



LNC Meeting Minutes, July 21-22, 2007, Pittsburgh, PA

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The Visit Pittsburgh organization provided a continental breakfast to the LNC at 8 am as well as hosted a baseball game for baseball fans on the LNC in its luxury club box at the Pirates-Astros game Friday evening¹.

The meeting commenced at 8:33am on July 21, 2007.

Moment of Reflection

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

¹ The 'Stros prevailed 2-1 sending the Bucs to their seventh straight loss, one which they avenged the following day 7-3 on Bobblehead Night at PNC Park. The Secretary loves it when he can include sports highlights in these minutes.

Opportunity for Public Comment

David Eckhardt discussed a ballot access issue in Pennsylvania. The Green Party's 2006 candidate for US Senate, Carl Romanelli, was removed from the ballot after Democratic Party lawyers persuaded the court that enough of the 95,000 signatures he collected were technically invalid. This brought his total to less than the 67,000 needed. According to state ballot access rules, Democrat and Republican candidates must gather only 2000 signatures.

Moreover, Mr. Romanelli was directed to pay \$89k in court costs and all of the Democrat's legal bills which are expected to approach \$1,000,000.

Mr. Eckhardt recommended the LNC:

- May need to budget more signature-gathering funds for the 2008 presidential candidate in PA than in previous years
- May wish to budget legal-aid funding in case the 2008 presidential candidate is challenged
- May wish to fund the PA Ballot Access Coalition (PABallotAccess.org), an effort on the part of small parties in PA to rewrite PA's ballot access law (minor parties would be defined based on membership and would nominate candidates without onerous signature requirements). The LP has been ably represented in the Coalition by Ken Krawchuk, among others.
- May wish to engage in national outreach to other third/minor parties. The disinterest of the federal judiciary in fair ballot access for third parties poses a threat to all.
- May encourage the 2008 presidential candidate to publicize ballot access as a fairness issue.

Paul Frankel thanked the staff for publishing its pieces on anti-war sentiment and encouraged the LNC to go on record as opposing the war. An anti-war resolution had been on the agenda for the Pittsburgh meeting. He also noted not all petitioners in NE have been fully paid for their efforts.

Brendan Kelly, the LP Chair of NH, addressed the group noting he has been on a mission to 'mend fences'. NH's plans to collect ballot access signatures on primary election day in NH in advance of the national nominating convention with the name of a pre-chosen nominee affixed has caused some consternation among LNC members.

Brendan pointed out the NH LP is 'doing things in the easiest way'. They believe their petitioning can be completed in one day if it is conducted on Primary Election Day. Part of the problem is NH does not allow substitution of candidate names on petitions. That would force the petitioning efforts to commence after Memorial Day in 2008 and be completed by August 11.

This was not the case in 1996 and 2000 when Harry Browne was on the ballot – the LP had ballot access. The NH LP hopes to regain ballot access with its gubernatorial candidate hoping to and expected to exceed the 4% threshold. In addition, a lawsuit is being considered challenging the substitution rule on petitions.

Richard Winger has asked the NH Secretary of State to allow substitution. The office is considering Winger's request.

Paperwork Check

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

Attendance and Credentials

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

Attending the July 21-22, 2007 LNC meeting in Pittsburgh, PA were:

Officers: Bill Redpath, Chuck Moulton, Aaron Starr, Bob Sullentrup

At-Large Representatives: Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, and Dan Karlan. Jeremy Keil did not attend.

Regional Representatives: Tony Ryan(1), M Carling(2), Aaron Starr(2)², Emily Salvette(3), Bob Barr(4), Dr. James Lark(5), Wes Benedict(6) and Hardy Macia(7).

Regional Alternates: Scott Lieberman(2), Stewart Flood(4), and Eric Sundwall(7).

Not attending were Julie Fox (1), Rebecca Sink-Burris(3), Steve Damerell(5), and Nancy Neale(6) Richard Burke has resigned from the second region and his position is vacant.

Staff attendees included Executive Director Shane Cory, Operations Director Robert Kraus, Media Coordinator Andrew Davis, David Weiser, Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Brooks and Louise Calise.

LP members included Alicia Mattson, Kirsten Milligan (new chair of WV), BetteRose Ryan, Brendan Kelly (chair NH), Paul Frankel, Steven Wizer, Dave Eckhardt, Paul Adams, Simon McClure, Mik Robertson, Burlie and Michelle Etzel.

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the July 3, 2006 meeting, amended with the replacement of Bob Barr for Mark Bodenhausen and the resignation of Richard Burke.

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
Region 1	Alaska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, (maybe) North Dakota, Nebraska ³	Tony Ryan (SD)	Julie Fox (WI)
Region 2	California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho	M Carling (CA), Aaron Starr (CA)	Scott Lieberman (CA), Vacant seat
Region 3	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana	Emily Salvette (MI)	Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)
Region 4	Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina	Bob Barr (GA)	Stewart Flood (SC)
Region 5	Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, DC	James W. Lark, III, (VA)	Steve Damerell (VA)
Region 6	Utah, New Mexico, Arkansas, Nevada,	Wes Benedict, (TX)	Nancy Neale (TX)

² Alternate Scott Lieberman filled in for Aaron Starr

³ So we do not forget, Scott Kohlhaas (AK) has volunteered to become an alternate or representative for Region 1 should either Tony Ryan or Julie Fox resign. The Bylaws stipulate Region 1 is entitled to one representative and one alternate. A second alternate is not permitted. Footnotes in minutes have no limitation or restriction.

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
	Louisiana, Arizona, Texas		
Region 7	New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont Connecticut, New Hampshire	Hardy Macia (VT)	Eric Sundwall (NY)

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Wes Benedict, Hardy Macia and Pat Dixon reported having contributed to the presidential campaign of Ron Paul.

Approval of the Agenda

The group amended the agenda by adding, removing and reordering items. The resulting agenda is given below.

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Saturday, July 21, 2007

Call to Order	8:30 a.m.
Moment of Reflection	1 minute
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes
Credentials Report and Paperwork Check (Secretary)	5 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest	5 minutes
Approval of the Agenda	5 minutes
Standing Reports	
Chair's Report	20 minutes
Treasurer's Report	30 minutes
Secretary's Report	10 minutes
Staff Report	
Staff Report	60 minutes
Counsel's Report	15 minutes
Action Items Previously Submitted in Writing (none)	0 minutes
Reports Previously Submitted in Writing	
Convention Committee Report (Sullentrup)	30 minutes
Campus Organizing Report (Lark)	5 minutes
Libertarian Leadership School Report (Lark)	15 minutes
Various Regions	5 minutes per
Action Items Not Previously Submitted in Writing	

<i>Platform Committee Selection</i>	<i>60 minutes</i>
<i>Credentials Committee Selection (Salvette)</i>	<i>10 minutes</i>
<i>Bylaws Committee Selection</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>
EPCC/Executive Director Contract Update (Colley)	15 minutes
<i>LP ballot access for president and vice president is granted only to nominees selected at convention</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>
Logo (Redpath)	15 minutes
Presidential Mailing List Rental & LP News Access (Moulton)	15 minutes
IT Committee (Moulton)	15 minutes
"Do Not Mail" Policy (Moulton)	10 minutes
LNC Audit (Redpath)	15 minutes
Ballot Access Update (Redpath)	20 minutes
Schedule Fall 2007 LNC meeting	10 minutes
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes

Adjournment

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Aaron Starr moved to consider a resolution that Ballot Access for president and vice-president is granted only to nominees selected at convention. After a voice vote, the item was added to the agenda.
- Aaron Starr moved the group place the selection of the Platform Committee before the Credentials and Bylaws committees, since a nominee for the Platform Committee would serve on one of the others if he failed to gain a seat on the Platform Committee. Without objection, the reordering passed.
- Aaron Starr moved the group remove from consideration the logo agenda item. The agenda item was removed by a voice vote.
- Aaron Starr moved to remove from consideration the 'Presidential mailing list rental and LP News access' agenda item. Chuck Moulton requested a roll call vote.

