strategic Plan* (Karlan)

The LNC had managed to shoe-horn the mail ballot reporting issue in on Saturday. At that time, Dan Karlan withdrew the strategic planning portion. Accordingly, the strategic plan matter was not broached.

Volunteer Confidentiality Form (Redpath)

Jim Lark noted the Volunteer Confidentiality form found in tab 4 of the binder.

The idea was for LNC members to sign the form certifying the proper treatment and handling of confidential information.

Aaron Starr moved to postpone. There was an objection. Several members including Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Angela Keaton, Stewart Flood and others were reluctant to sign the form.

Nevertheless, the body postponed the matter for Charleston.

LP News Content (Keaton)

Angela Keaton asked to postpone this item. With no objection, the request was granted.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Since the LNC had to discuss the legal services contract in executive session and with Rachel Hawkridge having stepped away, the body moved to hearing from the public.

David Nolan objected to the selection of Alicia Mattson as Platform Committee chair, noting the many complaints directed at her as 2008 Platform Committee chair. Nolan also noted that Mattson was not the highest vote-getter in the balloting earlier, and that several individuals had greater approval than Mattson.

Ruth Bennett thanked the LNC for the financial support for the Top Two litigation.

Starchild recommended the LNC eliminate the branding budget item. He was reminded the LNC already had. He recommended the LNC not pay for meeting rooms. The restaurant of the prior evening had space and the LNC could have met there for free. Starchild complained the blog had changed on the LP website and was unable to post anymore. He recommended we make the daily poll on the website daily and provide questions that are substantial. He stated it was crass to post quantities of amounts raised. He was reminded the monetary amounts had not been there for two months. Finally, he recommended we focus on LNC transparency, videotape everything and offer the tapes to members.

George Phillis, 2008 LP presidential candidate, recommended we sponsor effective projects and spend money wisely.

Rob Power noted the LP in San Francisco is being killed by its being perceived as conservative. Accordingly, Rob recommended the LP show up at left wing progressive events.

Mike Seebeck said it his intention to videotape LNC meetings. Videotapes, he said, offer the best evidence in court.

Other Resolution(s) (Hawkridge)

Rachel Hawkridge moved the following resolution that Austin Peterson wrote and Dr. Ruwart revised.

Let it be resolved that the Libertarian National Committee hereby repudiates the United States Government's recent active duty military domestic operations.

Attorney General Michael Mukasey declared that the Fourth Amendment, which bars unreasonable searches and seizures, does not apply to "domestic military operations" against terrorist threats. ("Mukasey Distances Himself from a Memo on Searches," The New York Times, April 11, 2008)

We the members of the Libertarian National Committee respectfully disagree with the Attorney General. We reassert the of the free people of the United States to be safe from incursions into the homeland territories of the 50 States as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment of the United States.

The 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, formerly deployed to serve in Iraq, is now serving a 12 month tour in the United States beginning Oct. 1 2008, the 1st BCT will be under the day-to-day control of U.S. Army North, the Army service component of Northern Command, as an on-call federal response force for natural or manmade emergencies and disasters, including terrorist attacks.

We, the LNC, assert the authority invested in local police, fire, medical, and associated professionals are best suited to handle any natural or manmade emergencies and disasters, including terrorist attacks. The military is best suited for winning foreign wars and not policing the world, or the American

homeland. The Libertarian National Committee strenuously objects to this flagrant violation of Posse Comitatus.

We urge the citizens of the United States to protest this violation of the Fourth Amendment to their local, state, and federal representatives and demand an end to this illegal military encroachment.

At the same time, Andrew Davis had provided the following

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING DOMESTIC DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. MILITARY

WHEREAS, the domestic deployment of 20,000 uniformed military personnel planned by the United States government undermines the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which forbids the use of the military for domestic policing; and,

WHEREAS, such a deployment is an alarming example of the increasing militarization of our society; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing use of active duty military personnel, has, and will, lead to the abuse of American civil liberties, such as violations of the Fourth Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, a state's National Guard -- not active duty members of Army combat units -- is the appropriate authority to handle local emergencies and disasters should they arise; and,

WHEREAS, the use of the 3rd Infantry Division 1st Brigade Combat Team during a time of war puts further tension on an already strained U.S. military.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Libertarian National Committee and its undersigned members hereby condemn the plans of the federal government to deploy 20,000 active duty members of the U.S. military to serve, for whatever reason, domestically in the United States. Furthermore, the Libertarian National Committee calls for the immediate abandonment of these plans, and instead suggests that should an emergency response team comprised of members other than local emergency responders (fire, police, HAZMAT) be developed and trained, it consist of members of the National Guard (not active duty personnel of the United States military).

The Libertarian National Committee calls for the citizens of the United States to protest this militarization of our society, and its encroachment on American civil liberties, to their local, state and federal representatives.

After some discussion, Rachel moved to substitute the Davis version for the Ruwart version. The substitution passed without objection.

Aaron Starr moved to change the word 'protest' to 'oppose'. Angela Keaton objected forcing a vote. The amendment passed.

The amendment passed without objection

Dan Karlan corrected the grammar of the third 'whereas', using 'has led, and will lead.'. There was no objection.

The resolution now read:

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Michael Jingoizian asked if there were any objection. Angela Keaton objected.

Upon a roll call, the measure passed unanimously despite Ms.Keaton's objection to the matter she delivered earlier.

Voting in favor:

Michael Jingoizian, Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup, Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Tony Ryan(1), Mark Hinkle (2), Rebecca Sink-Burris (3), Stewart Flood(4), Dr. James Lark (5-S), Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox (6), Rachel Hawkrigde (7)

Opposed:

No one

Bill Redpath had left for the airport.

Executive Session

Mary Ruwart moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the legal counsel contract.

At 2:42 pm the LNC meeting came to a close.

Next Meetings

The schedule for subsequent LNC meetings is as follows:

2009 LSLA Joint meeting	February 28-March 1	Charleston, SC
2009 TBD	July 18-19	
2009 TBD	December 5-6	

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. Statement of Net Assets

	October-08
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	6,201
Accounts Receivable-Net	0
Other Receivables-Net	141,000
Inventories	2,000
Other Current Assets	<u>3,002</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>152,203</u>
Property and Equipment	
Gross Assets	207,784
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(174,423)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>33,360</u>
Other Assets	
Deposits	<u>7,020</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>7,020</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>192,583</u></u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	18,078
Accrued Payroll	13,167
Capital Lease Liability	6,827
Deferred Revenue	0
Deferred Rent	<u>11,006</u>

Appendix A. Aaron Starr, Treasurer's Report, San Diego, CA, December 6-7, 2008

Total Liabilities	<u>49,079</u>
Net Assets	
Beginning Net Assets	277,137
Restricted Net Assets	0
Other Adjustments	0
Current Year Surplus	<u>(133,632)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>143,505</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>192,385</u></u>

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. Statement of Operations

	2008 YTD
Support and Revenue	
Membership Dues	415,439
Donations	342,120
Recurring Gifts	248,933
Board Member Solicitations	108,118
Projects	0
Ballot Access Donations	311,422
Campus Outreach Donations	0
Convention Revenues	1,460
Publications, Materials and Other Sales	16,269
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Total Support and Revenue	1,443,761
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Cost of Support and Revenue	
Fundraising Costs	210,796
Membership Fundraising Costs	56,356
Convention	33,531
Direct Costs	0
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Total Cost of Support and Revenue	300,683
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Net Support and Revenue Available for Programs	1,143,078
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Program Expenses	
Administrative Expense	328,382
Compensation	335,543
Affiliate Support	3,231
Ballot Access	507,591
Brand Development	794
Campus Outreach	0
Candidate Support	500
Litigation	0
Lobbying	0
Media Relations	27,890
Member Communications	72,781
Outreach	0
Voter Registration	0
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Total Program Expenses	1,276,711
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Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(133,632)
Other Revenue/Expense	

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Interest Income	0
Interest Expense	0
Other Income	<u>0</u>
Total Other Revenue Expense	<u>0</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>(133,632)</u></u>

**Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Statement of Operations -- Annualized Comparison and Adopted Budget**

	2008 ADOPTED BUDGET		2009 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	\$	%	\$	%
Support and Revenue				
Membership Dues	394,000	27.8%	555,000	46.5%
Donations	604,500	42.6%	243,000	20.4%
Recurring Gifts	324,000	22.8%	292,000	24.5%
Board Member Solicitations	90,000	6.3%	85,000	7.1%
Projects	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ballot Access Donations	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Campus Outreach Donations	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Convention Revenues	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Publications, Materials and Other Sales	7,000	0.5%	18,000	1.5%
Total Support and Revenue	1,419,500	100.0%	1,193,000	100.0%
Cost of Support and Revenue				
Fundraising Costs	201,300	14.2%	257,000	21.5%
Membership Fundraising Costs	247,600	17.4%	173,000	14.5%
Convention	10,000	0.7%	0	0.0%
Direct Costs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	458,900	32.3%	430,000	36.0%
Net Support and Revenue Available for Programs	960,600	67.7%	763,000	64.0%
Program Expenses				
Administrative Expense	357,600	25.2%	378,700	31.7%
Compensation	419,200	29.5%	309,800	26.0%
Affiliate Support	4,500	0.3%	0	0.0%
Ballot Access	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Brand Development	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Campus Outreach	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Candidate Support	16,200	1.1%	5,000	0.4%
Litigation	15,000	1.1%	35,000	2.9%
Lobbying	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Media Relations	4,500	0.3%	6,000	0.5%

Appendix B. Aaron Starr, 2009 Budget, San Diego, CA, December 6-7, 2008

Member Communications	54,000	3.8%	28,000	2.3%
Outreach	11,000	0.8%	0	0.0%
Voter Registration	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Program Expenses	<u>882,000</u>	<u>62.1%</u>	<u>762,500</u>	<u>63.9%</u>
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	78,600	5.5%	500	0.0%
Other Revenue/Expense				
Interest Income	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Interest Expense	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Income	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Other Revenue Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>78,600</u></u>	<u><u>5.5%</u></u>	<u><u>500</u></u>	<u><u>0.0%</u></u>

LPHQ Update

12/6/2008

Operation's Director Report (Acting ED)

by Robert Kraus

Overview

Since the last LNC meeting, LPHQ has focused mainly on 2009 budget planning and the presidential campaign.

Please feel free to address any issues not covered in the staff reports at the upcoming LNC meeting and we will do our best to address or answer any concerns.

Staff Update

Our staff levels remain at appropriate levels and includes a smaller than usual assemble of college students. We have recently cut back on our student's hours to an "as needed" basis to help curtail costs and Austin and Louise will be actively looking for unpaid college interns next semester.

Below are our current staffers and summary of their current job responsibilities/overview of what they do on a weekly/daily basis:

- ❖ Robert Kraus, Acting ED / Operations Director:
 - Fiscal Management (a/p, a/r, general bookkeeping in QuickBooks)
 - Working with Aaron Starr and the EC on the 2009 Budget
 - Maintaining compliance with government policies including FEC filing
 - Management of LP Staff (human resources including payroll and benefits administration)
 - Oversight of database management & cleanup (Raiser's Edge)
 - General purchasing and procurement
 - Customer service (internal and external communications with board members, affiliates, donors, etc.)
 - Working with the Chair, Andrew Davis and others to get out a cohesive Libertarian message across to the public
 - Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance
 - Preparation of financial and membership reports
 - Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers
 - Management of our higher donor direct solicitation endeavors (such as our telemarketing program with John Swallow)
 - Creating and overseeing various initiatives to establish a "cause célèbre" for our donors (such as Operation Elect-US to expand our political stature by increasing the number of elected Libertarians in office)

- ❖ Andrew Davis, Communications Director:

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- Scan national media for topics for press releases, blog entries, and Email messages
 - Draft press releases, blogs, email solicitations, email messages to members
 - Answer press inquiries and book media appearances for party officials
 - Write content for Web site, when needed Design graphics for Web site, emails, blogs, advertisements and newsletters
 - Develop content for monthly newsletter and newspaper layout and design monthly newsletter (and soon, perhaps, LP News)
 - Administrate and monitor the LP's Facebook and MySpace accounts, adding content and updating information
 - Function as the intermediary between the Party and the public
 - Essentially, responsible for any in-house communication with the outside world
- ❖ Sean Haugh, Political Director
- Follow up with people who have expressed a desire to run for office, starting by introducing them to their state party Chair or their designee
 - Track candidates' activities and offer them one-on-one support for their campaigns
 - Research, and dissemination of what I've found, on the what offices are available and how to file for them
 - Working with state parties and local activists to get ballot access reform bills introduced in state legislatures, and developing lobbying strategies for them
 - Managing our ballot access lawsuits and getting them ready for the next phase of declaratory relief
 - Write articles for LP News, Pledge News and lp.org on ballot access and candidates
 - Maintain and update the list of elected Libertarians
 - Customer service to state and local affiliates in all areas, right now concentrating on recruiting and placing candidates for 2009 and 2010
 - Report on my activities to the LNC, always keeping the Chair and ED aware of what I've found so they can inform the board and other relevant people
 - Answering email questions about the Party and its positions
 - Working with allies (e.g., Ballot Access News, FairVote, freeandequal.org, other third parties) to build coalitions for ballot access reform at the state level and share information to the benefit of all concerned
 - Preparing for petitioning efforts to begin in 2009 and 2010
 - Working with Austin and interns for follow up phone calls to candidate leads
- ❖ Louise Calise, Direct Marketing Manager
- Maintain accuracy of monthly giving program (donor calls and email changes; contact donors for updated information)
 - Process monthly gifts for members of monthly giving program and evaluate transactions that do not go through to find out why including contacting the donor for updated information
 - Oversee Member Service Specialists in the sorting incoming mail, updating membership information and caging of donations
 - Re-checking of daily deposits and cash audits
 - Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals (copy, art, print, mailshop)
 - Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments from house file for each house mail appeal, and order lists for each acquisition appeal
 - Data pulls from donor database for house mail appeal and for omission in acquisition appeal
 - Data pulls for membership cards, acknowledgments and cultivation

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- Oversee printing and mailing of membership cards; print and mail acknowledgments; search for creative ideas to cultivate high dollar and loyal donors
- Work with Aaron Starr on the Board Member Solicitation program

- ❖ Austin Petersen, Volunteer Coordinator
 - Respond to letters and email requests from volunteers
 - Recruit volunteers from advertisements
 - Work on operation "Elect Us" with Sean Haugh (calling candidates, etc.)
 - Produce, shoot, edit original videos for the LP. Continue creating infrastructure of permanent online web 2.0 material resources for training, education, inspiration, and recruitment
 - Work with state affiliates, and volunteers on event ideas, and creating opportunities for locals to be active
 - Edit LP.org website events and volunteer receipt lists
 - Write blogs for LP.org
 - Write articles for LP NEWS and Pledge news
 - Network with other high level organizations, and politicians in DC to increase the stature and reputation of the party
 - Manage supply of work for 1-3 rotating interns
 - Research current affairs and provide creative material for advertisements to be posted
 - Provide education and training to the Libertarian community (Leadership Institute knowledge)
 - Staff booths at LP events, direct recruitment of volunteers for affiliate events
 - Study opposition party tactics, emulate successes, learn from their failures

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

- ❖ Casey Hansen, Member Services Specialist
 - Answers and directs incoming phone calls
 - Accepts, opens and sorts mail/packages/couriers and supplies
 - Greets visitors
 - Produces and mails out LP Membership Cards
 - Produces and mails out LP Information Packets
 - Sorts and tags physical monetary contributions sent to the office (checks/money orders/cash)
 - Deposits checks at PCN bank after Louise has verified deposit and cash audits
 - Updates member's address and contact information
 - Assists in general office upkeep, organization and maintaining office supplies

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- Any other extra tasks as assigned by other LNC staff such as general filing, research, and responding to member correspondence
- ❖ We have cut back down to two college students working part time 1-2 days per week: Erin Taylor (a GW student) & Mark Meranta (a GMU student)
- ❖ We also have a contractor, John Swallow, to help us with tele-fundraising of mid range (\$250-500) donors part time. Since late Aug, he has raised over \$12,000.00

Operations

As mentioned above, Robert has been focused on budget prep, the campaign, preparation of pre-election and post election FEC reports, reducing expenses and raising money.