Voting no, and thus to not remove the item, were Chuck Moulton, Bob Sullentrup, Angela Keaton, Jim Lark, Hardy Macia, and Pat Dixon.

Voting yes to remove the item were Aaron Starr, Emily Salvette, M Carling, Tony Ryan, Bob Barr, Admiral Colley, Scott Lieberman, Dan Karlan and Wes Benedict.

The agenda item was removed by a vote of 9-6.

Finally the LNC struck the 'do not mail' item by a vote of 9-5.

Without objection the resulting agenda was approved.

Officer Reports

Chair's Report

Chair Bill Redpath provided an oral report that included the following highlights:

- He met with Bob Barr and three presidential nominees including Jackson, Finan and Imperato for dinner

- He had attended the NC convention
- He was in Scotland as an election watcher. Scotland is moving toward proportional representation and the chair termed his trip 'interesting'
- On June 1 he was in Toronto meeting with Fair Vote Canada, a pro-proportional representation organization. On October 10 Ontario will vote for a mixed form of elections including party list voting and candidate voting
- He, along with Bob Barr, has helped resurrect a dormant LP of MS. MS has easy ballot access.
- He attended a Washington Times dinner on May 17.
- Thanks to Kirsten Mulligan the new chair of WV, he helped resurrect that state on a May 19 meeting.
- He held an Executive Committee conference call on May 23 for Ballot Access .
- A prospective appearance on *Night Talk* on Bloomberg TV has apparently fallen through.
- He has met with large donors
- He has held the Chairman's Call briefing \$5k-and-up donors on June 7
- He attended a Reason Foundation event in DC
- He met with Richard Viguerie, a legend in political direct mail, on June 28; Bob Barr and Shane Cory also attended
- He participated in a phone call with the OK LP and other third parties in that state on July 8. We have tried litigation, lobbying and now the LP is collaborating with other third parties to use Initiatives and referenda to take the matter of OK ballot access to the people.
- He held a half hour interview on July 10 on KLIF in Dallas.
- He attended a CATO event on July 12 featuring a tribute to the Goldwater legacy
- And on May 31 he met with Glenn Jacobs at the Future of Freedom Foundation along with Jim Kane. Mr. Kane is a former WWF wrestler.

Aaron Starr thanked the chair for his ongoing hard work with no pay.

The LNC then took a short break.

After returning, the Chair requested an Executive Committee meeting after today's LNC meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The LNC's treasurer, Aaron Starr, noted highlights of the financials included as Appendix A:

- In the first quarter we had built up reserves by \$36k due largely to the success of the annual report. In the second quarter it had grown by only \$7k.
- Aaron expressed a concern for the future, hoping we can we generate enough cash for ballot access
- Our payables are under control and current. Cash on hand exceeds payables by \$16k.
- Ballot access for PA, CT and IL present particular concerns where the cost per Electoral College Vote exceeds \$3k.
- LP News expenses are up due to increased postage and new members
- While our financial position has improved, and this has not been the case for a long time, there are still some dark clouds – we remain under our reserve requirements.

Aaron met with Richard Viguerie who is a legend in political direct mail fundraising.

He also mentioned Martha de Forest is a consultant with the LP who will set up meetings with prospective donors for LNC members to meet and solicit funds. Martha uses Target America which Shane says 'has paid for itself already'.

Aaron advocated 'performance-based' fundraising – entice donors to contribute a set amount based on some metric such as the number of Libertarian officeholders. It's been his experience that people will contribute even more when informed of the results.

To finish the treasurer's report, the LNC extended time for discussion at least three times.

Bill Redpath requested he be able to see financials 'by month and YTD by month' in future binders.

Bill also noted the LP is receiving \$150k from an estate. An article will appear in *LP News* detailing the particulars. Unfortunately, political finance laws restrict the donation to \$28.5k this year. Accordingly, the \$150k will be recognized year-by-year while the balance remains an asset.

Finally, Bill broached the \$8.5k receivable still owed by the Badnarik campaign. After a recommendation by Emily Salvette, the group agreed to spend 10 minutes on the issue on Sunday after the agenda item on the LNC Audit. The Badnarik campaign sponsored binders, a movie and other items amounting to \$20k for the 2006 convention.

Secretary's Report

Bob Sullentrop distributed samples of the 'Delegate Ballot Packs' he is creating to be distributed to each delegate at the 2008 convention. Each envelope will contain seven ballots / signature tokens and instructions on their use. These packets will be distributed by the Credentials Committee upon certifying delegates.

Five of the ballots are for the platform planks and two are for the presidential ticket nominating petitions. Delegates will give their presidential ticket nomination petition signature tokens to the candidate of their choice. Candidates who collect 30 or more such tokens will be entitled to 16 or 11 (VP) minutes of convention time for their nominating speeches.

Delegates who choose to vote against certain platform planks will so indicate on the other five ballots and drop them into the ballot box until 9am Saturday. Any planks receiving 20% or more of the ballots will be brought to a straight up/down vote at the start of the Platform Committee report, scheduled for 10am Saturday.

These ballots fulfill the provisions adopted in Portland. They serve to reduce the amount of work that has to be undertaken at the convention.

Processing the presidential ticket petitions is much, much easier now since the only task is to count ballots. In 2004 with the traditional petitioning methodology we had to 1) decipher signatures, 2) resolve "Robert"s to "Bob"s wherever necessary, 3) confirm delegate status, 4) cross check petitions for duplicates, and 5) count the remaining signatures.

Processing the platform plank ballots is much easier since we have eliminated the platform plank ballot. This ballot contained 60+ planks, the results of which had to be entered into Excel spreadsheets for all voting delegates in a short period of time. Here again, we need only separate the votes into piles and count them.

With approximately 1051 delegates possible in Denver, Bob is preparing 1055 such packets. The total number of ballots is over 7000. However, the work done in advance of the convention removes work during the convention.

Bob also mentioned RockTheDebates.org. This is not an LNC-sponsored project. It aims at getting any candidate with a mathematical chance of winning the election into the 2008 presidential debates. The

technique is straightforward – get candidates on tape agreeing to debate, or pressure them later if they don't.

Bob mentioned Seth Cohn of New Hampshire and non-Libertarian Larry Reinsh of Iowa as being key to the effort's success. The group has snared comments from Mitt Romney, Hillary Clinton, Sam Brownback, Barack Obama and Bill Richardson.

Campus Organizing

It being now 11am and while waiting for the reporter who was to interview Bob Barr and Bill Redpath, without objection the LNC decided to move on to Jim Lark's campus organizing report. The full report is included as Appendix D.

Dr. Lark mentioned he had cleaned up his contact list of campus activists. He also noted there seems to be more and more interest on college campuses. He speculates this is due to the Democrat and Republican parties not adequately answering the important questions in the political arena of today. Moreover, the LP is improving its tactics and its message.

IT Report

At the same time, the LNC chose to hear from Chuck Moulton. No written report was submitted.

Chuck reported Kevin Takenaga has resigned from the Committee after having been elected CA chair while Alicia Mattson has come on board to take his place.

Fall Meeting

After considering several dates, the LNC decided to hold the next meeting in Charleston, SC the weekend of December 8-9. The site was chosen at the suggestion of Region 4 LNC member Bob Barr.

The subsequent meeting will be held the Presidents Day weekend in February in Las Vegas in conjunction with the State Chairs conference.

Staff Reports

Executive Director's report

Jim Lark wanted Shane Cory in his presentation to extend the LNC's thanks to Visit Pittsburgh for lunch and their great presentation on the benefits of Pittsburgh as a site for a convention.

Shane began by introducing Andrew Davis from Clemson as the LP's new Media Coordinator and Elizabeth Brooks from Duke, the LP's new Volunteer Coordinator.

Shane Cory's staff report is presented as Appendix A. From it he noted the following highlights:

- Advertising by presidential candidates and federal PACs has returned to *LP News*. We are open to 'sponsorships'. While the LP does not need to report such activity to the FEC, candidates would.
- Shane noted an item struck earlier from the agenda, the 'Do Not Mail Policy' is something Robert Kraus was about to discuss.
- The LP lost Sam New to Raytheon. As such it lost its LLS coordinator.
- Shane noted fundraising continues to improve with new revenue streams being tapped and to larger extents.

- Maine, West Virginia and Mississippi stand as formerly dormant affiliates where activity is once again brewing.

Robert Kraus, discussing the 'no call' policy stated that the LP honors donor intent. If a donor requests we do not call, then we do not call. If they request we do not e-mail, then we do not e-mail. If they request we do not mail, then we do not mail.

In some cases, if for example a credit card has expired, then it may be necessary to contact the donor. However, there are first of all three forms of communication available – e-mail, phone and postal mail. If however it is necessary to contact the donor for that reason and in that manner, the purpose of the call will be to obtain the requisite information and not initiated as a solicitation.

Some affiliates have requirements to notify members of state conventions and so on. The 'do not call' policies are considered restricted to solicitations and do not pertain to other obligations, particularly those listed in affiliate bylaws.

Louise Calise who is in charge of direct marketing noted net returns from activities are running well as are rates of return. Recently we have added 670 new members as a result of calling for renewals as well as \$11k. Scott Kohlhaas is also making phone calls on behalf of the LP and has brought in \$40k over 4 months.

Even though ballot access is now listed as a core activity and funds cannot be partitioned into a separate project category, staff IS able to honor 'earmarked funds'. A 'ballot access phone-a-thon' will start Tuesday with a script designed to focus on the need to support ballot access initiatives.

Andrew Davis is finishing up his first three weeks on the job. In that time he has produced 9 press releases, with a goal of 5 per week. He has arranged 11 interviews, seven radio spots, three newspaper hits and more.

To "load Andrew's gun", e-mail him, particularly with items of interest to college campuses, local affiliates and so on. There is a limit however to his involvement.

Elizabeth Brooks, the Volunteer Coordinator, is trying to tap the thousands of unused volunteer hours in activities including petitioning. She is currently working with state chairs to assess their needs and the needs of candidates.

Pat Dixon commended staff for the arrangements this weekend including the Visit Pittsburgh events, interviews, press conferences and photo opportunities that occurred this weekend.

For the complete HQ report, see Appendix B.

The LNC recessed until 3 pm. Shortly thereafter LNC photos were being shot.

Action Items Previously Submitted in Writing

Convention Report

Bob Sullentrop, the chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, drafted a report included as Appendix C. In addition he reported the following.

Bob Barr has agreed to be the 2008 Convention's Keynote Speaker (at no charge to the LP, of course). Bob Sullentrop declared that Bob Barr would be the best person in America to explain to the country why abandoning the Republicans and Democrats is imperative at this point in the nation's history.

Editor's note: The entire LNC and Party members across the country are delighted with the news of Congressman Barr as the Convention Keynote.

The LNC, and by extension, the Convention Oversight Committee, have by contract with Denver LPCon until August 23 to name the keynote speaker. After that it is in the hands of BetteRose Ryan and her sister Michelle.

Bob Sullentrup also noted in 2004 only three of the six candidates were invited to the Saturday evening presidential debates on C-SPAN. The three, Badnarik, Russo and Nolan, were chosen because they had scored 50, 45 and 45 on a survey to measure campaign activity while the others had scored no more than six.

A similar survey will be prepared and used for 2008. Bob Sullentrup and BetteRose Ryan expect no more than five candidates will emerge as upper tier contenders and invited to the C-SPAN debates. Denver LPCon will look for 'natural gaps' in the survey rankings to separate the most active candidates from others.

Finally, Bob noted the Bylaws prescribe the order of business for conventions. He took a preliminary schedule BetteRose had provided and altered it slightly. That schedule is being reviewed before its release. Essentially the Bylaws work will be on Friday, Platform on Saturday and voting on Sunday and Monday morning. There will be a presidential debate on Saturday evening.

Bob also mentioned BetteRose is doing a fabulous job, as evidenced by BetteRose fielding many of the questions about vendors and convention plans that arose.

Dr. Lark asked what plans were in place to reward big ticket donors and to ensure we recognize and reward them at the convention. Bob noted this is something that will be addressed.

Dan Karlan reminded the group there were three awards typically presented: the Thomas Paine, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. Accordingly, a nomination and balloting structure needed to be defined and executed. Sean Haugh led that effort in 2004.

Software vendors to help political campaigns would be a helpful addition in the vendors area someone mentioned.

BetteRose pointed out the VP level convention package contains 'everything but the banquet', if it was misreported elsewhere.

Reordered Agenda

Considering the afternoon being punctuated with a press conference and interviews of Bob Barr and the chair, as well as photo sessions for all the LNC members including a group photo, M Carling moved to amend the agenda to immediately consider Platform Committee appointments, then Credentials and Bylaws. Chuck Moulton seconded and the motion carried.

Platform Committee

The following individuals were nominated for the 2008 Platform Committee:

David Aitken, Steve Burden, Robert Capozzi, Steve Dasbach, Brian Holtz, Alicia Mattson, Adam Mayer, Jon Roland, Morey Straus, Tom Knapp, Rob Power, David Nolan, Ruth Bennett, Jim Duensing, David Owens, Bonnie Scott, Hardy Macia and James O'Gallager.