Affiliates

Sean Haugh provides a full report on campaigns and ballot access. Austin and Andrew have also been in frequent contact with our affiliates. Data dumps continue to go out regularly. We added a few extra dumps during the fall so the states can keep up and mail to all the new members and inquires.

We have seen some major improvements on the information flow from states to LPHQ, especially from newer state chairs that appear to be more responsive in getting us data updates, events and news items. We encourage the regional reps to please continue to help us receive information from your states. Receiving news and event updates from our affiliates is an ongoing battle. Again, news worthy items (especially when accompanied by high quality color photos) can be sent to news@lp.org while events simply can be sent to events@lp.org

Finance and Fundraising

Internet Fundraising – Web Site

Internet based fundraising continues to be a growth area for us. Since the launch of the new web site, we have raised a total of \$272,227.00.

Working closely with Andrew, Austin, Louise, Sean and Susan, Terra Eclipse is completely finished with the back end of our web and Andrew has taken the lead for most of our web site management needs. This should save us some considerable programming expenses. We are now able to export data such as inquiries and volunteers in batches, which is imported weekly into RE. This saves staff, and Susan especially, considerable time. We are working with Blakbaud to find a way to import the gift batch records into RE as well. TE has finished creating the back end for exporting gift batches which still must be manually entered by Susan into RE. We are currently working with TE on finishing the creation of the widgets (the linkable graphics which direct people to our web site and donation page) which we've delayed in order to save money.

Phone-based Fundraising

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We had hired a new telemarketing vendor to do a renewal call series in late Oct and early Nov. Last year this resulted in over \$30,000 in revenue for Nov 07 alone. Unfortunately we were unhappy with the results (\$8,500 for Oct/Nov combined) and will be returning to our previous vendor. We made the switch mainly for financial reasons (the new vendor was half the price of the old one) but obviously, you get what you pay for. Thus we will use the new vendors pricing proposal to re-negotiate our terms with the old vendor.

Finance

Accounts payable remained higher than we would like for most of the last few months, yet we stay current on our bills. As mentioned in the last meeting, we had a high of \$47,000 in Aug which had been reduced to \$18,100 for Oct and \$22,200 for Nov. I do not anticipate getting back to our previous normal levels of \$10-15,000 if the economy continues to do poorly.

Speaking of the reduced economic situation, in terms of profitability, we have somehow managed to have three months with small surpluses which brought our total loss for the year down to -\$124,800 as of end of Nov from -\$152,900 at the end of Aug. I do not expect this to improve for Dec. The only reason we had a surplus in November was due to an adjustment of \$19,700 in our bequest from the estate which finally sold off their coin collection.

We have seen a significant reduction in both on line and direct mail contributions over the last few weeks. For the 1st half of Nov (11-1-11/15) we received \$68,000 in donations, for the 2nd half only \$11,241 was received. November has not traditionally been a great month for us with the exception of last year and 2003. The main reason last year was better was due in part to our tele-marketing efforts as previously mentioned. Here is a comparison of this Nov vs. prior ones:

Month/Year	Revenue	% Change
Nov-08 Draft	\$ 79,241.00	-36%
Nov-07	\$ 107,531.00	26%
Nov-06	\$ 79,630.00	2%
Nov-05	\$ 77,781.00	-26%
Nov-04	\$ 98,126.00	-21%
Nov-03	\$ 118,368.00	
(2008 Adjusted for bequest - actual = \$98,975)		
Nov-08 Draft	\$ 79,241.00	-24%
Nov-04	\$ 98,126.00	

I think the 24% drop in the 08 vs. 04 comparisons is the direct result of the economy. Many of the messages we have been receiving from donors say "I wish we could give you more but can not at this time." For example, our average gift has gone from \$44.59 in Oct down to \$38.44 for Nov. People are still giving, but they are unable to give as much.

The conclusion one might draw from this is that Aaron's conservative projections of revenue for 2009 are justified and that we really will need each and every board members

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help in directly soliciting donations to avoid the financial hardships that we experienced several years ago. Please do let Aaron know if you wish to participate so Louise can start researching possible donors for you to visit and John Swallow can start to arrange the appointments.

Membership

The membership report for 11/30/08 previously submitted to the LNC is also attached. As with the last few months, I've included a comparison of 04 vs. 08 numbers on the first page.

Highlights:

Total active donors from 04/04-11/04 increased by 3.57% (total of 752 net) Total active donors from 04/08-11/08 increased by 17.56% (total of 2564 net)

New donors Apr-Nov 04 = 2786 vs. Apr-Nov 08 = 5314 (90.74% increase) Renewals Apr-Nov 04 = 2436 vs. Apr-Nov 08 = 4615 (89.45% increase)

Presidential Campaign

LPHQ would like to thank all the staff and volunteers of the Barr/Root campaign and especially the candidates themselves for their help in promoting the LP and our down ballot candidates. We all had a mostly enjoyable, positive experience working with the campaign and felt that we had made a real collaborative effort to expand our brand.

We want to especially thank the campaign for encouraging their supporters, through their email blasts, letters and "60 Seconds" promotions, to join the LP, volunteer or request info from us. In addition, we appreciate their help in financing some of our ballot access efforts and encouraging their donors to aid us as well. We really could not have done it without you.

We agree that, as Chairman Redpath said, we "did not win as many votes as most of us thought they would get, there is much that we gained in 2008 and a lot to be proud of for the Libertarian Party."

Without the record amount of media Barr/Root generated, their help in promoting our brand and candidates, our over all vote totals would never have eclipsed the record 13 million plus obtained. Nor would we have had the growth in membership, volunteers and inquires at both the state and national level.

Communications Directors Report – Andrew Davis

After the 2008 election year, 2009 is sure to be challenging year for the Libertarian Party for media exposure. However, one benefit from the 2008 presidential election is that the Libertarian Party established itself as a credible expert on fiscal and pro-liberty issues. Building on the media successes of the Barr/Root presidential campaign, I believe 2009 can be a good year for the Libertarian Party in the off-season.

My main goal for 2009 is to simply maintain a media presence for the Libertarian Party.

We have recently invested in a media-tracking tool called Meltwater News. Meltwater works very much like Lexis Nexis in tracking media, except better and cheaper. Meltwater will allow us to effectively track our media hits, to find out which press releases are working, in which markets, running in what papers. Google News alerts miss many of our news hits that run in smaller papers, and Meltwater will be able to better track and count these hits.

We can also pass these hits along to our state chairs in helping them identify sympathetic newspapers, and help development the media presence of our state affiliates in their areas.

This is a very important component of the long-term media strategy of the Libertarian Party. One mistake we continue to repeat is having a large-scale media presence every four years with our presidential candidates. While our presidential campaigns should of course be the climax of any four-year cycle, it will help tremendously in our local presence if media is aware of our party, views and candidates.

To do this, our state chairs must be trained in media strategy, which can easily be done by developing a training package that can be given to state chairs, and then passed to local leaders too.

Another goal I'd like to set is booking a Libertarian Party official or representative on at least one major media hit a month. I wish I could be more aggressive in this goal (such as one a week), but I'd like to set a realistic goal instead of an unattainable one. I think once a month will set a solid foundation for the next four years, and one that we can always increase.

You may have noticed a recent change to LP News and Pledge News. I have fully redesigned Pledge News to a more modern look, which makes it easier to read, more pleasant at which to look and also contain reoccurring features that readers enjoy. In each issue, there is one article about recent events, as well as a monthly column by our volunteer coordinator and political director. The back cover features snippets from recent news releases by the Party.

LP News has also undergone a drastic redesign, and we have attempted to outsource it as had been tried for years. The quality has not been as high as we would have liked with our contractor, and we plan to bring it back in-house, which I strongly recommend. This will increase the speed at which the paper is completed, but more importantly, reduce the costs of production.

Since the launch of the Web site, I have gained more control over it and can now use it to advertise programs, such as recently with the "Operation Elect-Us" drive. If you visit LP.org, you can see the graphic I designed on the front page to advertise the program, and also the landing page for the drive that features a (temporary) banner and a description of the drive written by Sean Haugh. A day after launching the new page, Haugh already reported candidates signing up.

To engage our email subscribers, and to keep them donating and active in the party, we have started two, new weekly features called "Heroes of Capitalism" and "Monday Message." In the "HC" feature,

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we praise pro-capitalism individuals that have made unique and significant contributions to free market advocacy—not just inside the Libertarian Party.

"The Monday Message" offers the Libertarian perspective on the hot issue of the week. They usually have been informal, light-hearted and a great read for the average constituent. It helps our members argue our positions better by providing the knowledge and information they need on these issues.

The responses to both of these have been extremely positive:

This kind of communication is greatly appreciated. In these difficult times we libertarians need all the good news and encouragement we can get. And who better to receive it from than the national political organization that represents us. This kind of daily/weekly editorial commentary is long overdue. Keep up the good work!

Ron Paris

Santa Rosa, CA

Getting our party officials on big media hits, training our state affiliates to become better media strategists, keeping our members informed and engaged, are all important and necessary projects for the Libertarian Party in 2009. We've already made a strong start, and I plan to build on our gains from 2008.

Direct Marketing Manager's Report **By Louise Calise**

Overview

In 2007 I revitalized the direct mail and telemarketing programs. The best result of the revitalizing is that now procedures are in place and schedules maintained. This allowed 2008 to be good for our direct mail and telemarketing programs.

Since national elections are over we now need to write about and raise funds based on campaigns won, local and state campaigns that will happen in 2009 and the costs of our legal battles with some states over ballot access. I am ready for the challenge.

House Appeals

So far this year (as of 11/6/08) we netted almost \$250,000 from house solicitations alone. Going forward I am going to test a segment of our house file of 0-3 month donors. In other words, when doing the file pull for house mailings I am going to pull donors who have contributed within the last 3 months out separately from the other donors so we can get a true picture of how many (if any) of our donors give to direct mail appeals within a three month time. If our donors do not contribute more than once within three months, then when doing a file pull for house appeals I will omit donors of the past three months. This will save money and be more cost-effective. However, these donors will still be receiving LP News with a wallet BRE inserted.

Speaking of LP News with the wallet BRE inserted – this is proving to be effective for fundraising. I began this in September 2008 and so far to date we have received a total of almost \$10,000.00. Although this does not put the newsletter in the black at this time, I believe it will continue to be successful and be more cost-effective as we move forward and continue to insert the BRE.

In analyzing the results of our 2008 house appeals, I can see that our members respond best to petitions enclosed in the package, or some kind of interactive reply device. Because of this I will be constantly looking for issues to have petitions signed for (i.e. petition regarding economy and/or another regarding Afghanistan).

I recognized that members, who have expired 2 months before mailing a renewal notice to them, do not rejoin at a response rate for the mailing to be cost-effective; yet, members respond better to mail than telephone calls. Therefore, I am presently working on a new package for members who have expired 1 month before a renewal mailing so that I can bring up the number of these respondents and not have to mail to those who have expired 2 months before.

Prospecting

In 2007 we mailed six prospect appeals. While the percent of return (0.33%) for these were very poor the average gift (\$51.64) was good. In reviewing gifts that followed from the members who first responded to any one of our prospecting appeals, we have an additional 117 gifts, representing \$15,466 (in addition to the contributions for the first gift). So in the long run our prospecting appeals for 2007 have grossed \$30,084, with an average gift of \$41.97. More importantly we have added additional members to the file.

So far in 2008 we mailed thirteen prospect appeals. Only three appeals were to donors of other organizations. While the percent of return (1.40%) is higher than 2007 and the average gift is down (\$38.85 from \$51.64), the last appeal is still coming back. So I believe the average gift will rise. Additional gifts from these new members are 175, representing an additional \$3,295. So in the long run our 2008 prospecting appeals to date have grossed \$12,778, with an average gift of \$30.28. Again, please remember that the average gift will rise as more money comes in from the last appeal. Also, a new prospect package is going to mail on or about January 14, 2009.

For 2009 I anticipate mailing at least a total quantity of 180,000 names with an estimate return of just under 1%. This will give us an estimated 1,400 new members.

Telemarketing

In 2007 we used telemarketing efforts for renewals, ballot access and tested it for prospecting. We realized that doing telemarketing for prospecting does not work.

Therefore, in 2008 we used telemarketing only for renewals and "additional gift" (ballot access). For 2009 we will continue doing the same in a limited way plus try two trials on getting current members to join our pledge club.

Internet Fundraising

So far this year we have raised a total of \$385,812 over the internet (\$272,227 since the launch of the new site in June); whereas, in 2007 we raised a total of \$186,570. Andrew Davis has been putting out internet blasts that give people information and updates on issues and within the blast always asks for a donation. So this process of doing email blasts is working well – thanks to Andrew for writing and thanks to Robert for pressing Andrew to write. When I speak with a member and when I mail appeals I always ask for an email address so they can be updated and added as we move forward.

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LNC “Give or Get Program”

As of November 20, 2008 the Give or Get Program numbers are:

Sum of Gift Amount	Give/Get			
Board Member	Get	Give	Grand Total	Goal
Aaron Starr	1,240	6,060	7,300	10,000
Angela Keaton		0	0	0
Berlie R. Etzel		25	25	0
Bob Jackson		0	0	0
Daniel M. Karlan		500	500	2,500
George Squires		0	0	0
Hardy A. Macia		5,668	5,668	10,000
Heather Scott		686	686	0
Jake Porter	35	0	35	0
James W. Lark		6,000	6,000	10,000
Julia Fox		200	200	2,000
Lee Wrights		0	0	0
Mark W. Hinkle		150	150	5,000
Mary Ruwart	50	100	150	0
Michael C. Colley		1,642	1,642	5,000
Michael P. Jingoian		1,818	1,818	5,000
Patrick J. Dixon	225	770	995	5,000
R. A. Ryan		1,530	1,530	2,500
Rachel Hawkrige	50	68	118	1,000
Rebecca Sink-Burris	449	678	1,127	1,000
Robert Sullentrup	220	245	465	2,000
Scott Lieberman		400	400	1,000
Steve LaBianca		0	0	0
Stewart Flood	175		175	10,000
William B. Redpath		26,857	26,857	10,000
Grand Total	2,444	53,395	55,839	82,000

2009 Proposed Mail Schedule

Please see attached. (where is it?)

Conclusion

Without at least the \$500,000 for the 2009 direct mail marketing budget Aaron has proposed, I cannot promise to make all of the above happen. I do wish to achieve all that I have put forward, but need the help of the board in approving the budget and raising funds themselves through the Give or Get program.

Thank you all, Louise

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BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT UPDATES

All of the lawsuits which we filed during the election season are still active, except for Ohio. Each one has two phases, injunctive relief and declaratory relief. None of these lawsuits should incur any significant future costs beyond the minor expenses of filing papers and possibly some travel for our attorney in each case if a personal appearance in court is required. There are no significant developments in these ongoing cases since the election. Below is a brief summation of where each case stands.

Added to this list is our involvement in the Washington state "Top Two" litigation.

Washington: The Libertarian Party of Washington's lawsuit against I-872, aka "Top Two," is at a critical juncture. I have been helping in the search for a new attorney and am recommending the LNC pick up the cost of this new attorney, not to exceed \$15,000 over the remaining course of the lawsuit. The LNC would not become a named party in this case.

The LPWa has been represented until now by Richard Shepard. Shepard has been wanting to be released from the case since April. The state party has essentially expended and burnt out all the resources they have to continue this case.

The case currently is back in US District Court after having been heard by the US Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of I-872 early in the year, but kept the case open for various issues and said they may hear the case again once the Top Two system has had a chance to work and an "as applied" challenge could be developed.

The Democratic and Republican parties in Washington are co-plaintiffs. The Washington Grange Association, which has joined the defendant's side in favor of I-872, has filed to have the case dismissed. This is easily overcome, but a response is required by Monday 12/8/08. Shepard has agreed to file both a formal request to be removed from the case and a motion to delay further proceedings pending new counsel. This is probably a foregone conclusion as the original judge in the case very recently recused himself because his wife now represents the state in other legal matters, which creates a conflict of interest.