The balloting methodology allowed both positive and negative votes, with the total of votes cast to not exceed 10.

The election rankings were as follows:

Alicia Mattson (TN)	15 = 15 - 0
Steve Dasbach (VA)	14 = 14 - 0
Adam Mayer (OR)	13 = 13 - 0
David Aitken (CO)	12 = 12 - 0
Hardy Macia (VT)	12 = 12 - 0
Steve Burden (FL)	9 = 9 - 0
Robert Capozzi (VA)	8 = 9 - 1
Bonnie Scott (VT)	8 = 8 - 0
Brian Holtz (CA)	8 = 9 - 1
David Owens (PA) ⁴	7 = 7 - 0

Alternates included:

Jon Roland	6 = 6 - 0
Rob Power	6 = 6 - 0
Ruth Bennett	6 = 6 - 0
Jim Duensing	3 = 4 - 1
Morey Straus	1 = 3 - 2

Thomas Knapp (4 – 4), James O’Gallagher (0 – 0) and David Nolan (5 – 6) failed to achieve positive vote totals and thus were not selected as alternates.

Dan Karlan moved to select Ruth Bennett as the first alternate. Aaron Starr proposed a substitute motion breaking the tie of those with six votes by naming Jon Roland, then Rob Power and finally Ruth Bennett. Aaron’s substitute motion prevailed 9-5. It also passed as the main motion.

M Carling moved to name Jim Duensing as the fourth alternate, considering there was a large gap after him. M’s motion failed.

The Bylaws also stipulate no more than five of these committee members named by the LNC can come from the 10 largest states. Those would include Steve Dasbach (VA), Steve Burden (FL), Robert Capozzi (VA), Brian Holtz (CA) and David Owens (PA). Accordingly, the slate passed this litmus test and the LNC did not need to exclude anyone and dip into the pool of alternates.

⁴ Prior to the meeting and around the time George Squyres resigned from the Platform Committee, David Owens had done the same. This was a fact not known to the LNC at the time of the meeting. The Platform Committee had been reinstated by the Portland Convention.

Alicia Mattson was nominated as the interim chair of the Platform Committee. Chuck Moulton offered a substitute motion to name Steve Dasbach. When some noted Steve Dasbach might not necessarily be interesting in taking on the coordinator activities this interim post might require, Chuck withdrew his motion.

Without objection, Alicia was named interim Platform Committee Chair.

Credentials Committee

The following individuals were nominated for the 2008 Credentials Committee:

Jeff Dimit, Sharon Dubois, Steve Galpin, Andrew Hall, Michael Houze, Gary Johnson, Gerhard Langguth, Christiana Mayer, Kate O'Brien, Emily Salvette

The results of the election were as follows. Selected for Committee membership included:

Jeff Dimit	14 = 14 - 0
Emily Salvette	13 = 13 - 0
Christiana Mayer	11 = 11 - 0
Kate O'Brien	8 = 8 - 0
Andrew Hall	8 = 8 - 0

Alternates included:

Gerhard Langguth	6 = 6 - 0
Steve Galpin	4 = 4 - 0
Michael Houze	2 = 2 - 0
Gary Johnson	2 = 2 - 0
Sharon Dubois	1 = 1 - 0

Bob Sullentrup moved to break the tie for third and fourth alternate by selecting Michael Houze over Gary Johnson, noting that Gary Johnson was likely to be named by Texas to the Credentials Committee. Without objection, Bob's motion passed.

Emily Salvette was nominated as the interim chair of the Credentials Committee. Without objection, the motion passed.

Workroom, Las Vegas

Aaron Starr moved the LNC provide a room in Las Vegas at the LSLA conference for the Platform and Bylaws Committees to meet and forward their substantial work. Aaron volunteered to donate \$500 to help make this happen. Without objection, the motion passed.

Bylaws Committee

The following individuals were nominated for the 2008 Bylaws Committee: Bill Redpath (VA), Rob Latham (UT), Dan Karlan (NJ), M Carling (CA), Aaron Starr (CA), Fred Jabin (OR), Blay Tarnoff (NY), Tim Lucey (HI), Heather Scott (TN), Rob Oates (ID), Frank Manske (CA), Alfred Torrejon (OR) and Seth Cohn (NH).

The results were as follows. Selected to the 2008 Bylaws Committee were:

Dan Karlan (NJ)	15 = 15 - 0
Bill Redpath (VA)	12 = 12 - 0
Blay Tarnoff (NY)	11 = 11 - 0
Rob Oates (ID)	11 = 11 - 0
Rob Latham (UT)	10 = 10 - 0
M Carling (CA)	10 = 13 - 3
Aaron Starr (CA)	10 = 12 - 2
Heather Scott (TN)	10 = 10 - 0
Seth Cohn (NH)	8 = 9 - 1
Frank Manske (CA)	7 = 7 - 0

Selected as alternates were:

Fred Jabin ⁵ (OR)	6 = 6 - 0
Alfred Torrejon (OR)	5 = 5 - 0
Tim Lucey (HI)	4 = 4 - 0

Sunday

Executive Committee Meeting

Bill Redpath called an Executive Committee meeting for 8am Sunday in advance of the LNC meeting for the purpose of establishing encumbrances for ballot access. At an earlier meeting the LNC had granted authority for ballot access to the Executive Committee.

Members of the EC included the four officers, Admiral Colley, Jim Lark, and Hardy Macia.

The EC meeting commenced at 8:02. The agenda included:

- Nebraska petitioner payment

⁵ Fred Jabin has declined since the meeting citing time constraints

- Ballot access encumbrances

Bill reported Nebraska is close to being completed. Details are in the appendix in the ballot access report.

- In NE district 1, 2090 signatures are needed with 2863 gross in hand
- IN NE district 2, 1767 are needed with 2170 in hand
- In NE district 3, 2077 are needed with 2156 in hand.

Gross signatures must exceed required by a comfortable margin in order to emerge with enough valid signatures to satisfy signature requirements.

The Nebraska petition drive has deteriorated, however. The Nebraska LP has not paid its petitioners with sums owed stemming back to last November. There is a possible malfeasance of some funds between \$2k and \$5k. At best, the recordkeeping has been slipshod. There are unexplained deposits and withdrawals. There are petitioner payments to unspecified petitioners. The Nebraska PayPal account was inaccessible for a time.

There is \$3210 available for NE petitioning in our coffers which Shane has tried to pay. However, Shane failed to receive the requisite basic information – SSN, bank account, address – needed to make disbursements. There is another \$400+ in the Nebraska PayPal account which Shane deems irretrievable.

Andy Jacobs and Gary Fincher are the two petitioners to whom monies are still owed. One of these two gentlemen forwarded money to other petitioners in exchange for their NE LP receivable.

Andy Jacobs has been paid \$5k approximately but is still owed \$6334. Gary Fincher is still owed approximately \$2900 after having been paid \$1138 of \$4036.

Additionally, this ongoing dispute and has cost the Party in terms of stress and the personal involvement of the chair.

With hotel fees included, the total bill stands at \$9270. The total cost of the drive was approximately \$15k, meaning that ballot access for Nebraska's five electoral votes is a relatively expensive \$3k per EV.