LPWa Chair Scott Lindsley and Krist Novolselic, the new Chair of FairVote and a resident of Washington, are working to raise money to pay Shepard's remaining expenses.

While this is not yet fully confirmed, I have been in contact with Oregon attorney Orrin Grover to take over from Shepard. Grover was the attorney for the Barr campaign in our Texas case. By the time of the meeting I hope to have an agreement between Shepard

and Grover about the transfer of the case. If this doesn't work out I will continue to search for a new attorney to replace Shepard.

This case, and the LP's involvement in it, is vitally important for three significant reasons. The LP is the only plaintiff who can bring the trademark issue, as we are the only party to have trademarked our name and logo, and the rights to keep and defend our trademark are obliterated by I-872, which invests the sole power of party identification with the candidates. Clearly, the Top Two system discriminates against us and other third parties by eliminating most of our candidates from the general election ballot. This leads to the reason why it is in the LNC's interests to continue the case to the end, because if this system is allowed to survive in Washington it could very easily spread to Oregon and California, and from there across the country. It has to be killed now before it becomes a national problem.

The estimate of no more than \$15,000 over the remaining course of the lawsuit comes from discussions with Grover and several others involved in ballot access litigation, and is in line with fee structures from previous cases. These funds would only pay for new representation. Any costs generated by Shepard would be covered by Lindsley's and Noveselic's efforts.

Massachusetts: The state has appealed our victory over substitution of our stand-in candidate on the petition with the candidate nominated in convention. While the main issue is now moot as Barr/Root was on the Massachusetts ballot, the Secretary of State desires guidance from the court on the details of substitution going forward. Our attorneys in this case and all plaintiffs (LNC, LPMa, Barr/Root) all agree that while we need to keep defending ourselves and preserve this victory, the state is in the wrong venue and really needs to take this question to the legislature.

We continue to be very ably represented by the firm of Foley Hoag in Boston, who were recruited by the Massachusetts ACLU. The LNC is only responsible for minor filing fees.

Louisiana, Connecticut, Maine, and New Hampshire: In Louisiana we are represented by Mark Brown, while in the three New England cases we continue to be represented by Gary Sinawski. They will be filing motions to begin the declaratory relief phase of each lawsuit this month. We lost on injunctive relief in all four states.

As previously reported, the issues in Maine and Connecticut are over the legal responsibilities of the Secretary of State and the town clerks in receiving and processing our petition signatures, while in New Hampshire the issue is substitution and in Louisiana, the filing of elector paperwork during a period of natural disaster. The relevant state party is a co-plaintiff in each case.

In all four cases, we are seeking the relevant state laws be struck down. (This is a rather extensive request in Maine and Connecticut.) In Connecticut and Maine we will also be requesting the court place us on the ballot for the rest of the current election cycle. In these two states and Louisiana, we will also be asking for significant financial compensation reflecting the costs and ongoing value of ballot access in each state.

Oklahoma: Mentioned here although the LNC is not directly involved in this case, but may wish to be in the future. The Barr/Root campaign's lawsuit is still alive for

declaratory relief and will continue into 2009. Our side is represented here by Jim Linger. This case merits continued monitoring in case, like Washington state, someone needs to step in to ensure the case continues.

Besides these cases, state parties are waging some of their own cases, including Tennessee and North Carolina. Overall, I am cautiously optimistic that most of these cases will eventually be successful, if not all of them. They are all strong cases but you never know what the judges will say.

We have been able to engage in all this legal activity at very little cost. As with our list of petitioners, we have been able to develop a list of good, experienced election law attorneys who will work for reasonable rates plus expenses.

Richard Winger has been an invaluable resource in every aspect of this. He is always ready to offer expert testimony and excellent ideas on how to structure and execute a lawsuit. He is now sending me his notes on laws that deserve a challenge. (I am not without my own ideas on this, as I can think of some ballot access law in every state I would want to strike down.)

One reason to pursue such an aggressive legal strategy is to create openings for our lobbying efforts. State legislators often remain blissfully ignorant of ballot access laws until they have a compelling reason to pay attention to them. Having their laws struck down in court is obviously quite compelling, but even filing a lawsuit will help to get their attention.

I am currently working with several state parties to line up legislators who will introduce positive reform bills for us, as well as identifying bills which we may wish to support or oppose. Once these legislatures begin in January, that work will shift to helping the states maximize their lobbying efforts to get the bills we want passed.

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LESSONS OF 2008 BALLOT ACCESS

The current LNC approach to ballot access uncovered several vulnerabilities which cost us access in some states and nearly did in others in 2008. I would like to change the paradigm so that ballot access is an ongoing concern of the LNC, and not only addressed during the Presidential election.

The main areas which need to be addressed to eliminate these vulnerabilities are:

- 1) Our commitment to 50 state ballot access so we can take advantage of every opportunity;
- 2) Spreading out the work over the course of the whole election cycle until waiting until the end of the cycle;
- 3) Spreading out the costs of ballot access so they don't cripple our resources during the height of the election cycle;

- 4) Taking over as much responsibility as possible for ballot access and the filing of state-level paperwork to secure it;
- 5) Ensuring the vitality of each state party so it can be an effective partner in ballot access; and,
- 6) The use of stand-in candidates on petitions begun pre-nomination.

We also made some very positive advancements in how we hire and manage petitioners, which will also be mentioned briefly at the end of this section.

Commitment to 50 state ballot access

The term "50 state ballot access" is a bit of a misnomer since it includes DC and Guam as well. For 2008, we adopted a strategy of 48 state ballot access, deferring the three most difficult drives in OK, WV and DC to a later decision. We found that once we had nominated a candidate who was nationally known, we desired ballot access in these states after all. The Barr/Root campaign took responsibility for all three, but unfortunately we started on each so late that the attempts to get on the ballot via meeting signature requirements and then filing a lawsuit when unsuccessful all failed (although the Oklahoma case is still ongoing, see the Lawsuit Update elsewhere in this report).

Ballot access remains job #1 for the Libertarian Party. Without it, we cannot run candidates and give voters a Libertarian choice, which is the essence of our existence as a political party.

We need to recognize that it is likely once we have nominated our ticket in convention and know who our candidate will be, we will be more motivated to get those people on every ballot. By starting early enough in every state we can meet the signature requirements, no matter how onerous. In the most difficult states, an effective petitioning strategy can be the foundation for any legal or legislative efforts to change the laws and lower the requirements going forward.

Past experiences prove that ballot access even in Oklahoma and West Virginia is achievable with an early start, but out of reach if we only decide to try after the national convention. The Barr/Root campaign's decision to tackle these most difficult states post-convention eventually only resulted in spending vast resources which could have gone into direct campaigning. While these were not LNC resources, we found this year that expecting the Presidential campaign to take responsibility for any ballot access results in an overwhelming obstacle to the campaign.

Spreading out the work of ballot access

Our habit has been to defer most of the effort for ballot access to the end of the cycle, work frantically to meet deadlines, and then ignore it until it becomes critical again towards the end of the next cycle.

This resulted in an incredibly intense 4-5 month period where all of our attention had to be on ballot access exclusively, to the detriment of any support we might give to our

other candidates. By the end of that period in September, we are not in much of a position to effectively assist these campaigns. It also meant that we had no margin for error in these ballot drives, and were not in a position to recover if any major obstacles arise.

During this time I came to the conclusion that I would not wish these ballot access requirements on anyone, not even the people who wrote these laws. It was a very miserable period of time which could be avoided by not leaving all the signature gathering to the end.

There are two separate components to this perspective, staff resources and financial costs. Staff resources includes the ability to hire and manage contractors to meet all the deadlines.

The first week of August is the most critical deadline week. In that time we had to turn in our signatures in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and South Dakota. All of these are substantial ballot drives, and as we found this year, having difficulties in one of these states can have a cascading effect on the rest, as well as those which have later deadlines. In 2008, this dynamic resulted in us failing to gain ballot access in Maine and Connecticut and just barely making it in South Dakota.

By spreading out the work over the whole cycle, we can pace ourselves and get everything done in a timely manner. We can also manage our efforts far more effectively by being able to hire fewer petitioners overall, concentrating on hiring those who have a better track record of productivity and avoiding hiring ones who are unproductive and/or cause us other problems. This will in turn allow us to have the resources available to handle any last minute ballot access crisis, as well as resources to continue to assist our candidates during this critical stage of their campaigns.

Spreading out the cost of ballot access

This turns out to be even more critical than the staff resources. The encumbrance system employed in 2008 was a reaction to how ballot access was conducted in 2004, and yet had the same failures as the previous system. Spreading out the costs of ballot access over the course of the four year cycle instead of saving them all to the end will allow us to establish realistic budgets for these efforts with an appropriate level of LNC oversight.

The major problem under the current system was that I was given a choice in every state to either spend beyond what was encumbered and probably succeed, or stay within encumbrances and probably fail. This resulted in the worst of both worlds. We ended up spending our reserves (although that was foreseen by our previous Executive Director) and whatever other money we could raise on ballot access, while being prevented by limited resources and an attempt to honor the will of the Executive Committee to put in all the resources necessary to ensure success.

By starting as soon as possible and by committing to 50 state ballot access in advance, it becomes far easier to plan and manage ballot access funding. Whether it is in the core budget or considered a separate project, or some combination of the two, the first positive result of starting early is that we can afford to stop if the money is not there.

When the deadlines are two or four years away, it is far easier to live within our means. We would know how much will be available for upcoming work and if the money runs out, we can afford to slow down or even suspend our efforts until we have put enough back in the bank to resume at full speed. When the deadlines are two or four weeks away, we do not have that luxury.

By spreading out the costs, we will also save a very large portion of these funds through travel and lodging expenses for our petitioners. Instead of flying in a larger group of people for a short amount of time, we can hire fewer people who can stay in one place for an extended period. We also gain the ability to lodge petitioners in longer term accommodations instead of paying daily or weekly hotel rates during peak vacation times of the summer. Finally, by working during slower times in the petitioning industry, we take advantage of supply and demand factors in pricing and can more easily resist demands for an increase in per signature rates at critical times.

Taking greater responsibility for state-level paperwork

In most states, the State Chair and/or Executive Committee is the only legal authority able to submit all the necessary papers to ensure our nominees are placed on the ballot. For the first time since 1988, we had a state fail in these duties which cost us ballot access in that state (Louisiana). We also had a near miss in Mississippi, which was only averted thanks to a courtesy call from that state's Secretary of State's office informing us of missing elector paperwork on the morning of the deadline.

We thought we had done our due diligence as a national party on this, but clearly we had not done enough. Mark, an intern in our office made two passes of phone calls to all the states to ensure they had all the paperwork they required, and Jennifer with the Barr/Root campaign also made her own set of calls to every state. We also contacted every State Chair (or their designee) at least once to make sure they were aware of their responsibilities and intended to carry them out. Despite all these communications, these two states still become last minute problems.

The first solution, which goes beyond ballot access and will be addressed below, is to work with the state party organizations to build them up and make them vital enough to be effective partners in ballot access and able to carry out their own responsibilities.

One other measure we can take is to prepare and bring to the national convention as much of this paperwork as possible so that it can be completed on site and filed immediately thereafter. In the case of Presidential electors, we can encourage states to name them in their state conventions, or failing that choose the electors from the delegates in attendance so they will be present to complete the necessary forms.

Instead of simply trusting our state Chairs to understand and carry out these duties, we need to get receipts whenever possible from states confirming all necessary paperwork is filed.

In any case, we need to do what we can to take care of this bureaucracy before we are at a critical juncture in ballot access petitioning so that none of these become problems that must be handled at the last minute.

Ensuring the vitality of state parties

As mentioned, this has much broader implications than just ballot access. Since we are a grassroots party and our authority to determine the composition of our state party organizations is appropriately limited by our bylaws, there is only so far we can go with this. However those strictures still allow us a lot of ability we are not currently exercising to shore up our affiliates when necessary.

The first step is simply to work with the State Chairs directly and through the LSLA (the current State Chairs' association) to support them as much as we can in matters of national importance such as ballot access. This includes impressing upon them that the title comes with responsibilities, and making it as easy as possible for them to carry them out. The paperwork issues described above are a great example of how we can step up or support of them without encroaching upon their own authority under state and national bylaws. I hope to discuss these matters in greater detail with the State Chairs at the Charleston conference in February, and am working with Steve Gordon (the current Chair of the LSLA) towards that end.

Another step we should consider is to take a direct hand in organizing state parties which are not functioning. Obviously, if a state party is in compliance with its own bylaws then we cannot make any changes short of disaffiliating the entire state organization, which is a very extreme measure that should be avoided in almost any set of circumstances.

But there are instances when a state party fails to follow its own bylaws, or falls into that condition through lack of people to carry them out. In such cases we should be willing to declare that state party as no longer existing and take direct action to form a new one.

That's one extreme with clear lines of authority. There are more examples of states which have properly followed their own procedures and continue to legally exist, and yet for whatever reason do not have people in place who are able to fulfill all the responsibilities of the state party. In these cases, we should be willing to tactically support the people we have to make sure these responsibilities are carried out.

In any case, any action taken on behalf of the LNC in these matters must be carried out with a deference to the state party leadership where it exists, and with an awareness of state laws, which generally give all authority to a state party and consider the national party pretty much a figment of the state party's imagination with no legal standing.

The use of stand-in candidates

If there is just one thing I could change about how we conduct ballot access, it is who we use as stand-ins on petitions which begin before we know who will be our nominee. These people must be neutral and committed to stepping aside when it is time to submit the names of the real nominees.

In three states (New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts), the name of George Phillies was used as the stand-in for President, with various people chosen by Phillies as the stand in for Vice President. Meanwhile, in other states we used either native sons or

daughters, or past national party figures, with little incident and no negative repercussions.

The use of the Phillies name resulted a critical delay in starting petitioning in Connecticut, which is one of the main reasons why both the Connecticut and Maine drives failed. The Barr/Root campaign was adamant in their insistence that work not begin on a petition bearing the Phillies name until we had all legal assurances that we could substitute the Barr name without complications. While that on the surface was a reasonable request, and we honored it in all cases, if we had been able to resolve this earlier we would not have spent so many resources in a frantic attempt to finish Connecticut. Frankly, if we had been able to start work in Connecticut just two or three days earlier, we would have been able to pull enough people from that state to complete Maine on time.

The use of the Phillies name is also the reason why we had two candidates on the ballot for President in New Hampshire and has undermined our lawsuit there. Phillies persisted in his desire to actively campaign, citing the LPNH's use of his name as the stand-in candidate as his justification for doing so. If we had used someone who was not actively seeking the nomination, we would have had a far more cooperative person in that position who would most likely now be a co-plaintiff in our lawsuit over substitution, instead of someone who is actively attempting to thwart our effort for substitution rights in New Hampshire in order to advance his own personal goals which run counter to the party's.

Again, this is an issue where the states have all the legal authority and the national party cannot take a heavy handed approach. However after this experience, we have the ability to work with state parties from the very beginning of the petitioning process and help them avoid the problems which arose this year.

Ability to hire and manage petitioners

One way we vastly improved our ballot access operations this year was developing and retaining a long list of top quality petitioners (both independent contractors and petitioning companies). This has already been addressed in previous reports, but the highlights merit being included in this document.

Our fundamental problem is that we cannot afford to match the rates offered to petitioners by initiative groups, which often reach \$3 per signature or more. We were able to compete in the marketplace for petitioners through offering superior customer service. The Libertarian Party has developed a reputation among petitioners by our recent conduct that while we may not pay the most, we do pay on time and without hassles, and are able to offer more steady employment. Because of this, when our petitioners received offers to go to California or Nevada for a brief stint at double what we were paying or more, far more of them chose to stick with us.

Through this process we have been able to develop a list of petitioners who have proven their reliability and with whom we have excellent relationships. Expanding this list and maintaining our current relationships will allow us far greater ability to choose who we want to work for us now and in the future.

I am also near completion of a document which goes into greater detail of the successes and problems of each state's petitioning efforts in 2008. It contains a lot of sensitive information and is intended more as an historical record to capture and preserve institutional knowledge. While it will not be a part of this report and will not be intended for broader publication, I will be happy to send a copy to individual LNC members upon request.