While Scott Kohlhaas has raised funds for the LP over the last several months, he has not raised funds for the NE petition drive as the chair has asked him. In addition, the petitioners alleged what turned out to be false information from Mr. Kohlhaas to the effect "you're about to be paid" when they weren't.

With LP finances tight and with our reserve requirement still not met, board members agreed to pony up from their own finances to meet the NE obligation in an effort to move on to more important matters. M Carling primed the pump with the initial donation.

- Aaron Starr volunteered to contribute \$1000
- Pat Dixon pledged to contribute \$1000
- M Carling pledged \$1000
- Bill Redpath volunteered \$1000
- Tony Ryan pledged \$1000
- Stewart Flood offered \$500
- Jim Lark contributed \$500
- Bob Barr contributed \$500
- WV Chair Kirsten Milligan volunteered \$100

- Bob Sullentrup produced a \$100 bill to help rectify the situation⁶

All told, the private donations by LNC board members totaled \$6700. Combining that with the \$3210 in the LP ballot access fund we have \$9910.

The petitioners were offered a chance to accept those funds and consider the matter completely settled with no further claims against the LNC, the NE LP, Scott Kohlhaas or any other agent or associate of the LP. The petitioners cited 1) interest penalties Mr. Kohlhaas allegedly promised were owed and 2) additional car repair expense incurred exacerbated by the lack of cash flow. The petitioners were reminded if not the LNC, then no one else on earth would be likely to make good on this debt, which was not properly the LNC's to begin with.

Aaron Starr proposed the LNC settle any and all obligations and to release all claims that might exist related to the NE petition drive with all parties for \$9910, provided the petitioners accept this as full restitution, with final word-smithing of the agreement to be provided by Bill Hall and Shane Cory.

This motion carried.

To complete the NE drive, Bill Redpath asked for an encumbrance of up to \$2k. The current signatures are slowly perishable as people move or pass away, and it will take hopefully \$1k but maybe \$2k to complete the effort. This motion carried.

In South Dakota, the Chair Andre Ager stated to the Chair that 8389 signatures would be required to get ballot status for 2008 and 2010. These signatures are due 3-25-2008. Practically this means 12,000 gross signatures.

If the SD gubernatorial candidate can get 2.5%, then ballot access would automatically be granted. Moreover, the SD Secretary of State has requested the legislature grant ballot access more liberally to include Libertarians since it taxes her staff to repeatedly validate so many signatures.

The SD LP expects it can either raise donations or gain signatures equivalent to \$3000 at \$1/signature. SD has a law that only residents may petition. Andre Ager has identified a petitioner willing to do the work for \$1 per signature.

With winter approaching and with the early deadline, it is key the LNC act now.

Aaron Starr moved to encumber \$8k for the SD petition drive, contingent on LP of SD raising \$4k or 4000 gross sigs or combination thereof. Moreover, Aaron wanted it understood the LNC would pay the petitioners directly.

Bob Sullentrup moved to amend the motion substituting "understanding that", instead of "contingent on". This was consistent with Bob Barr's note that contingencies retard the process.

Bob's amendment carried, as did the main motion as revised.

Finally, Bill noted that activity continues in NC and OK. Details are in the ballot access report.

LNC Resumes

At this point the EC meeting was complete and the entire LNC meeting was once again in session.

⁶ Bob will donate another \$400, but not earmark it for the petitioners

Bob Sullentrup revealed the results of the balloting for the Bylaws Committee tabulated after hours the day before.

Chuck Moulton moved to name Dan Karlan the interim chair of the Bylaws Committee. Without objection, the motion passed.

Aaron Starr rose to a point of personal privilege. He noted he had erred when he on Saturday failed to identify Morey Straus and Rob Power as having substantially complied with the request to provide platform plank samples, for which he apologized to the prospective members and to the LNC. He invited the LNC to reopen the Platform Committee appointments if the LNC believed his misinformation has improperly influenced the outcome of the election.

No one on the LNC apparently believed their votes were unfairly influenced and no one requested we reconsider Platform Committee assignments.

Libertarian Leadership School

Jim Lark reported Sam New left the LP to take a job with Raytheon, leaving a void in the position as LLS coordinator. Jim mentioned that he believes the LLS serves a valuable function. He described the efforts of a student who had taken his campus organizing course, and who has subsequently helped to start Libertarian groups at his high school alma mater, his college, and in his community.

Jim's complete report is in the Appendix M.

Kirsten Milligan from WV said she hoped the LLS would offer a course on leadership which would be particularly useful in her new role as State Chair.

At the Region 3 meeting in Dayton the weekend of August 4 LLS and LI training will be offered.

Reports Previously Submitted in Writing

Regional Reports

Regional reports are included as appendices as follows.

Region 1	Tony Ryan, Appendix F
Region 2	M Carling, Appendix G
Region 3	Emily Salvette, Appendix H
Region 4	Stewart Flood, Appendix I
Region 5	Dr. Lark, Appendix J
Region 6	Wes Benedict, Appendix K
Region 7	Hardy Macia, Appendix L

Jim Lark noted he had enjoyed an event at the WV home of Richard Kerr, the former WV chair attended by Kirsten Milligan and other WV activists. A recently dormant party is resurrected.

Robert Butler of Ohio is currently on leave until the end of August.

Emily Salvette noted Region 3 will hold a meeting in Dayton, OH on August 4-5. Region 3 states include Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana.

Bob Barr praised his associate from Region 4 Stewart Flood and expressed his appreciation to Shane, Chairman Bill Redpath and others for the large gains recently made, including Mississippi.

In particular, Region 4 Representative Bob Barr offered the following resolution contained in tab 4 of the binder praising Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner, and Tom Clark:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
National Committee, Libertarian Party USA**

WHEREAS The Honorable Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner and Tom Clark serve as duly-elected members of the Lee County, Florida Soil and Water Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, in their capacity as elected members of said board, Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner and Tom Clark have shown commendable wisdom and knowledge of the Constitution and the law, unprecedented courage in fighting for the rights of the citizens they represent, and admirable respect for the monies entrusted to them by the taxpayers within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Libertarian Party, Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner and Tom Clark represent the finest and most tangible example of how to govern as Libertarians;

NOW THEREFORE, the National Committee of the Libertarian Party USA does hereby congratulate The Honorable Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner and Tom Clark for putting into word, deed and action, the principles of the Libertarian Party; and

FURTHERMORE, the National Committee of the Libertarian Party USA does hereby commend to Libertarians and freedom-loving Americans throughout Florida and these United States, The Honorable Kim Hawk, Jack Tanner and Tom Clark, as the example of the caliber of person best to elect or appoint to public office, and encourages Libertarians everywhere to personally convey their like congratulations to and support of these three fine elected members of the Libertarian Party.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED unanimously by vote of the Libertarian National Committee, the 21th day of July 2007, in the City of Pittsburgh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, United States of America.

Chairman William Redpath

Secretary Robert Sullentrup

The resolution was approved unanimously with no objection.

After the meeting Bob Sullentrup prepared copies of the above resolution and affixed his signature. Shane Cory will secure the chair's signature and the resolution will be suitable for framing by the recipients.

M Carling noted all states in his district except ID had state conventions since our last meeting in FL. Responding to a question from Dr. Lark, M noted lawsuits in Oregon have not been resolved and some are still pending.

EPCC Contract Update

Admiral Colley noted our Executive Director Shane Cory by all accounts is doing "a fine job" heading up staff and pointing them in right direction. The Admiral spends much of the fall in and around Maryland (USN football is rumored to be an attraction) during which time he talks with staff and makes himself available. The Admiral is pleased we finally have a contract in place for our ED.

The LNC recognized its appreciation for Shane Cory and staff with a round of applause.

Resolution

Aaron Starr admitted to having had a change of heart regarding the resolution he had drafted prior to this meeting. The resolution is presented below.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Article 3 of the Libertarian Party Bylaws and Convention Rules states that the Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by, among other means, nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and

Whereas, Article 12, Section 1 of our bylaws empowers only the delegates to our national convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and

Whereas, Article 12, Section 2 of our bylaws only allows members of the Libertarian Party to be selected as our nominees for President and Vice President and Article 5, Section 6 states only sustaining members shall be eligible to be candidates for President or Vice-President; and

Whereas, Article 13 of our bylaws states that the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Party in all cases to which it is not inconsistent with other rules adopted by the Party; and

Whereas, Section 61 of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised states that an organization has the right to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization or its purposes [and] no one should be allowed to remain a member if his retention will do this kind of harm; and

Whereas, any candidate for President or Vice President being on a state's ballot as our nominee without the consent of the national delegates would be injurious to the Libertarian Party and its purposes because this would deprive our national convention delegates of

their right to select the nominees of their choosing; be it therefore

Resolved, that upon a determination by the Libertarian National Committee that a candidate has signed nomination papers consenting to be the Presidential or Vice Presidential nominee in any state without having first been nominated at the national convention, that individual's membership in the Libertarian Party shall be terminated immediately, thus making him or her ineligible to be our Party's nominee; and further

Resolved, that members of the Libertarian Party shall be notified through LP News of any candidate disqualified from being our Party's nominee for President or Vice President due to his or her attempt to deprive the national delegates of their right to select the nominees of their choosing; and further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be published in the next issue of LP News and mailed to the last known address of every known candidate for President or Vice President seeking the Libertarian Party's nomination in 2008.

Instead, Aaron stated he preferred an alternative solution which would fund an attorney in NH to bring the case forward to the NH courts to allow the substitution of a candidate were petitioning to take place prior to the LP nominating convention. Aaron pledged to contribute \$2k to the lawsuit. A caveat was that both the NH LP and the candidate involved would agree to abide by the terms of the lawsuit, were it successful.

He raised the question and asked for unanimous consent that the LNC would name itself as a party to the lawsuit as plaintiff.

After some discussion, some questioned whether discussion this was appropriate at this time in as much as the original agenda item was now being supplanted.

The chair ruled the matter was in order since Aaron effectively withdrew the resolution offering his alternative instead. Bob Barr and Dan Karlan appealed the ruling of the chair. The chair did not prevail in the appeal.

As time expired, the motion to extend failed.

Effectively nothing happened.

LNC Audit

Bill Redpath solicited bids from prospective auditors. The LP Bylaws require annual audits to be provided to delegates at national conventions.

For 2006 reviews and full 2007 audits, the following vendors provided these bids:

Badger and Summerall, \$5500 for an '06 review and \$13,000 for a 2007 audit

Rogers and Co, \$7250 and \$14,500

Frye and Wolcott, \$5000 and \$9900

Schreiner, Legg and Co, \$5000 and 8000

M Carling moved to contract with Frye and Wolcott for audits for 2006 and 2007. Note the prices above include a review, not an audit, for 2006.

Frye and Wolcott submitted the next-to-lowest bid. Moreover, they have worked with the LP before.

Without objection the motion passed.

After the meeting, Aaron Starr provided the following clarification:

The proposals presented were for a review of 2006 and an audit for 2007. A financial review consists of the auditor making inquiries of the organization's personnel or management in order to verify the financial records of the organization. Unless deemed necessary, the accountant is not required to obtain any independent corroboration to substantiate the personnel's representations. In contrast, as part of a certified audit, the auditor must obtain an understanding of the entity's internal controls and obtain independent evidence to substantiate the assertions made by the organization's employees and management. A true audit function consists of the auditor expressing his opinion as to the fairness in which the financial statements present the financial position and operating results of the organization. As such, a review is less in scope than an audit. I quoted a section of the bylaws that required we have audits for all years. The consensus was that a review of 2006 would not be sufficient to meet the requirements of the bylaws, which were changed in Portland to require an annual audit.

Badnarik Campaign Receivable

To continue an item deferred from Saturday, Aaron Starr proposed that if Michael Badnarik were to raise money for the LNC, perhaps \$15k, we could perhaps forgive the debt which would allow Badnarik to retain the balance in his campaign account, some \$2500.

Pat Dixon formally moved to endorse Congressman Barr's recommendation to 'settle' the matter and move on for the (est) \$2500 remaining in the Badnarik account which had been offered to the LNC earlier.

Without objection, Pat Dixon's motion passed.

Ballot Access

Bill Redpath, submitted a detailed ballot access report included as Appendix E involving 18 states. Bill noted the bottom line total proposed expenditures was 'down substantially' from the amount proposed in Alexandria some eight months earlier.

Bill noted in Ohio the signature requirement has been 'cut in half' with a prior Ohio party petition law being declared unconstitutional and the Ohio legislature having failed to reenact any measure. Accordingly, the OH Secretary of State 'cut in half' the signature requirement.

In the future Bill may make an encumbrance request for OK where a multi-party initiative to put the matter of ballot access to the people which offers hope of a 'permanent solution' to OK's inordinately restrictive ballot access requirements.

NC may also come into play again. NC is 'making good progress'. While the Chair did not ask for an encumbrance in Pittsburgh, the LPNC might need as much as \$15,000 more in LNC funds to finish the petition drive.

WV will not be considered for LNC ballot access help unless the LPWV recruits a gubernatorial candidate for 2008, because 1% of the vote for Governor is needed to retain ballot access for the next four years in WV.

Jim Lark raised the possibility that NOTA may emerge. He wanted to know what would happen to our ballot status in states where we failed to field a presidential candidate. Bill reported he had broached that question with Richard Winger who said there was not a broad risk of loss of ballot status – maybe one or two. In states like SC, Stewart Flood noted, running a candidate for US Senate would suffice to retain ballot status.

Many states on Bill's spreadsheet noted 'state will handle' ballot access. Aaron Starr wanted to know if we were confident states would in fact handle the matter, and what would be the worst case scenario if they didn't. Bill guessed '\$10k', and noted that while 'we are confident, we must keep after them as well'.

While in general ballot access is desirable, DC with its special requirements is too difficult and getting Libertarians on the ballot in OK would this time around be detrimental to getting the ballot initiative to pass.

To keep things in perspective, Bill noted Daniel Imperato, one of our presidential candidates, was quoted a number for 'full ballot access in 50 states' as an independent to be \$8M.