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CURRENT STATE-BY-STATE BALLOT STATUS

In hopes that the LNC agrees to change the paradigm to spread out ballot access work over the entire election cycle until saving it to the end, this report begins with the states which merit our attention in the next two years. In some of these states we are already on the ballot but must take some action to maintain that status.

This is also written with the assumption that ballot access will continue to be outside the core budget, meaning dedicated funds will need to be raised for these projects. To that end I would like to have Scott Kohlhaas working for us on ballot access telemarketing. It will also require working closely with other fundraising operations of the national party to ensure they all aren't getting in each other's way. The prime example of this is the ability to use email blasts dedicated to ballot access which fit in with the schedule of other email-based fundraising.

I will have a more detailed funding plan for these states where our action is required in time for the February LNC meeting.

OFF THE BALLOT (or close to it)

LNC action recommended in 2009

Alaska – Full party status with 9,752 registrations (est) as of 6/5/10.

We currently have 6,972 registrations, meaning we need to collect another 2,800 (est). The threshold represents 3% of total votes cast for US Senate. The numbers are estimated because the vote has yet to be certified. There is the possibility of legislative reform that would change this number to a flat 5,000 registrations, but we can't count on that.

Maryland – Full party status with 10,000 valid signatures by 8/2/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 1% of the vote for Governor. We can start now and should knock this out of the way as soon as possible.

Nebraska – Full party status with 5,921 valid signatures by 8/1/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 5% of the vote for any statewide office. There are six such offices available in 2010. Note that the signatures must meet a strict distribution requirement of at least 1% of the number of votes for Governor in each of the three Congressional districts. There is also a residency requirement for circulators. The

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Secretary of State has suggested legislative relief and continues to do so, but we can't count on the legislature following his advice.

New Hampshire – Statewide candidate with 3,000 valid signatures by 8/4/10.

Full party status can be gained with 4% of the vote for US Senate, which is on the ballot in 2010. We should run a strong candidate and attempt to gain full party status in New Hampshire. The alternative is a full party petition, which would require an estimated 21,590 valid signatures.

New Mexico – Full party status with 4,151 valid signatures by 4/1/10.

Ballot status is retained with 5% of the vote for President or Governor. This petition would be good for the following four years.

North Dakota – Full party status with 7,000 valid signatures by 4/9/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 5% of the vote for any statewide office. There are two available in 2010, Attorney General and Secretary of State.

Oklahoma – Full party status with 73,134 valid signatures by 5/1/10.

We should wait until the resolution of lawsuit currently in the US Court of Appeals over the legality of using out of state petitioners, which should be decided in the first half of 2009. If that ruling is favorable, we should start petitioning immediately. The number of signatures is based on the gubernatorial vote and will almost certainly rise after the 2010 elections. The petition would keep us on the ballot for 2012 if completed in time for 2010.

South Dakota – Full party status with 8,389 valid signatures by 3/23/10.

We already have 1,392 raw signatures in hand from our efforts in 2007-08. These are still good although they are getting stale. South Dakota has a residency requirement for petitioners, but it does not apply to party petitions due to a defect in the law. However, quite a number of professional petitioners happen to be South Dakota residents.

LNC action may be recommended sometime in 2009

Alabama – Full party status with 37,513 valid signatures by 6/1/10.

The state party has a plan to raise the funds and conduct this drive on their own. Unfortunately, they have entered into a contract with at least one petitioner we would not hire. This contract has performance metrics which may allow the state party to eventually get out of it. That would allow for national support of this drive.

Arizona – Full party status with 0.67% of voter registrations (20,015 est.) by 11/1/09.

The number is estimated because voter registration counts will change by November. This is also the threshold for ballot access on a county by county basis. (In other words,

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we need to meet the threshold statewide to run statewide candidates, and in a county to run local candidates.) We have 18,153 registered voters in Arizona as of 11/4/08.

The county and state parties generally take care of this and have funds to do so. I am helping them with leads on petitioners and will continue to monitor their progress.

District of Columbia – Full party ballot access with 7,500 votes for Mayor or City Council at-large.

This is conceivable considering parties may only run one candidate in the general election but you can vote for two. In 2006, that translated to 4.1% of the vote, which all balloted candidates received. This is a 2010 election. If a good candidate could start soon, they would be worth supporting.

Maine – Full party status with 27,544 valid signatures by 12/11/09.

There are several restrictions on who can sign this petition, most notably that only registered independents and Libertarians are eligible to sign, which makes it much more difficult. If the state party were organized to the point where it could run a full slate, this option might be worthwhile. Otherwise we can continue to place our Presidential ticket on the ballot as an independent with 4,000 valid signatures in 2012. One significant advantage of simply notifying the state that we intend to conduct the full party petition is we would then be able to register to vote as Libertarians in Maine, ostensibly so that we could increase the pool of eligible petition signers.

Virginia – Statewide candidate with 10,000 valid signatures by 8/21/09.

Elections for Governor and state legislature are in 2009, with separate petitioning requirements for each office. If the LPVa can be induced to run a larger slate then it may be in our interest to assist them.

LNC action not recommended in 2009

Arkansas – Full party status with 10,000 valid signatures by 6/1/10.

Retention can be had with 3% of the vote for Governor. This is only worth doing if we have a strong candidate for Governor and/or an organized state party. Until either happens, our other option is a petition of 1,000 valid signatures for our Presidential ticket.

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Retention for each office can be maintained with 1% of the vote in the previous election. Otherwise each candidate must petition separately. We can start petitioning for Governor on 4/28/10. Our current court case may have great bearing on these procedures, as we are asking the whole petitioning process be struck down.

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Kentucky – Statewide slate with 5,000 valid signatures in 2011.

The next gubernatorial election is in 2011. Full party status can only be gained by 2% of the vote for President.

Minnesota – Each statewide candidate needs 2,000 valid signatures by 9/7/10.

Full party status can be gained with 5% of the vote for any statewide office, of which there are five available in 2010. A petition for full party ballot access is a ridiculous number of signatures (110,150 valid in 2008). We should run a full slate and attempt to gain ballot access in 2010 for 2012.

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Full party status can be gained with 50,000 votes for Governor. Although that is a taller order in New York than most states, we should try to run a strong candidate and meet that threshold. Petitioning only takes place in a six week period which will begin on 7/6/10.

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In 2010, the statewide offices are Governor, Lt. Governor and US Senate. The number is from 2008. The new signature requirement will be calculated in December 2009. Full party status requires 15% of the registered voters.

Rhode Island – Full party status with 23,489 valid signatures by 5/28/10.

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The deadline is currently up in the air due to an ongoing lawsuit, with plaintiffs including the LP of Tennessee and represented by Jim Linger. Considering how high the petitioning barrier is and the strength of our case there, this is one instance where I would recommend we simply wait to see what we can get from the courts.

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ON THE BALLOT

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Delaware – Full party status with 0.05% of registered voters.

The current number needed to maintain ballot access is 310 registered Libertarian voters. As of 11/4/08 we had 756.

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Allen Buckley got 3.4% in this election. There are nine statewide races in Georgia in 2010, including Governor and US Senate. District candidates have to complete a petition equal to 5% of the registered voters in the district as of the last election. The only way to gain full party ballot access in Georgia is to get 20% of the vote for President or Governor.

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The petition requirement is 0.1% of registered voters, which currently would be an estimated 692 signatures. There are a number of ways to meet thresholds for retention,

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which would require either a strong statewide candidate or a full slate for state legislature. Hawaii law allows for a 10 year grace period after a party has completed the petition requirements for three elections and continues to run candidates. Our current grace period runs through 2012.

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We ran five candidates in 2008.

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The state party will be concentrating heavily on this race in 2010, as they did with Mike Kole in 2006.

Kansas – Full party status with 1% in any statewide election.

There are six statewide offices, including US Senate, on the ballot in 2010. The state party regularly runs a full slate and meets this threshold.

Louisiana – Full party status with 1,000 registered voters.

As of 11/4/08 we had 2669 registered Libertarians.

Massachusetts – Full party status with 3% in any statewide election.

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The state party did not achieve this in 2008 so it is critical we do so in 2010. There are two statewide offices available in 2010, US Senate and State Auditor. Candidates for both offices in 2006 exceeded the 2% threshold.

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We do need to make sure we stay organized in this state, although the state's rules on this are extremely flexible.

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There are many statewide offices available in Texas and our state party there is renowned for filling the slate to take advantage of it. There is already one very active candidate for Governor, Jeff Daiell.

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Mike Stoddard kept us on the ballot with 6.1% for State Auditor in 2008.

Vermont – Full party status by remaining organized.

We need to remain organized in 10 towns to stay on the ballot.

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Wisconsin – Full party status with 1% for any statewide office in either of the last two elections.

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Wyoming – Full party status with 2% for US House, Governor or Secretary of State.

David Herbert kept us on the ballot with 5% for US House in 2008.

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CANDIDATE RESULTS 2008

These are quite extensively covered in the most recent LP News, but I did want to highlight a few of these results.

We had 21 winners on November 4, bringing our total for the year to 29 election victories:

NOVEMBER WINNERS

Arizona

Peter Schmerl, Green Valley Continental School Board
John Buttrick, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

California

Tom Tryon, Calaveras County Supervisor, District 4
Frank Manske, Mount Diablo Healthcare District
John Inks, Mountain View City Council
Norm Westwell, Ocean View School District Board of Trustees
Brian Holtz, Purissima Hills Water District
Kate O'Brien, Simi Valley Recreation and Parks District Supervisor
Jonathan Hall, Tehachapi Cummings County Water District Supervisor

Florida

Bruce Reichert, Collier County Soil & Water Board, Seat 1
J Adam Mitchell, Collier County Soil & Water Board, Seat 4
Jeff Hunt, Duval County Soil & Water Board, Group 2
Jack Tanner, Lee County Soil & Water Board, Seat 4
Scott McPherson, New Port Richey Mayor
Howard Horowitz, Palm Beach County Soil & Water Board, Group 4
Tracy Lundquist, West Volusia County Hospital Authority, Group A, Seat 1

Kansas

Frederick Campbell, Anderson County Attorney (partisan)

Maine

Bob Mills, Biddeford City Council, at-large

North Carolina

Mike Helms, Cabarrus County Board of Education

This brings our total number of elected Libertarians in office to 207. That number will slightly decrease in January as some terms end and the list undergoes an annual audit. With Operation ELECT-US, we hope to increase this number significantly.

We also had candidates in 10 states who secured statewide ballot access with their results:

BALLOT ACCESS WINNERS

Georgia – Allen Buckley, US Senate

Kansas – Randall Hodgkinson, US Senate

Massachusetts – Robert Underwood, US Senate

Michigan – Scotty Boman, US Senate

Montana – Stan Jones, Governor

North Carolina – Mike Munger, Governor

Nevada – Nathan Santucci, State Assembly, District 22

Texas – William Bryan Strange, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9

Utah – Mike Stoddard, State Auditor

Wyoming – David Herbert, US House

It sure is nice to see North Carolina on that list. Mike Munger's example is one I hope to follow in a number of other states where we can gain statewide ballot access with 2% of the gubernatorial vote.

Overall we know of 679 Libertarian candidates on the ballot in 2008, not including those who ran write-in campaigns or lost in primaries.

OPERATION ELECT-US

We are already starting to recruit candidates for 2009 and 2010. Beyond this pool of 679 candidates in 2008, as well as people who have run in prior elections, we have been running web ads which ask people to run for office. As of 11/30/08, this has generated 734 good leads (after weeding out the jokes and the candidates for President).

Every person who has filled out this form or contacted us some other way with an interest in running for office has received a personal reply from me, with a copy to the relevant state Chair or designee. This response is designed to make introductions and get the prospective candidate to become active in their local party as a way to get started running for office.

Elections in 2009 are much more of a moving target. Filing has already begun in Maryland for local offices, and starts on Monday, December 8th, in Illinois. We already have a number of candidates who have started running, including a few incumbents in Illinois.

Most filing periods however take place in the early spring with elections later in the year. There are also partisan state level races in a few states in 2009. I'll be spending the vast

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majority of my time for the next few months working these leads, matching prospective candidates with races and getting them started, working with state parties to vet these candidates and get them active in state and local party building, and developing candidate support materials for local and district elections.

I will also be sending out this month Thank You letters to our candidates as well as our Presidential electors.

It continues to be an honor to serve the Libertarian Party in this role.

Current State-by-State Ballot Status

OFF THE BALLOT (or close to it)

LNC action recommended in 2009:

Alaska – Full party status with 9,752 registrations (est) as of 6/5/09.

We currently have 6,972 registrations, meaning we need to collect another 2,800 (est). The threshold represents 3% of total votes cast for US Senate. The numbers are estimated because the vote has yet to be certified.

Hawaii – Full party status with 692 valid signatures (est) by 4/2/10.

The petition requirement is 0.1% of registered voters. The estimate is based on the number as of 11/4/08. There are a number of ways to meet thresholds for retention, which would require either a strong statewide candidate or a full slate for state legislature.

******Maine** – Full party status with 27,544 valid signatures (est) by 12/14/09.

This is under the old statute which has been repealed.

Maryland – Full party status with 10,000 valid signatures by 8/2/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 1% of the vote for Governor. We can start now and should knock this out of the way as soon as possible.

Nebraska – Full party status with 5,921 valid signatures by 8/1/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 5% of the vote for any statewide office. There are six such offices available in 2010. Note that the signatures must meet a strict distribution requirement of at least 1% of the number of votes for Governor in each of the three Congressional districts. There is also a residency requirement for circulators.

New Hampshire – Statewide candidate with 3,000 valid signatures by 8/4/10.

Full party status can be gained with 4% of the vote for US Senate, which is on the ballot in 2010. We should run a strong candidate and attempt to gain full party status in New Hampshire. The alternative is a full party petition, which would require an estimated 21,590 valid signatures.

New Mexico – Full party status with 2,794 valid signatures by 4/1/10.

Ballot status is retained with 5% of the vote for President or Governor. This petition would be good for the following four years.

North Dakota – Full party status with 7,000 valid signatures by 4/9/10.

We can maintain ballot access with 5% of the vote for any statewide office. There are two available in 2010, Attorney General and Secretary of State.

Oklahoma – Full party status with 46,324 valid signatures by 5/1/10.

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We should wait until the resolution of lawsuit currently in the US Court of Appeals over the legality of using out of state petitioners, which should be decided in the first half of 2009. If that ruling is favorable, we should start petitioning immediately. The number of signatures is based on the gubernatorial vote and will almost certainly rise after the 2010 elections. The petition would keep us on the ballot for 2012 if completed in time for 2010.

South Dakota – Full party status with 8,389 valid signatures by 3/23/10.

We already have 1,392 raw signatures in hand from our efforts in 2007-08. These are still good although they are getting stale. South Dakota has a residency requirement for petitioners, but it does not apply to party petitions due to a defect in the law. However, quite a number of professional petitioners happen to be South Dakota residents.

LNC action may be recommended sometime in 2009:

Alabama – Full party status with 37,513 valid signatures by 6/1/10.

The state party has a plan to raise the funds and conduct this drive on their own. Unfortunately, they have entered into a contract with at least one petitioner we would not hire. This contract has performance metrics which may allow the state party to eventually get out of it. That would allow for national support of this drive.

Arizona – Full party status with 0.67% of voter registrations (20,015 est.) by 11/1/09.

The number is estimated because voter registration counts will change by November. This is also the threshold for ballot access on a county by county basis. (In other words, we need to meet the threshold statewide to run statewide candidates, and in a county to run local candidates.) We have 18,153 registered voters in Arizona as of 11/4/08.

The county and state parties generally take care of this and have funds to do so. I am helping them with leads on petitioners and will continue to monitor their progress.

District of Columbia – Full party ballot access with 7,500 votes for Mayor or City Council at-large.

This is conceivable considering parties may only run one candidate in the general election but you can vote for two. In 2006, that translated to 4.1% of the vote, which all balloted candidates received. This is a 2010 election. If a good candidate could start soon, they would be worth supporting.

Virginia – Statewide candidate with 10,000 valid signatures by 8/21/09.

Elections for Governor and state legislature are in 2009, with separate petitioning requirements for each office. If the LPVa can be induced to run a larger slate then it may be in our interest to assist them.