Opportunity for public comment

Brendan Kelly delivered what he called his 'I have a dream' speech. He went to the Portland convention to decide whether the LP stood any chance of influencing America. He decided there the LP was for real. His dreams for the future include drafting Mary Ruwart to run for president in 2008 and Bob Barr and Ron Paul in 2012.

BetteRose Ryan encouraged LNC members to sign up for the convention now. She and her sister Michelle need the cash flow to help fund initial convention expenses. Her firm, DenverLPCon, will provide forms before the end of the meeting.

Paul Frankel noted the existence of the LP radical caucus and lastfreevoice.com. He noted Kubby has endorsed Ron Paul and that Steve is still running for president. Paul encouraged college organizing and encouraged members to contact him for assistance.

Andy Jacobs wanted to thank the LNC members who donated substantially to settle the LP NE debacle.

Jim Lark on behalf of the LNC wanted to send his appreciation to Pittsburgh and its organizers for the media articles, red carpet treatment, perks and other features that made the visit so splendid.

Bob Barr expressed his appreciation of Andrew Davis, the LP's new media director for his tremendous work that generated such publicity this weekend. Aaron commended Andrew as well, and in particular Bob Barr for his masterful performance at the press conference on Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Next Meetings

The schedule for subsequent LNC and national meetings is as follows:

2007 Fall meeting	December 8-9, 2007	Charleston, SC
2008 Spring meeting	President's day weekend	Las Vegas(*)
2008 Convention meeting	May 22	Denver, CO

(*) *coincident with LSLA conference*

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2007

	<u>Jun 30, 07</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
11 - Cash	
111-A - Checking Account #1 (Federal Unrestricted)	19,712
111-B - Checing Account #1 (Restricted Ballot Access)	<u>4452</u>
112 - Convention Restricted Account	<u>2729</u>
Total 11 - Cash	<u>26,893</u>
Total Checking/Savings	26,893
Accounts Receivable	
12 - Accounts Receivable	<u>9,193</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	9,193
Other Current Assets	
13 - Other Receivables	
131 - Mail House Settlement	
131R - Mail House Settlement	10,000
131U - Allowance for Uncollectables	(6,000)
131D - Accumulated Discount	<u>(721)</u>
Total 131 - Mail House Settlement	3,279
132 - Mailing List Receivables	
132R - Mailing List Receivable	11,238
132U - Mailing List Allowance	<u>(330)</u>
Total 132 - Mailing List Receivables	10,908
139 - Allowances for Doubtful Account	<u>(1,000)</u>
Total 13 - Other Receivables	13,187
14 - Inventory	7,345
16 - Prepaid Expenses	
161 - Bulk Mail Account	1218
163 - Metro Passes	<u>120</u>
Total 16 - Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,338</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>21,870</u>
Total Current Assets	57,946
Fixed Assets	
17 - Fixed Assets	
172 - Furniture and Fixtures	
17214B - Basis	37,618
17214D - Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(36,889)</u>
Total 172 - Furniture and Fixtures	729

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	<u>Jun 30, 07</u>
174 · IS - Hardware	
17211B · Basis	34,129
17211D · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(19,454)</u>
Total 174 · IS - Hardware	14,675
175 · IS - Software	
17212B · Basis	182,404
17212D · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(182,404)</u>
Total 175 · IS - Software	
176 · Capital Lease	
17221B · Basis	18,241
17221D · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(18,241)</u>
Total 176 · Capital Lease	
Total 17 · Fixed Assets	<u>15,404</u>
Total Fixed Assets	15,404
Other Assets	
19 · Security Deposits	
191 · Rent Deposit	<u>7,020</u>
Total 19 · Security Deposits	<u>7,020</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>7,020</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>80,380</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
21 · Accounts Payable	<u>10,490</u>
Total Accounts Payable	10,490
Other Current Liabilities	
2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	(8,753)
23 · Contingencies - Short Term	
2201 · ASAP Mat Sls Fullfillment Liab	<u>6,000</u>
Total 23 · Contingencies - Shot Term	6,000
24 · Accrued Vacation	14,062
25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	
251 · Federal	
2511 · Income Tax Withheld	1891
2512 · Social Security	
25121 · Employer Liability	

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	<u>Jun 30, 07</u>
25122 · Employee Taxes Withheld	
Total 2512 · Social Security	
2513 · Medicare	
25131 · Employer Liability	
25132 · Employee Taxes Withheld	
Total 2513 · Medicare	
2514 · Unemployment	
Total 251 · Federal	
252 · State	
2521 · Income Tax Withheld	
Total 252 · State	
Total 25 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	1891
271 · Other Deferred Revenue	
2711 · Deferred Regular Dues	
2791 · Deferred Rent Liability	6,812
Total 271 · Other Deferred Revenue	<u>1,344,327</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,366,280</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,376,769</u>
Total Liabilities	1,376,769
Equity	
31 · General Operating	(1,316,526)
32 · Fund Balances	
321 · Fund - Ballot Access	
322 · Fund - Branding	(2,376)
323 · Fund - Camp/Cand	(6,595)
324 · Fund - Campus	4,348
325 · Fund - Convention	(30,685)
327 · Fund - Lib Leadership School	12,453
328 · Fund - Drug War	17
Total 32 · Fund Balances	<u>(22,838)</u>
Net Income	42,975
Total Equity	<u>(1,296,389)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>80,380</u>

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
P&L YTD Summary Report
 January through June 2007

	TOTAL	
	Jan – Jun 07	Budget
Ordinary Revenue/Expense		
Revenue		
4000 · General Fundraising	668,163.23	831,500.00
4100 · Project Revenue	1,575.00	185,712.00
4200 · Program Revenue	11,952.15	3,000.00
4400 · Trf fr Auth. FEC Comm - PACS	2,840.00	4,000.00
4500 · Offsets to Operating Expend	175.00	
4600 · Refunds of Contributions	(1,614.00)	
Total Revenue	<u>683,091.38</u>	<u>1,032,212.00</u>
Gross Profit	198,030.08	1,032,212.00
Expense		
7000 · General Fundraising Exp	219,241.75	287,000.00
7100 · Project-Related Expenses	8,475.45	91,325.00
7200 · Convention Expenses	125.00	
7300 · Program-Related Expenses	60,568.99	112,500.00
8000 · Salary & Related Expense	191,422.91	214,020.00
8100 · Admin & Overhead Expense	133,913.72	129,900.00
8200 · Professional Services	26,368.51	33,000.00
8300 · Capital Exp & Depreciation		6,000.00
Total Expense	<u>640,116.33</u>	<u>873,745.00</u>
Net Ordinary Revenue	<u>42,975.05</u>	<u>158,467.00</u>
Net Revenue	<u><u>42,975.05</u></u>	<u><u>158,467.00</u></u>

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A/R Aging Summary

As of June 30, 2007

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Badnarik for Congress					8,500	8,500
Gilson, Michael					60	60
LPDC Libertarian Party DC					585	585
Olivier, Mark					30	30
Whiting, David					18	18
TOTAL	<u>750</u>				<u>9,193</u>	<u>9,943</u>