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Alabama	off	yes	37513 signatures	6/1/2010	state plan	full party with 10% for Pres or Gov
Alaska	on	yes	9468 registered	8/6/2009	have 6972 as of 11/18/08	3% Senate vote
Arkansas	off	yes	10000 signatures	6/1/2010	1000 per statewide candidate	
Arizona	on	yes	20015 registered	11/1/2009	have 18153 as of 11/4/08	.67% total reg
California	on	yes	88991 registered	1/22/2010	have 83574 as of 10/20/08	1% last Gov vote reg or 2% any statewide
Colorado	on	yes	1000 registered	safe	have 10950 as of 10/22/08	
Connecticut	off	no	7500 sigs/candidate	8/4/2010		
District of Columbia	off	no	3900 signatures (est)	8/17/2010	ballot access is per candidate	7500 votes for Mayor or City Council at-large
Delaware	on	yes	302 registered	8/12/2010	have 729 as of 3/1/08	
Florida	on	yes	be organized	safe	high filing fees	
Georgia	on	no	1% any statewide	7/8/2010	ballot access is per candidate	full party with 20% for Pres or Gov
Hawaii	off	yes	692 signatures (est)	4/2/2010		several options wth full slate
Idaho	on	yes	run 3 candidates	safe		
Illinois	off	no	25000 signatures	6/21/2010	petition is for statewide slate	5% any statewide
Indiana	on	yes	2% for Sec State	safe		
Iowa	off	yes	1500 signatures	8/13/2010	petition is for statewide office	2% for Pres or Gov
Kansas	on	yes	1% any statewide	safe		
Kentucky	off	no	5000 signatures	8/28/2012		2% for Pres
Louisiana	on	yes	1000 registered	safe	have 1975 as of 3/1/08	
Massachusetts	on	yes	3% statewide	safe		
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Maine	off	yes	27544 signatures	12/14/2009		law repealed, replaced with ????
Michigan	on	yes	1% Sec State winner's vote	safe		
Missouri	on	yes	2% any statewide	safe		
Minnesota	off	no	2000 signatures	9/7/2010	sigs per statewide candidate	5% any statewide
Mississippi	on	yes	be organized	safe		law repealed, replaced with ????
Montana	on	yes	5% Gov winner's vote	safe		
North Carolina	on	yes	2% for Pres or Gov	safe		
North Dakota	off	yes	7000 signatures	4/9/2010		5% any statewide
Nebraska	off	yes	5921 signatures	8/1/2010		5% any statewide
New Hampshire	off	yes	21590 signatures (est)	8/6/2010	3000 per statewide candidate	4% Gov or US Senate
New Jersey	off	no	800 signatures	7/30/2010	petition is for statewide office	10% statewide for State House
New Mexico	off	yes	2794 signatures	4/1/2010		5% Gov or Pres
New York	off	no	15,000 signatures	8/17/2010	per candidate	50K votes for Gov
Nevada	on	yes	1% US House vote	safe		
Ohio	on	yes	court ruling			
Oklahoma	off	yes	46,324 signatures	5/1/2010		
Oregon	on	yes	1% US House vote	safe		
Pennsylvania	off	no	24,666 signatures (est)	8/1/2010	petition is for statewide office	
Rhode Island	off	no	18,557 signatures	5/28/2010	1000 per statewide candidate	5% for Gov
South Carolina	on	yes	be organized	safe		
South Dakota	off	yes	8,389 signatures	3/23/2010	1392 in hand	2.5% for Gov
Tennessee	off	no	45,254 signatures (est)	in court		5% statewide

State-by-State Ballot Access

<i>state</i>	<i>status</i>	<i>full party</i>	<i>requirements (estimated)</i>	<i>deadline</i>	<i>notes</i>	<i>other retention</i>
Texas	on	yes	43991	safe		5% statewide or 2% Gov
Utah	on	yes	2,000 signatures	safe		2% US House vote
Virginia	off	no	10,000 signatures	8/21/2009	petition is for statewide office	
Vermont	on	yes	be organized	safe		
Washington	off	no	1,000 signatures	7/24/2010	petition is for statewide office	5% statewide
Wisconsin	on	yes	10000	safe	1% statewide	
West Virginia	off	no	15,118 signatures (est)	8/1/2012	petition is for statewide office	1% Gov
Wyoming	on	yes	2% US House, Gov or Sec State	safe		

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Nov. 21, 2008

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

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

1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. Due to the redesign of the LP website, I did not have the ability to access and update the webpage for several weeks. (Austin Petersen of LPHQ handled this task during much of this period.) Last week I reacquired the ability to update the campus organizations list.

Since Election Day (Nov. 4) I have received several new requests for information from students (and a few professors) who wish to start or strengthen Libertarian campus groups.

2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., "Operation Politically Homeless" kits) to campus organizations. (I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Advocates.)

3) I shall revise the "nuts and bolts of campus organizing" material that I distribute to those interested in campus outreach. I anticipate that the revised version will be available by the end of the year. In addition, a redesigned campus organizing website should be available at roughly the same time.

4) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I travel to various schools to give speeches and work with campus activists. This fall I gave an address at the University of Texas in Austin on Sept. 22, and at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia on Oct. 2. I anticipate that I shall give several lectures on college campuses during the Spring semester.

5) I participated in a Students for Liberty teleconference on November 8. The teleconference brought together campus activists from colleges in the South. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) I am pleased to report that SFL continues to grow at a rapid pace. I have been invited to speak at the 2009 SFL national conference. (An article about SFL appeared in the October 2008 issue of *LP News*.)

6) As mentioned in previous reports, several libertarian organizations (e.g., Cato, Reason Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Bureaucrash, International Society for Individual Liberty) are working to coordinate their student outreach programs. I am participating in meetings of representatives of these organizations. The most recent meeting took place on Nov. 18 at the Institute for Humane Studies in Arlington, Virginia.

Region One Report

No report

Region Two Report

No report

Region 3 Report for December 2008

Submitted by: Rebecca Sink-Burris

INDIANA Chair: Todd Singer

Todd's post election update to Indiana:

Friends,

The Libertarian Party of Indiana would like to thank all of those who ran as candidates. Their hard work has brought greater vote totals and legitimacy, and has grown the party significantly. We would also like to thank those who have helped our candidates. Running for office with no staff, little money, and few volunteers is a difficult task. When Libertarians stand up to help other Libertarians in their bid for office, it can be a richly rewarding experience for all. Thank you to those who gave their time and money to our candidates.

Above all, thank you to all those who voted for any of the LPIN candidates. We hope you will continue to support liberty in this way.

The LPIN had an impressive year in 2008. All corners of the state had significant gains despite the heaviest straight-ticket voting in recent memory. We competed and grew in an environment where the Big Two spent \$5.3 billion to spread their messages. These numbers speak to the LPIN's significant growth, and the public's continuing desire for a third, liberty-minded option. Here is a snapshot of some of the LPIN's accomplishments in 2008 as of November 7, 2008 (numbers are still coming in, and may be higher when certified.):

- All of the Libertarian Party of Indiana's Federal candidates won a total of 70,673 votes. This year, the LPIN had 6 candidates. In 2000, the LPIN fielded 11 Federal candidates, with a total of 59,188 votes (excluding that year's Senate race.)
- This year, the LPIN had 14 State-level candidates. They received a total of 84,047 votes. In 2000, the LPIN fielded 37 candidates, with a vote total of 80,574. This is a tremendous number, and speaks to the need to field a record number of state-level candidates in 2010.
- In 2000, Harry Browne won 15,530. In 2008, Bob Barr won 25,358 votes. Indiana is the ONLY state that gave over 1 percent of their vote to the Barr/Root ticket.
- In 2000, Andy Horning earned 38,458 votes. In 2008, Andy won 47,257 votes.

Now some numbers and facts from our individual campaigns:

In 2002, Rex Bell was only the second person to win a precinct in the history of the Libertarian Party of Indiana. Wayne County has added some new names to that honor this year:

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- Rex Bell, District 54 candidate, won 8 precincts, (6 in Wayne County, 2 in Henry County) polling as high as 64%. In the District 54 race, Wayne County percentages increased from 23% in 2006, to 37% this year. In the same race, Henry County percentages increased from 9% in 2006, to 32% this year. Overall, he took 33.5 percent of the vote in his race.
- Cheryl Heacox, Wayne County Commissioner District 2 candidate, won a precinct, and finished second in 5 others.
- Jon Bell, District 56 candidate, won a precinct in a heavily gerrymandered Democratic district, and finished with over 20% of the vote.
- Gayle Bond, Wayne County Commissioner District 3 candidate, made a strong showing, finishing with over 40% in 5 precincts.
- Wayne County Council candidates Jim Mikesell and Marvin Heacox made a good showing, finishing in double digits in several precincts.
- In Madison County, Robert Jozwiak ran an energetic for the House District 37, a heavily Gerrymandered Democratic district. A Libertarian has never run in the district, and Jozwiak earned 1,197 votes, or 4.42 percent of the vote.
- Another first time candidate was Ryan Liedtky in Northern Indiana. Marshall is an unaffiliated county with three Libertarians that meet once a month. Liedtky is the first Libertarian to run in the Republican-run county. He knocked on over 500 doors in his bid for election to the Marshall County Council. He earned 1,762 votes, or 3.59 percent of the vote against 3 Republicans and 3 Democrats.
- In Hendricks County, both Michele Colson and I received over 19 percent of the vote in our bid for Hendricks County Commissioner.
- In Southern Indiana, Eric Schansberg was in a highly contested race. Schansberg's opponent's both had a collective war chest of \$3 million. Despite this, Schansberg increased his vote totals by 2,000 votes. Schansberg's campaign raised an impressive \$30,000.
- In Marion County, Ed Angleton ran a two way race with a beloved Democrat, and finished with 15.8 percent of the vote. Ed knocked on countless doors, talking with residents of the district one to two hours a night. Ed wore out a pair of shoes, and one of his knees. Ed raised \$4,500 from friends and neighbors, and put out a mailer that impressed local Democrats, Republicans, and members of the media.
- In State Senate District 30, Steve Keltner managed to make a 16-year incumbent work to earn votes for the first time. Steve ran an aggressive campaign for two years, that rivaled his opponents in the last days of the campaign. Steve raised over \$10,000, and used \$6,000 for TV ads the last few days of the campaign. Steve won 7.2 percent of the vote.
- Even the LPIN paper candidates saw a dramatic increase, with most averaging 5 percent in their races.

Of the organized counties, Rex Bell's coattails in the House 54 race provided for the highest percentage draw, coming up just short of 2% at 1.91%. While unorganized officially, Andy Horning's home county of Owen finished with a very strong 1.96%.

In raw vote totals, northwest Indiana proved to be the strongest region. Lake, Porter, LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties each ranked in the top ten in total votes. Predictably, Marion County with its large population base topped all counties in raw votes with 2,942 for the Barr/Root ticket.

Fulton County holds the unique distinction of being the only Indiana county that has grown its presidential vote total five-fold since the 2000 election. In 2000, Fulton had just 27 votes casts for the LP ticket. In 2004, that number grew to 63. In 2008, it ballooned to 154. Fountain, Spencer and Jackson Counties grew vote totals four-fold since the 2000 election.

In total, all 92 counties in Indiana increased the raw totals over the 2004 election. Only Lake County, with a high turnout to support Sen. Barack Obama, fell short of surpassing the percentage growth over 2004.

Comment:

[Speaks to the Sad State of the LP in General](#)

Submitted by RWolf on Mon, 11/17/2008 - 11:06.

Would putting an animal on the ballot would get more votes and percentage of votes? It's sound a bit preposterous I know, but at only a 1-2% showing, the question should be considered.

This continued lack of performance by the LP underlies the major issues that this party faces. Is it just a group of ideological persons just wanting to call themselves different or is it a party determined to get their beliefs, ideas, candidates and agenda across to fellow Americans. The "ALL or Nothing" attitude is not working for the LP and it's leadership must recognize and change its strategy. These are just a few of the factors that have prevented my joining the party and why Americans cannot take the LP serious.

Argue and be un-phased by the facts, as many undoubtedly reading my comments will do, the Numbers and Votes speak for themselves. The LP party is not heading forward and should be embarrassed by its continued mediocrity.

I truly believe a Donkey or other animal on the ballot would possibly get more votes.

Ray
La Porte, IN

Hoosier Libertarian Blogs Ranked Among Top 100 in U.S.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- Hoosier bloggers are being recognized nationally by Sarah Scrafford, author of the blog [Web Design Schools Guide](#). Indiana libertarian bloggers took nine of the top 100 positions on the top libertarian blogs in the country.

Scrafford divided the libertarian blogs into several categories, including *General, Local Libertarians, International Libertarians, The Issues, Group Bloggers, Philosophy, Economics, Government Criticism, News, Politicians* and *Organizations*.

Taking honors were Rex Bell's [The Bell Curve](#) (General), [Libertarian Party of Allen County](#) and Mark Rutherford's [Electing Libertarians](#) (Local Libertarians), [Hoosiers for Fair Taxation](#) (The Issues), Chris Ward's [Ward of the State](#) (News), Andy Horning's [We Declare](#), Ed Angleton's [Ed Angleton's Rants](#), and Tim Maguire's [Justice & Fortitude](#) (Politicians). Rutherford scored a second mention in the Organizations category.

MICHIGAN Chair: Bill Hall

Libertarian Party of Michigan Report – November 18, 2008. By Bill Hall, State Chair

The Libertarian Party of Michigan ran general election candidates for all statewide races (Supreme Court, educational boards, US Senate) and Congressional races (15), plus about one third of the state representative races (32) and many county-level races, for a total of 85 candidates. The LPM concentrated on providing support to its candidates: candidate training; template websites; a statewide candidate slate card; and video production and editing of stump speeches and Q & A sessions, with upload to youtube.

Highlights (unofficial vote totals):

- Barr/Root received 23,740 votes, 0.4% and slightly more than would have been needed to preserve ballot access if Barr were the only statewide candidate, and third best historically, behind Clark (1980) and Browne (1996), with no state advertising and only one state visit.
- Nonpartisan Supreme Court candidate (nominated in convention by the LPM) Bob Roddis received 421,091 votes, 11% and greater than the difference between the winning Democrat and defeated (a surprise!) Republican Chief Justice (never before has a Michigan Supreme Court Justice been defeated in a re-election bid).
- US Senate candidate Scotty Boman received 76,379 votes, 1.6% and the best showing since Jon Coon's race in 1994, and many more votes than the other 3 third party candidates. He focused considerable effort to draw the votes of Ron Paul supporters.
- Statewide educational board races (8) ranged from a high of 147,736 votes received (Nicole Michalak – Wayne State Univ. Bd. Of Governors) to a low of 91,765 votes received, comparable to the last high water mark, in 1996.

- Candidates in the 32 State Representative races drew percentages 50% to 100% higher than in recent elections, ranging from 1.3% to 4.5% in three-way races.
- Some candidates in County level two-way races took between 20% and 30% of the vote.
- Incumbent (she had been appointed to office) candidate for Augusta Township Trustee Krista Goodwin was defeated.
- Two candidates (Tom Bagwell and Larry Johnson) were elected Ypsilanti Township Park Commissioners in uncontested races, except by write-in candidates.

My biggest disappointment was that a greater push wasn't made to seriously contest entry-level races such as Township offices or County Commission seats (all of which are partisan in Michigan). I am also concerned that the Michigan Republican electoral disaster and resulting disarray is seen as an opportunity by some LPM activists to leave the LPM and attempt to seize control of their local county Republican parties.

I expect the LPM's focus for 2009 to be:

- Recruiting and supporting a handful of serious candidates for nonpartisan 2009 city council races. Historically, these candidates have enjoyed considerable electoral success.
- Affiliate creation, training, reorganization and communication.
- Building party infrastructure – volunteer oversight, inquiry response, etc.

I still think (see my last report) National could help by selecting and negotiating economies-of-scale use of national media blast fax lists, template websites, template campaign materials and email newsletter software for state affiliates, at affiliate cost. Also, National could stage regional affiliate party-building seminars in odd-numbered years.

From September report:

The LPM has included a few ways in which they would like to see National help state affiliates:

1. Coordinate provision of template campaign materials, e.g., menu of Congressional issues, template websites, template yard signs, template graphics for campaign materials, websites and email newsletters.
2. Select and negotiate economies-of-scale use of national media blast fax list for state affiliates, at their cost, with user-friendly access.
3. Select and negotiate economies-of-scale use of email newsletter software for state affiliates, at their cost, with user-friendly access.

4. Stage regional affiliate party-building seminars in odd-numbered years.

The LPM is concentrating on providing support to its candidates. In March, candidate training was provided. Websites have been offered to all candidates, with template Congressional and State Representative websites constructed, which only require the contribution of a digital photo and short biography by the candidate. This had the added benefit of creating a menu of issues for Congressional and State Representative candidates to draw from in their campaigns. A statewide candidate slate card has been prepared and is available for download and printing from the LPM website. They are also offering interested candidates video production and editing of stump speeches and Q & A sessions, using professional cable access equipment and studios along with trained LPM volunteers. Template yard signs are being prepared along with a printing source for use by interested candidates.

Michigan is upgrading volunteer/inquiry response and tracking to take advantage of the flow of volunteers/inquiries from lp.org and their website. They have moved to a monthly email newsletter, plus the traditional (longer/more comprehensive) bimonthly print/email newsletter.

OHIO Chair: Kevin Knedler

CHAIR REPORT—OHIO

November 21, 2008

Election review: Bob Barr visited Ohio five times in an eight week period. Three of those events were speaking engagements on a university campus. Each had 250 to 325 people in attendance. With our growing organization and experience, each event was better than before. On October 30, Bob came to Cleveland for a debate with Nader and Baldwin.

Our LPO candidates received 3 to 8 % votes. We had candidates for 4 US Congressional seats; 1 Ohio Senate seat; and 3 Ohio House seats. We also endorsed two independent candidates: Robert Owens for Attorney General and David Krikorian for US Congress District 2 in Cincinnati area. David received 18% of the vote. In Ohio District 19, LPO Candidate Michael Johnston, took 3% of the vote and the GOP seat fell to a Democrat. At this time, we still don't know the results of US Congressional District # 15. LPO Candidate Mark Noble, took 5 % of the vote and the difference between the GOP and Democrat candidate is about 150 votes at this time. Absentee ballots were challenged in court, but that was settled on November 20 and we will know soon. The seat was formally held by the GOP.

The Ohio organization: We have seen a rush of interest since the election. In fact, we continue to fill positions in the LPO with “new blood”. We are in the interview process right now, but hope to fill Director-level positions for Political and Communication groups. Recently, as a result of the Barr campaign, we filled the Field Development Director position and also the Chief Field Liaison position. These were people that had previously handled the Barr campaign in Ohio. The transition has been fairly smooth.

After 35 years, we have changed the organizational structure of the LPO into that which is outlined in the Ohio Revised Code for political parties. A Central Committee (up to 36 people from Ohio Congressional Districts) was formally elected and they in turn elected a state Executive Committee (7 people). The Executive Committee will handle the day-to-day operations of the LPO. They in turn are finding qualified four (4) volunteers to become Directors to manage their respective silos of work: Political, Finance, Communication, and Field Development.

Ohio had a 24 % increase in membership since April of 2008. Looking at the Sustaining membership (LNC) levels, Ohio retails the 4th largest membership in the nation. We aim to push for more people to join as LNC Sustaining members, so we can overtake Texas for the 3rd slot. We want at a minimum for 1,000 Ohio citizens to be Sustaining members of the national LP.

We are also in midst of merging our state database with that of the national party. We want to do a better job of reaching out to the Ohio members and also fundraising. Merging into one useable list, instead of having two will help us.

Details of my goals and the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting are attached.

LPO Executive retreat and strategic planning

We have 36 people registered for this "invitation only" event, nearly 2/3's of whom are new participants to the Ohio party! Kentucky Chair, Ken Moellman will also be participating. It is not a convention but a planning meeting to get us better focused and organized.

Libertarian Party of Ohio Strategic Planning Meeting

December 6 & 7, 2008

Mohican State Park and Resort

The LPO will spend time at this beautiful retreat and create a strategic plan.

The lodge is located Southeast of Mansfield, Ohio

This will include political targeting of campaigns, candidate training and endorsements, fundraising, ballot access strategy, and establishing the organization to address these issues.

We will also discuss communication, both internal and external. This will include our state web site, updating the state web site, our state newsletter and funding, my space

opportunities, press releases, conference call opportunities, and establishing the organization to address these issues.

YOU are invited to help us address the above issues and create a 2 – 5 year plan

Sat Dec 6:	10:30 – 11:15 am	General Session in Lookout Room
	11:15 – 12:30 pm	Break out sessions Politics : Led by Jeremiah Arn -- Lookout Communication: Led by Ann Leech -- # 204
	12:30 – 1:15 pm	Luncheon <u>sponsored by LPO</u> in Restaurant
	1:15 – 2:30 pm	Continue Break out sessions
	2:30 – 3:30 pm	Discuss Communication plan
	3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break time
	3:45 – 5:15 pm	Discuss Political plan
	5:15 – 5:30 pm	Wrap up for day
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Dinner at Restaurant- <u>individual pay</u>
	8:00 - 2:00 am	LPO Hospitality Room # 204 !
Sun Dec 7:	8:30 – 9:30 am	Breakfast <u>sponsored by LPO</u> in Tribal Room
	9:30 – 10:30 am	Reconvene General Session in Tribal Room Chris Kalla discusses Finance group John Stewart discusses Field Development group
	10:30 – 11:00 am	Set the plan for the LPO future
	11:30 to 12:30	Excom meeting (gang of 7)

Libertarian Party of Ohio 2009-2010 vision and goals of Kevin Knedler

Build the Finance Silo
More pledges and more frequent fundraising events
Fill position of Fundraising Committee chair
Find more people to join the Fundraising committee
\$\$\$ for Ballot Access and Legal challenges
\$\$\$ for Outreach equipment and events
Fund local events, if there is a CDG in place, prep forms used, and support of Liaison
Consider up to \$150 a year for each CDG to pay for registration fees
Consider putting banners and signs into qualified CDG
\$\$\$ for Candidate support
Yard signs, literature brochures
Build the Field Development Silo
Find more people to be Regional Liaisons
Build the Political Silo
Find a Political DIRECTOR
Find more people to join the Candidates & Campaigns committee

More candidate training
Target and focus specific races
Determine which Assembly members will support Ballot Access
Build the Communication Silo
Find a Communication & Media DIRECTOR
Improve newsletter and webmaster process
Get ballot access laws changed in Ohio !
Become FEC compliant

KENTUCKY Chair: Ken Moullman

Ken's post-election update to his active district's:

Hello, everyone,

Just to update you on what's happened since I last gave an update, and to get status from you guys on what's going on with your District.

New Website

Guys, **we have to get the new website online ASAP**. We had a **huge** jump in members in the last 3 months. We have to give people a better, organized way to communicate. Membership from national is up 45% (49 new members since April). Membership through our existing website is about 50 new members as well. **We must help these people form local parties.**

Mark, the only thing we need to do is point the DNS entry at the new site. No contact changes required at this time. We can discuss the contact changes at the next LPKY Executive Committee meeting, but I'd really like to get the **DNS for LPKY.ORG pointed at 69.72.237.230**, and then we just need to let Harlen know when it's done. Please work with Harlen on this.

What also makes this more important than ever is that my personal finances are being stretched. We need donations to come in, so we can fund activities which I currently fund out of my own pocket.

If you need help getting this done, please let me know. We can do a conference call with GoDaddy.com technical support and have them make the change for us.

District 3

Dan Hill has resigned as District 3 Representative. In his stead, Ron Seiter, one of the leaders of the Uof L liberty group, has taken the ball and has run with it.

Ron and his crew are regularly attending Louisville Metro Council.

Ron and his crew are currently putting together a District 3/Louisville Constitution and Bylaws, to form a very defined and official District/County party. Dan and I spoke with them on Sunday.

We would like to put forth that the leader of the Louisville Group, as elected under the forthcoming Bylaws and Constitution, would be the District 3 Representative on the Executive Committee. We'll want to follow up after they get a rough draft together. They plan to get everything ready so that the Louisville group can vote on the bylaws, constitution, and local executive committee at their December meeting.

Meanwhile, District 3 meetings continue to grow in attendance.

District 5

Lance Combs has also resigned from the Executive Committee, with no replacement to be found. District 5 is weak. We need to strengthen D1, and D5, and help D2 get organized more than they are today. More on this later on in the message.

District 6

Greater Lexington Executive Committee meetings continue to regularly have 10+ attendees. As we begin continue to organize, and begin getting people to attend the Lexington-Fayette Urban County meetings, we will continue to grow District 6.

As this progresses, I will keep you informed. If you're interested in helping author this new proposal, please let me know.

PS. They forgot to post signs at the polling places to NOT vote for Ed. Disenfranchised voters sought.

Campbell County referendum successful

LPKY members helped stop a 9.2% property tax increase from being automatic. 4076 signatures were required in 45 days. LPKY members were responsible for at least 1200 of the 5500 signatures collected. A large number of signatures were thrown out because of the use of a shortened version of their first name (for instance, using "Bill" instead of "William"). However, we did get over the 4076 threshold, and the measure was successful.

Boone Parks Tax defeated

Boone County tried to introduce a new property tax. Depending on who you hear it from, this was something as innocuous as a simple fund to build a new park, to a part of UN Agenda 21. Regardless, new taxes are bad, especially in a down-turn economy. It was soundly defeated by voters, 2 to 1.

Good candidates get into local office

Shawn Masters, supported by the NKY Libertarians, was elected to Covington City Commission, in Kenton County, Kentucky. This is a huge win. Shawn placed 5 of 8 in the field-race primary. Only the top 4 made the Commission in the general election. Shawn came in 4th of 8!

Lloyd Rogers, former 1978 AIP Candidate for US Congress, former Republican Party of Campbell County Chair, head of the effort to stop the property tax in Campbell County, and all around good guy, was elected to Alexandria City Council in Campbell County, Kentucky. The top 8 candidates made the council. Lloyd placed 7th of 10.

Smoking Bans

Northern Kentucky appears to be on-track to defeating the smoking ban. I now have others calling me from around the state asking for help to defeat theirs.

A number of counties have had the local Board of Health pass measures to ban smoking, rather than the Fiscal Courts. There is a lawsuit in one of these counties, stating (correctly) that the Board of Health does not have the *authority* to pass such bans; only the Fiscal Courts do.

Lexington's smoking ban was just tightened; no more private clubs, and no more exemption for the Lexington Airport. Too bad. I liked flying out of LEX. I won't be, anymore.

I'm open to more or other ideas.

CRM Software; maintain member contacts

Eric Cranley and I have been working on a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system to maintain contacts with our members, new and old. This software is used by major corporations to track their customers and vendors, and to maintain relationships with them; something LPKY has never been good at! This is a web-based system and District Reps would be able to see this information.

I'd like to merge in the Voter Database along with this data. That way we have complete data for everyone LPKY, and can easily maintain registration information.

LPKY State Convention 2009

As we have discussed, the **2009 LPKY State Convention will be held in Clarksville, Indiana**, in conjunction with the LPIN convention. Clarksville is a suburb of Louisville (without a smoking ban). Combining with LPIN should increase our ability to bring in speakers at a lower cost. We will have our own break-out room for the LPKY business meeting. I've been pressuring LPIN to give me the cost-per-person for the joint convention.

I think that's everything. It's been crazy up here, and I'm just finally catching up on sleep. We are making progress! We must continue to grow.

The Libertarian Temperament versus the Anarchist Temperament by John Hospers

I want to distinguish the libertarian *temperament* from the anarchist *temperament*, and this distinction is quite important because there are many "anarchists" within the Libertarian Party. While anarchism as a theory may have a lot of arguments in its favor; I do not wish to question these here, or to raise the philosophical issue of anarchism here. I could even assume that all anarchist arguments are quite valid, and yet make the same point.

I am concerned here only with psychological aspects of anarchism or, I should say, anarchists. In traveling here and there about the United States during the recent presidential campaign and since, I have come up against many an anarchist. And more than 90% of the poison pen letters I have received have come not from statist but from libertarian anarchists. I certainly do not want to be guilty of over-generalization, or to tar everyone with the same brush; but I have certainly noticed, as doubtless many of you have, a recurring personality pattern among those who label themselves anarchists.

Part of it can certainly be called rebellion against authority; but this, to a libertarian, is quite all right if it means that no one else has the right to rule your life without your consent. This is indeed the basic principle of libertarianism.

But there is more: there is a strong, usually I would say a neurotic, rebellion against all forms of discipline, especially self-discipline. There is a childish insistence on the obviousness of all points of anarchist doctrine, and of the evil and malevolence of anyone who makes an honest point against it. There is either an unwillingness to enter into calm sustained argument about it, or a childish frenzy in which they conduct argument, which makes it difficult for anyone to enter into it with them without being at the receiving end of name-calling and numerous personal slurs.

I have seen this tendency reach the point of petulant screaming and stamping of feet, so that any impartial observer, regardless of whether or not he understood the arguments at issue, would exclaim, "These are a bunch of spoiled children!" Can it be that they have never grown up, that they love to dish it out but can't bear to take it the way they give it, because they really have no experience in the cultivation of rationality?

Many of them take to anarchism because it seems to give them a theoretical justification for their own psychological tendencies: they can't really get along with anybody for a sustained period of time, and anarchism is the ultimate extreme in decentralization in one's relations with other human beings. One doesn't have to do anything he doesn't want to in relation to anyone, not even the state, since in the anarchist ideal "the state" of course is absent. Thus, it is not an accident, I think, that the unconscious formula that the typical anarchist projects is: "Go screw yourself!" The view provides a convenient intellectual camouflage for their psychological propensities. (Egoists vs. egotists.)

Now, all this is very unfortunate from the standpoint of the Libertarian Party. It simply cannot grow as long as it is fractured into warring splinter groups, with the anarchists shouting from the housetops for all the world to hear what stupid idiots or fiendish devils all the other libertarians are. With a group so small to begin with, it is not difficult to imagine what picture the outside world will form of a party some of whose factions at least parade their differences as if they had no principles in common.

Most people try to reduce everybody else to a slogan anyway, and the Libertarian Party is not accurately represented by any quick and easy slogans; the first impression people have of us from a couple of sentences in the daily paper is that we are a bunch of crackpots anyway, and this initial impression is only reinforced when they hear the anarchists berating the rest of us. They then feel that their initial impression of us is justified, and don't bother to go on to investigate our views further; they

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have already got us tagged, and the tag is as far as it goes in their subsequent attitude toward us. The result is that every time this happens we have lost a possible ally.

Anarchism, as I see it, is an issue for the far future as far as practical application is concerned. If we get to the point where 9/10 of the present government functions are government functions no longer, then we can consider the question whether what remains is best performed by government or by private individuals and organizations. But it is virtually certain that we shall never reach that point if we do not present a united front to the world.

What we should be working for together is the progressive limitation of the governmental apparatus, not its immediate elimination. On this point we can all unite against all the other political parties; and, moreover, millions of people are so fed up with big government that they will surely listen to us if we get a chance to speak to them.

The principal way in which we ourselves stand in the way of this, I think, is not only the anarchist doctrine but the anarchist psychology. They will not listen to self-styled defenders of reason who simply rant and scream. They already have a big mental block to overcome in even entertaining the word "anarchism" with any sympathy since the word in most minds conjures up images of Trotskyites, bomb-throwers, and saboteurs. And they will surely be turned off totally by a person whose main attitude toward them seems to be that it would be somewhat preferable if they didn't exist.

Libertarians can't do without creative disagreement and free discussion within their ranks, but they can jolly well do without the-attitudes of contentious and badly brought up children.

Region Four Report

No report

REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Nov. 21, 2008

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5S Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on Sept. 6-7, 2008. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in San Diego should additional information become available.

Since the LNC meeting in September, I appeared in my capacity as an LNC member on WINA (1070 AM in Charlottesville, Virginia) on Constitution Day (Sept. 17) to discuss Constitution Day from a libertarian perspective. Also, my op-ed on the LP's presidential and U.S. Senate candidates in Virginia appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Oct. 29. (The *Times-Dispatch* requested submission of the op-ed.)

Delaware

Jim Rash (Jim@rashteam.com), Libertarian Party of Delaware chairman, provided the following information:

* We ran three candidates in addition to the Barr/Root ticket in the November election. That was the only election held in Delaware this year.

Barr/Root, President/Vice President - 1,108 (0.3%)

Mark Anthony Parks, Representative in Congress - 3,583 (0.9%)

Tyler Nixon, State Representative District 4 - 118 votes (1.2%) - Note: Nixon was a Republican fusion candidate, the votes shown here were cast as Libertarian votes

Jesse Priester IV, State Representative District 23 - 125 votes (1.5%) - Note: Priester was a Republican fusion candidate, the votes shown here were cast as Libertarian votes

* Ballot access status is unchanged. We have ballot access.

* My plans for 2009 include continuing building party membership by doing Operation Politically Homeless events and holding meetings in all three counties. Currently we only meet in Kent and New Castle counties with poor attendance...typically 5 or 6 in New Castle at best, and 4 or 5 at best in Kent. Sussex County hasn't had a meeting in a couple of years. I intend to explore speaking engagements at service organizations' meetings as well as at veteran's groups, e.g. American Legion. I would like to identify issues that affect our state and develop strategies that include working with members of our state legislature to get measures introduced that address those issues. This would help us identify those General Assembly members we can work with and those we can't. Either way, I see it as beneficial to the LPD in the next election cycle because we can focus on fielding candidates in the districts where we don't have elected officials who will help advance our agenda.

District of Columbia

Rob Kampia (rkampia@mpp.org) is serving as the contact for the LPDC at this time. Peter Orvetti, a former LP employee who lives in DC, has informed me that he would like to help the LPDC in some manner. I contacted him to indicate my willingness to help him and the LPDC.

Maryland

Libertarian Party of Maryland chairman Bob Johnston (rstanley21018@yahoo.com) provided the following information:

Election Results for our Libertarian Candidates:

President/VP: Barr/Root 9,799 (0.4%)

Congress

1st: Richard Davis 8,873 (2.5%) [winner's margin = 2,852 votes]

2nd: Lorenzo Gaztañaga 8,786 (3.2%)

4th: Thibeaux Lincecum 3,284 (1.1%)

5th: Darlene Nicholas 7,731 (2.3%)

6th: Gary Hoover, Sr. 11,055 (3.3%)

7th: Ronald Owens-Bey 5,214 (1.8%)

8th: Ian Thomas 2,512 (0.8%)

The local media was very good to our candidates. Two of them, Richard Davis and Gary Hoover, had 2 television interviews each on their local stations, and were invited to participate in several debates.

At least 4 of the 8 candidates are interested in running again in 2010 for the same office. Further, I have 5 people lined up to run for local offices in 2010, and another 6 possible. We have added 10 new members in the last 2 weeks, the state party membership now totaling 60. Still down from a couple of years ago, when it was over 100, but hopefully we're on our way back.

We held an Executive Board meeting and post-election discussion at a restaurant in Reisterstown on Saturday, with 12 people present, including 5 new members. It went quite well, and we're planning on having another get-together in January. One of the new members, Rani Merryman, recently started up her own blog: <http://revolution2010.wordpress.com/>.

Our ballot access standing was not affected by the recent elections. We are good until 12/31/09.

Pennsylvania

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

The election results from Pennsylvania were generally good, although the LP presidential candidate vote total was slightly lower than in 2004:

OBAMA, BARACK (DEM) 3,234,949 54.5%

Runningmate: BIDEN, JOE

MCCAIN, JOHN (REP) 2,634,115 44.4%

Runningmate: PALIN, SARAH

NADER, RALPH (IND) 42,684 0.7%

Runningmate: GONZALEZ, MATT

BARR, BOB (LIB) 19,739 0.3%

Runningmate: ROOT, WAYNE A.

One reason for that may be that Ralph Nader was on the ballot in PA in 2008 and was not in 2004, drawing some of the anti-establishment vote.

Otherwise, our other statewide candidates did very well, all of them getting enough votes to regain minor political party status for the Libertarian Party in Pennsylvania. Our three candidates for statewide office this year had the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th highest vote totals of any Libertarian Party candidates ever. The results in comparison to the top 21 vote totals in PA are as follows:

Rank Candidate Year Office Total Percent

1. Jack Perry 1992 US Senate 219,319 4.57%
2. Betsy Summers 2008 Auditor General 173,687 3.1%
3. Berlie Etzel 2008 State Treasurer 116,193 2.1%
4. Marakay Rogers 2008 Attorney General 105,378 1.9%
5. Sharon Shepps 1996 Auditor General 103,234 2.45%
6. Tim Collins 1996 Attorney General 92,961 2.21%
7. Betsy Summers 2004 US Senate 79,263 1.43%

8. Daryl Perry 2004 State Treasurer 61,238 1.12%
9. Don Ernsberger 1994 US Senate 59,115 1.68%
10. John Famularo 1996 State Treasurer 56,602 1.33%
11. Berlie Etzel 2004 Auditor General 52,869 0.99%
12. Jack Iannantuono 1998 US Senate 46,103 1.56%
13. John Featherman 2000 US Senate 45,765 0.97%
14. Jessica Morris 2000 Auditor General 41,967 0.9%
15. Julian Heicklen 2000 Attorney General 41,519 0.9%
16. Ken Krawchuk 2002 Governor 40,918 1.14%
17. Pat Fallon 1994 Governor 33,602 1.06%
18. Ken Krawchuk 1998 Governor 33,591 1.10%
19. John Famularo 2000 State Treasurer 30,867 0.7%
20. Henry Haller 1988 US Senate 11,822 0.27%
21. Richard Fuerle 1982 Governor 10,252 0.28%

It appears the Jack Perry 1992 campaign was run on a strong pro-life platform, and the LPPA board of directors withdrew its endorsement of Perry before the election. That campaign apparently resulted in the formation of the Constitution Party in PA.

District candidates in Pennsylvania also had some bright spots, although we would like to do better. Results are as follows:

State Representative:

35th District

GERGELY, MARC J. (DEM) 20,195 88.9%

POSIPANKA, DAVID (LIB) 2,530 11.1%

63rd District

ELLENBERGER, MATTHEW (DEM) 8,095 33.2%

OBERLANDER, DONNA (REP) 15,737 64.5%

ROBERTSON, MICHAEL J. (LIB) 556 2.3%

64th District

HUTCHINSON, SCOTT E. (REP) 19,292 86.8%

MAYS, VANCE H. (LIB) 2,943 13.2%

180th District

CRUZ, ANGEL (DEM) 16,920 98.2%

SANCHEZ, ERIK (LIB) 317 1.8%

State Senate

WHITE, MARY JO (REP) 73,472 84.5%

LUCAS, MARY LEA (LIB) 13,477 15.5%

US Congress

MCCRACKEN, MARK B. (DEM) 109,315 41.0%

THOMPSON, GLENN W. (REP) 151,441 56.8%

FRYMAN, JAMES (LIB) 5,985 2.2%

Preliminary plans are under way for the 2010 elections, which will include Governor and US Senate in PA. Municipal elections in 2009 will be all local offices, and a number of Libertarian candidates have already expressed an interest in running. Legislation will be introduced in both legislative houses in PA in January to amend ballot access laws in Pennsylvania. We will be seeking additional legislative

sponsors and are developing a volunteer network to focus on this and other legislation of particular interest.

The 2009 convention of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Workshops will focus on campaigning for local office, with a tentative presentation by Robert Butler, author of a new book for 2009 called "18 Steps to Win a Local Election: A Candidate and Volunteer Handbook". Aaron Bolinger from Restore the Republic will be the evening speaker, talking about his organization's efforts to promote Liberty, particularly focusing on efforts to defeat REAL ID in Pennsylvania.

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania is proud to again be a sponsor of the 2nd Annual International Students For Liberty Conference to be held February 20-22 at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Virginia

I offer the following report on behalf of LPVa chairman Jeff Bowles (bowles_4@hotmail.com).

The Libertarian Party of Virginia had two candidates on statewide ballots this year: the LP presidential ticket of Bob Barr and Wayne A. Root, and U.S. Senate candidate (and LNC chairman) William Redpath. Mr. Barr made at least two visits to Virginia. This included a campaign swing in mid-October, which generated several media interviews and speeches at Lynchburg College (Lynchburg), Va. Tech (Blacksburg), and Christopher Newport University (Newport News). Mr. Redpath campaigned extensively throughout the Commonwealth, especially from Labor Day until Election Day. The Barr/Root ticket received 11,067 votes (.29 %, fourth-highest total out of six candidates); Mr. Redpath received 20,269 votes (.55%, fourth-highest total out of four candidates).

Nathan Larson served as the LPVa candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the First District. (He was the first LPVa candidate in this district since 2000.) Mr. Larson received 5,265 votes (1.46%, third-highest total out of three candidates).

West Virginia

I am pleased to report that Libertarian Party of West Virginia chairman Matt Harris (mdh_lists@yahoo.com) has recently become active again, and that he is evidently working vigorously to build the LPWV. The party will hold a meeting in December to consider some proposed changes to its bylaws, and to plan activities for the coming year. I have been invited to participate; I hope to do so.

On the evening of Nov. 15, Bill Redpath and I attended an organizational meeting of LPWV members in Ranson, West Virginia (in the "Eastern Panhandle" region). The meeting was arranged by Gordon Glorfield (LPWV) and Bill Wood (LPVa). The meeting drew about 15 people, including Mr. Harris who drove from Morgantown.

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Submitted by Julie Fox
November 30, 2008

I have been involved in a number of activities since our last LNC meeting in September. I organized a debate on the IL Constitutional Convention on September 20. I attended the LPWI Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting in Tomah, WI on September 21. I attended the LPI state convention October 4 & 5, where I announced my intention to run for IL State Comptroller in 2010. I attended and helped promote the End the Fed rally in Chicago on November 22. I provided updates on LNC activities at the LPWI ExComm meeting, at the LPI convention, and at two local LP party meetings. I continue to work with State Chairs and others in my region on getting more regular coverage of Region 6 activities in the LP News. Later today I will be promoting the newly formed McHenry County LP in the Woodstock, IL Holiday Parade.

In addition to serving as Treasurer, I have also taken on the role of Organizer of our local Ron Paul meetup group. I continue to serve as Chair of the Fox Valley Libertarian Party and as the representative for that group on the LPI's State Organizing Committee (SOC). I attended September and November LPI SOC teleconferences.

Following are reports submitted by state chairs in Region 6, along with my notes (in italics) where reports are missing or where I feel additional information may be useful.

Illinois

This report will cover both October and November. LPI held their annual convention on October 3-5 and we elected a new slate of officers:

State Chair - Dave Brady
Activism Chair - Val Vetter
Campaigns Chair - Jan Stover
Fundraising Chair - John Howell
Legislative Chair - Eric Bresson
Membership Chair - Damon Dillon
Newsletter Editor - Daniel Nowlan
Public Relations Chair - Kent McMillen
Secretary - Crystal Jurczynski
Treasurer - Debra Aaron
Webmaster - Francine Brady

The elections have come and gone. We ran two candidates: Bob Barr for President and Larry Stafford for U.S. Senate. Bob Barr received 19,061 votes and Larry Stafford received 48,663. Dan Druck, who ran for Congress, was removed from the ballot by the Illinois Board of Elections. His lawsuit is still moving up the legal chain. Eric Ferguson, who also ran for Congress, was not on the ballot and his information is unavailable.

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We have done a recruiting campaign to build the LPI. Upon me taking over as Chair we had seven county committees. With a few active members prior to the convention, we recruited key people to start their own county groups and talked with some older inactive groups to reorganize. I'm happy to report as this time that we have eight groups certified (McHenry County was started by my wife and I in July) and six groups actively meeting and organizing. We have 2 groups that will be completed reorganized (Lake and Will Counties). This will leave us going into 2009 with 16 groups.

Our membership numbers reflect that same increase as well. We had approximately 1200 active / inactive members prior to the convention and approximately 1400 active / inactive members presently.

We sponsored the End The Fed rally yesterday in Chicago and expected about 100 people to turn out for this. The LPI picked it up from Campaign for Liberty on November 1st. Due to lack of participation they were canceling the event. We contacted the organizer and asked to take over the event. It was agreed.

We had approximately 300 in attendance and a supportive police force. Horns blowing, cheering, nods of agreement, people asking how we can fix things, people asking for more information and people for a mile and half photoing. Our groups spread 3 city blocks. During our three pauses were speeches where we drew dozen of on-lookers. We had no negative attention or incidents.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Brady
Chair, Libertarian Party Of Illinois
November 21, 2008

Julie's Notes: LPI members voted at the convention business meeting to file a lawsuit to overturn Illinois' particularly restrictive ballot access laws. Per advice from our attorney and others involved with third party ballot access issues, the LPI will start with a lawsuit against Congressional district requirements, with the anticipation that winning at the Congressional level will help lead the way to changing state-wide office requirements. We are looking for as many Congressional candidates as possible to include as injured parties in this lawsuit. The LPI plans to include other third party and independent candidates in the lawsuit. RP's Campaign for Liberty is seeking third party and independent candidates to run for every Congressional district in 2010, which will help tremendously in finding candidates to join in this lawsuit.

At this time there are two ongoing lawsuits in IL against ballot access requirements for Congressional districts in IL, Libertarian Dan Druck's (as noted above) and independent candidate Allan Stevo.

The DeKalb County LP organized an event at Northern IL University on October 25. The event featured U.S. Senate candidate Larry Stafford and Congressional candidate Dan Druck, along with newly-elected State Chair Dave Brady. The event was covered in several area newspapers. A campus group is now being organized at NIU, and the same group is in the process of becoming an official chapter of the LPI.

Mike Fogelsanger, Chair of DeKalb County LP and organizer of the NIU event, announced his intention to run for Sycamore City Council in 2009. Mike has also been instrumental in organizing the student group and local LPI chapter at NIU.

Wisconsin

The next Executive Committee meeting is to be held at a site to be determined at Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, January 25th (last Sunday in January, no football that weekend) at a time to be determined. An effort will be made to hold the meeting at the same site as the convention so we can see the site before the convention.

The convention will be held in the Dells area in the spring but details are TBA.

Submitted by State Chair Jim Maas

Julie's Notes: From Sept. 21 ExComm meeting – Chair Jim Maas invited by WI League of Women Voters to be a representative on "Voting 101" forum. Representatives from four political parties emphasize the importance of voting at the forum.

The LPWI ran the following candidates in the November elections:

*Joe Kexel – 1st Congressional District
Kevin Barrett – 3rd Congressional District
Brad Sponholz – 7th State Assembly District
Craig Mohn – 29th State Assembly District
George Meyers – 61st State Assembly District
Keith Deschler – 62nd State Assembly District
Ted Burluson – 91st State Assembly District*

Tim Nerenz has announced his intention to run in 2010 in the 2nd Congressional District.

Iowa

From the Chair (for the upcoming LPIA newsletter),

Happy Holidays!

I am very thankful for all who voted, registered, joined LPIA, and advocated for Liberty this campaign season! We are growing and the message of liberty is catching on.

Election season has passed and now we turn attention to families, friends, and gatherings to deal with outcomes and continue to build our party. Especially, I want to thank all who worked to get Libertarian candidates and ideas visible !! Our Iowa candidates, Eric Cooper (Iowa House #46) and Russ Gibson (Iowa House #60) worked hard and gained significant visibility and votes! We'll gather Candidates and Campaigners together in Ankeny on Sat. Dec. 6th to review what worked and what's next. In our first year with Iowa Voter registration access, we have grown significantly-our message of liberty is clearly catching on. We are hearing of continuing failures to properly register/re-register voters as Libertarian when the Iowa DOT system is used alongside drivers license renewals. If you know of any instance where DOT voter registration/re-registration as Libertarian has failed, please contact me

or another LPIA ExCom member. I have been advised, by Counsel, to develop a list of Counties where failures to register occur. We have gained voter registration access, now we must defend it! I wish each of you the best holiday season, and that your hearts and hearths be warmed by the fires of liberty!

Yours in liberty,
Ed Wright
Chair, LPIA

Missouri

Missouri Libertarian Party LNC Region Report November 24th, 2008

Ron Paul Supporter Outreach

The Missouri LP State Chair and our 8th Congressional District candidate spoke at a Ron Paul Campaign For Liberty BBQ in southern rural Missouri which 100 people attended.

Missouri's 6th Congressional District candidate Dave Browning spoke at the End The Fed rally in Kansas City Nov. 22nd. The crowd of 150 people was a mix of Ron Paul supporters and libertarians. Dave Browning received 3.7% of the vote in a three way race.

Candidate Events

Missouri statewide candidates participated in a debate with the major party candidates hosted by the Missouri Press Association in September.

In St. Louis a League of Women Voters debate for the three congressional districts in the area drew 6 candidates. Three Libertarians, one Republican, one Democrat and one Constitution Party candidate

As is usual our statewide candidates and congressional candidates were not invited to most of the debates. Local and state legislative candidates had more opportunities to participate.

Missouri 6th Congressional District candidate Dave Browning and Mike Ferguson from the Barr campaign both spoke at a large Rock the Vote concert in Kansas City.

Media

The Boone County LP Chair has been participating every other Friday from 5-6PM in a political round table on the radio with a Republican and Democrat. The political round table is hosted by Gary Nolan on The Eagle 93.9FM in Columbia.

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Missouri LP State Chair was interviewed again on KOPN, a community radio station in Columbia.

Speaking Events

Missouri LP State Chair Glenn Nielsen and our Secretary of State candidate Wes Upchurch (representing Missouri 18 To Drink) were two members of a 5 member panel at a Columbia High School debating whether Missouri should lower the legal age to drink to 18. Over 200 high school students attended. The opening statements of the two libertarians were well received by the students. Video of the entire event is up on the Missouri LP You Tube channel at:

http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=225CD79D9E3AB38B

Opening remarks by Glenn Nielsen and Wes Upchurch are in part 2.

The Missouri 18 To Drink effort is lead by young libertarians in Missouri who now have a network of almost 10,000 supporters.

2009 State Convention

Work has started to organize the Missouri 2008 State Convention. This will be a working convention focusing on candidates, county organization and campus libertarians. No firm date has been set yet but the convention will most likely be held in mid April.

Elections

The Missouri LP had a total of 25 candidates for the 2008 election. The Presidential ticket of Barr/Root. Seven candidates for nine US House seats. Three candidates for five statewide seats. Three State Senate and eight State Representative candidates for the Missouri State House. Three candidates for County Commissioner/Council.

Election Results:

President, Barr/Root, .4%, 11,370 (3rd out of 6 candidates)
Governor, Finkenstadt, 1.1%, 28,902 (3rd out of 6 candidates)
Lt. Governor, Fleck, 1.8%, 49,718 (3rd out of 4 candidates)
Secretary of State, Upchurch, 1.4%, 39,230 (3rd out of 4 candidates)
U.S. House 1, Cunningham, 13.1%, 36,615 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
U.S. House 2, Knapp, 2.3%, 8,609 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
U.S. House 3, Babcock, 1.8%, 5,510 (3rd out of 4 candidates)
U.S. House 6, Browning, 3.7%, 12,258 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
U.S. House 7, Craig, 2.2%, 6,954 (3rd out of 5 candidates)
U.S. House 8, McCullough, 1.6%, 4,451 (3rd out of 4 candidates)
U.S. House 9, Millay, 2.5%, 8,100 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
State Senate 5, Christophel, 8.3%, 5,225 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
State Senate 13, Harris, 8.1%, 6,227 (2nd out of 3 candidates, one of those a write in)
State Senate 19, Dwyer, 4.7%, 4,281 (3rd out of 3 candidates)

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State Rep 18, Alsup, 3.4%, 517 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
State Rep 39, Weber, 17.1%, 2,856 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
State Rep 54, Foster, 3.0%, 626 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
State Rep 55, Parr, 2.0%, 396 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
State Rep 59, Peters, 9.2%, 1,076 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
State Rep 69, Stone, 2.3%, 327 (3rd out of 3 candidates)
State Rep 154, Busby, 26.2%, 3,640 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
State Rep 158, Roland, 23.7%, 3,541 (2nd out of 2 candidates)
Adair County Commissioner Dist. 2, Salt 15% (3rd out of 4 candidates)
Green County Commissioner Dist. 1, Jones 27% (2nd out of 2 candidates)
St. Louis County Council Dist. 4, Brown 2.35% 1,700 (3rd out of 4 candidates)

In all cases where there were both a Libertarian Party and a Constitution Party candidate the LP candidate had more votes.

The Missouri LP failed to get 2% in a statewide race to extend our ballot access for another four years. We must now retain our ballot access by receiving 2% in the 2010 State Auditor or U.S. Senate races.

Teddy Fleck for Lt. Governor got the closest with 1.8% of the vote in a four way race including a Constitution Party candidate. He received 49,718 votes. In 2006 our U.S. Senate candidate Frank Gilmour received 2.2% of the vote with only 47,792 votes, almost 2,000 less than Teddy.

Two things impacted our receiving 2% or greater in a statewide race. First, having a Constitution Party candidate in all of the statewide races where we had a candidate. Second, higher voter turnout due to the nature of the Presidential election.

Missouri did extend its ballot access for another four years in five out of 9 congressional districts by receiving greater than 2% of the vote.

The Constitution Party obtained ballot access by getting 2.4% of the vote in a three way race for State Treasurer where there was no Libertarian candidate.

2009 Municipal Elections

So far the Missouri LP has two candidates for City Council for the Spring 2009 municipal elections. Tom Martz is running for the Springfield City Council in attempt to join libertarian Doug Burlison who was elected in 2007. The second candidate hasn't officially announced yet.

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Nebraska

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There isn't anything new to report this month. We haven't had a meeting since the Election. When the Nebraska Legislature meets next year, the Secretary of State hinted at resubmitting a bill to change the current ballot access Laws here in Nebraska.

To bring you up to date in Nebraska, the ballot access laws require that a new political party submit enough valid signatures on petitions equal to one percent of the number of votes on either the Presidential election or the State Constitutional officers elections. That one percent must be in each of the Nebraska's Three Congressional Districts. We can't average them out. If one district is short by even one valid signature, that district doesn't qualify. As the law now stands any political party could qualify by Congressional District. We could, in effect be a recognized party in one district. Or even at the county level.

Since the states Constitutional officers(Governor, Lt Governor, treasurer, Secretary of State,etc) are between the Presidential race, we would have to do petitioning every two years.

To maintain our Ballot status we would have to get at least FIVE Percent of the vote in each of the three Congressional Districts.

To show you what a job petitioning is in Nebraska, you can check out the Nebraska Congressional district maps at nationalatlas.gov/printable/congress.html#ne. Scroll down to printable maps list:Congressional Districts-110 Congress. Then click on ne. Then Click on Nebraska preview map. The third Congressional District covers 75 percent of the land area in Nebraska, which is also the least populated area.

The change in the law the Secretary of State is recommending is to extend the length of time for a political party from two years to four years and get rid of the Congressional Districts, which would make it easier to petition.

Neal Erickson, who is the Elections officer for the Secretary of State, has said that if the Legislature passes the bill into law the LP would be "grandfathered" in, which would mean we wouldn't have to petition next year and we could use our time to do grassroots organizing.

This Bill was introduced several years ago, but it didn't make it out of the Legislative committee. The members of the Green Party were very vocal in their opposition to this bill. They wanted to keep the Congressional District requirement.

I'll have to talk to Neal Erickson in December and find out for sure.

At this time I have nothing else to report.

If you have any questions or comments please call me at (402)270-1607.

Jerry Kosch
Chair,
Nebraska L P

Minnesota

Goals at this point are lofty but not unrealistic.

- Twenty candidates for partisan races, mostly MN House, in 2010. (In MN there is an advantage to this strategy.)

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- Set up class room training for candidates and to general members on selling.
- Create affiliates at colleges, for congressional districts, and in the outer larger cities in MN.
- Get a data base program for non-profits up and running.
- Redo the pledging/membership/donation page of the LPMN website to increase donations and membership information.
- Have an ongoing cable TV program produce by the LPMN and shown around MN.
- Get an electronic newsletter up and running.
- (Get me a car!)

Bob Odden
Chair LPMN

North Dakota

No report submitted, and no current website found, but I received the following e-mail from a ND LP member shortly after the November election:

Hello,

I am confident that the next Governor of North Dakota (elected in 2012) can be a Libertarian Party Candidate. The Republican Candidate was elected to a third term yesterday, and the Democratic Party staged a very inefficient campaign. A fourth term has never been attempted in North Dakota, and the Democratic Party will be expending resources on the Senate Campaigns.

By organizing now, The Libertarian Party can field a competent candidate and build a foundation for in North Dakota.

Thomas Passa

South Dakota

No report submitted. Last website update I found was made in 2006.

REGION 7 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, November 25, 2008.

Submitted by: Rachel W. Hawkrige, Region 7 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 7 since I last reported on September 1, 2008.

Let me preface this report by saying that there are a lot of good people, working really hard to create a better world in Region 7. **Thank you all!**

Florida

Election results . . .

Presidential

LIB Bob Barr

17,218

0.2%

Bruce Reichert - Seat 1 (Unopposed)

J. Adam Mitchell - Seat 4 (Unopposed)

Jack Tanner - Seat 4 (Unopposed) – note: Jack has been running a petitioning drive to stop funding mobile irrigation labs

Howard Horowitz - Group 4 (Unopposed!)

New Port Richey Mayor, Scott McPherson (WON!)

While many of the offices above are non-partisan, all of these people are touching others with Libertarian philosophy, and when elected they influence policy decisions. **They're creating a more free society.**

State Chair Karl Dickey has got it goin' on! Regular press releases from Florida LP included this . . . text available at <http://tinyurl.com/FLBail>

Libertarian Party of Florida Officially Opposes Bailout

Winter Park, Florida - The Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) has passed a resolution against the federal government bailing out financial institutions.

The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas the Libertarian Party of Florida recognizes that the current plan to bail out the financial institutions from the bad loans that they were forced to make by pressures from Congress and liberal organizations will damage the U. S. economy; and whereas it is clearly evident that the pressure groups knew in advance that the financial institutions would eventually fail, and that the public would be forced to foot the bill for the loans that should never have been approved. The Libertarian Party of Florida now condemns the plan of Congress and Executive Branch of the U. S. Government to use taxpayer money to bail out the financial institutions".

Florida has an exciting, up-to-date website, regular events, and a very active presence.

Contrary to his assertions that he was funneling votes to the LP and Barr/Root, the Objectivist Party Presidential candidate got 433 votes in Florida.

Hawai'i

I expect to submit a late report from Hawai'i, as they have an ExComm mtg on November 30th, and they will be deciding how to proceed. What there is of the LP there has gotten involved with Campaign for Liberty, apparently, and the LP is fairly defunct.

Idaho

State Chair Rob Oates is the finest kind of Libertarian. He writes articles, gets elected to office (City Councilman, Caldwell, ID) and is currently considering a run for US House of Representatives. Having served as a City Councilman, he has a reputation, a record, and some grassroots organization, all of which will serve him well. He may be our best bet to actually elect a Libertarian Congressman **soon**.

"The September 26 issue of USA Today (Fri, Sat, Sun edition) had a story on page 6 about the Libertarian Party of Idaho and Libertarian presidential candidate Bob Barr. There were quotes from Chairman Rob and national convention delegates Harry McKinster and Dylon Starry and a nice picture of Dylon at the University of Idaho.

It's rare for Idaho to be mentioned by the national media and almost unheard of for the Libertarian Party of Idaho to merit a (almost) half-page story. The reporter called me a couple of weeks ago to get the ball rolling.

I certainly recommend the print edition, but the story is online, if that works better for you: <http://tinyurl.com/ID-USA>" read one of his eMails to me.

He wrote this article and sent it to all the local papers . . .

Domestic Enemies

by Rob Oates, Chair, Libertarian Party of Idaho

"I'm mad as Hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!" said Peter Finch as newscaster Howard Beale in the 1976 movie "Network". Are you that mad? You should be. 32 years ago "Network" documented many of the outrages and dangers we're still facing.

In the past couple of weeks we have seen the biggest slide down the road to serfdom in history. Never have such massive lies and half-truths been sold to the American people. Never have the perpetrators been so open and unrepentant in saying that what they're doing to our country is for our own good. <snipped> The rest of Rob's article is available at <http://www.LNCRegion7.blogspot.com>

Rob just sent me this . . . "One update on the "Domestic Enemies" essay is that it was published by my county daily paper on Election Day... after the Opinion Page Editor emailed and told me that he was soliciting a similar length essay from the Republican and Democrat Chairman on why voters should elect their candidates... The three essays consumed the top of the opinion page that day!

The Libertarian Philosophical Brunch monthly series is going well and we have about a dozen regular participants."

The Idaho party is close knit, active group; hard-working and wonderful people. Thank you, Idaho – for all you do!

Official Election Results . . .

Presidential	- he did better than the national average here! :o)	
LIB Bob Barr	3,658	0.6%
United States Senator		
LIB Kent A. Marmon	9,958	1.5%
Legislative District 17		
State Representative A		

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L - Mikel Hautzinger	3,298	23.3%!
Legislative District 18 State Representative B		
L - James L. Oyler	837	4.5%
Legislative District 20 State Representative A		
L - Rex W Kerr	4,337	22.7%

Oregon

Here are the unofficial results from the state elections in Oregon . . .

President

Bob Barr / Wayne A Root (Libertarian)	7,631	0.42%
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1st Congressional District

H Joe Tabor (Libertarian)	10,992	3.32%
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5th Congressional District

Steve Milligan (Libertarian)	4,814	1.44%
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State Representative, 26th District

Marc Delphine (Libertarian)	1,503	4.89%
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State Representative, 36th District

Jay A Ellefson (Libertarian)	1,162	3.64%
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State Representative, 45th District

Jim Karlock (Libertarian)	2,932	11.24%
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If you'll notice, Jim Karlock got 11.24%, compared to Barr's .4%, indicating that the down ticket is not necessarily tied to the Presidential ballot.

Oregon continues to have regular meetings, and is sending out a newsletter. I intend to work with them to get their website updated ASAP.

The Real Washington™

In the “Top Two” primary case, the judge who had seemed sympathetic to our cause has recused himself, and our attorney is liable to have withdrawn by the time you read this. I am contacting LNC’s ExComm for help in funding or arguing this case. Defeating the Top Two is vital to third party access; and it infringes our right of association. If we don’t get rid of it, LP won’t ever even be on any ballots unless there is only one other candidate.

Election results . . .

Bob Barr / Wayne A. Root	Libertarian Party	12,672	0.42 %
Ruth Bennett (L)	37 th District Legislative	4,997	10.56 %

We have done three high school outreach and education events. Two were Junior Statesmen of American events, and one was a talk to an elementary school. At all of the events, we were welcomed, and the young people were curious, interested, excited. (If I might insert a shameless bit of brag in here – our tables at the JSA events were the hit of the day!) We had Barr and LPWA signs, the Nolan chart and quizzes, and the good stuff – candy! The kids like candy, but they were all excited to take the quiz. Even the other campaign people took the quiz, and several scored libertarian, including one Democrat campaigner, and one Republican.)

The first “LPWA News & Views” went out in late September, and included a donation form and envelope. The return percentage was low – but the donations received covered the costs of the issue. (Yay! That’s a success, in my book! I expect that the next will bring in more.) We also got several responses thanking us for getting it back up and running.

One of our people, Lew Randall, is part of MedicareLawsuit.org. They’ve filed a lawsuit against the government to allow seniors to opt out of Medicare.

Another, Alan Gottlieb of the Second Amendment Foundation, has won the court case to get New Orleans to return the guns that they stole from innocent and vulnerable people in the math of Hurricane Katrina.

In January, our philosophy discussion group starts. Our first reading will be *The Bases for Freedom in Society* - James M. Buchanan, and we meet on January 7 to discuss it, drink white coffee and eat vegan pastry in the dark.