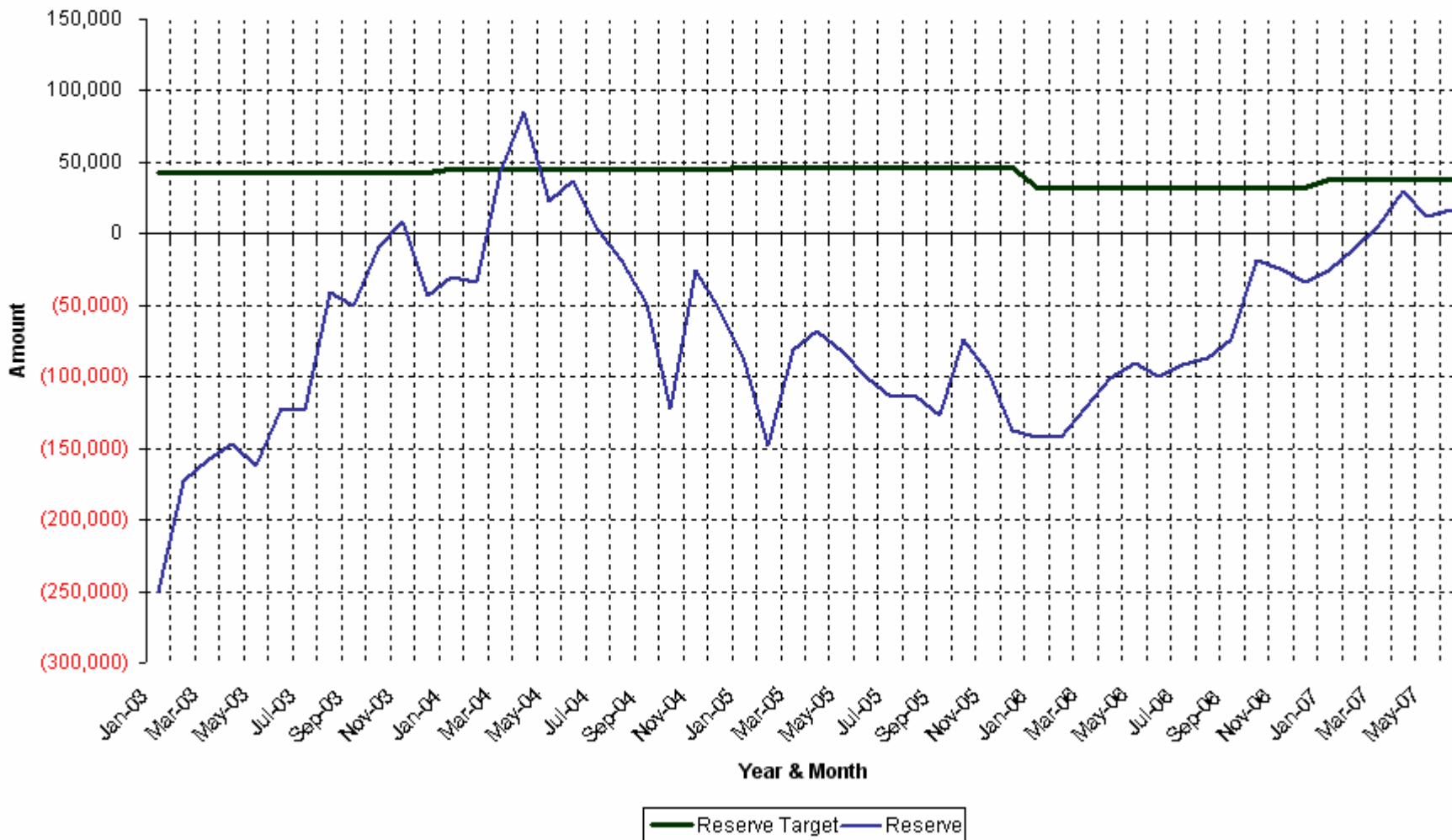
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A/P Aging Summary

As of June 30, 2007

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FP Mailing Solutions	88					88
J&N Printing	2,985					2,985
Joe Ragan's	364					364
Parks Printing	949					949
Telecompute Corporation	53					53
US LEC Corp.	1,130					1,130
Walton Press	1,639					1,639
Washington Cable	330					330
Worldwide Express - DHL	179					179
TOTAL	<u>10,490</u>					<u>10,4909</u>

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LPHQ Update

7/16/2007

Executive Director's Report

by Shane Cory

Overview

Since the last LNC meeting, LPHQ has focused heavily on fundraising efforts along with organizational, media and operational improvements.

Please feel free to address any issues not covered here at the upcoming LNC meeting and I will do my best to address or answer any concerns.

Staff Update

Our staff levels remain at appropriate levels with additions coming within the next quarter. Below are our current staffers and contractors:

- Robert Kraus continues to serve as our controller and director of operations while working closely with our FEC consultant and handling data issues for our state affiliates. Robert has solidly assisted with HR matters throughout the year.
- Louise Calise continues to serve as our direct marketing manager. Louise is steadily improving and making positive modifications to our direct mail program, expanding into phone solicitation.
- Andrew Davis started as our media coordinator recently and has increased the tempo and quality of media releases and content for LP.org
- Elizabeth Brooks also recently started at LPHQ as our full time volunteer coordinator. Her first day is the date of this report.
- Susan Dickson still serves as a full-time employee and remains extremely productive.
- Corey Stern remains on contract to take over all webmaster duties for LP.org and all related websites.
- Sean Haugh remains on contract for our Candidate Tracker program and is currently reporting on candidates for 2007 and 2008.
- Alexa Lamoureux, a GW student, serves part-time as our receptionist and member services specialist.
- Angela Aranoff, also a GW student, serves as a part-time employee to assist with the call center in the evenings.

Operations

This quarter we have made minor backend improvements to our online operations. We have migrated to a more robust web-server with automated daily

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backup procedures. Additionally, we have converted over to a new e-mail list host, which offers much greater capabilities for e-mail campaigns.

We have also integrated the e-mail list and the Raiser's Edge e-mail fields so that they can be easily updated in the future. In the past, these were two separate lists. The combination of the two allows us to personalize the majority of e-mails that are sent even to the general list.

While we have not taken full advantage of the new e-mail server, we are using some new features such as regional segmentation.

We will move to more complex e-mail campaigns in the future that take advantage of A/B statements for maximum personalization where possible. We also plan on using clickstream technology to automatically track habits from e-mail campaigns and respond with automated follow-ups dependent upon visitor behavior.

Aside from web and e-mail server upgrades at no additional cost, we have replaced several desktops to increase speed and/or productivity.

We have also purchased a subscription to a media service that provides us with up-to-date contact information for hosts, producers, writers, bloggers, etc. We have used this data to populate an e-mail file for the opt-in addresses and are now disseminating our press releases to 40,000 media contacts.

We also now have media segmentation by geographic location. For instance, we have set up a list for promoting our national convention to hit all media contacts within a 100 mile radius of Denver.

While we are taking advantage of the new media list in-house with positive results; we are also sharing lists with our state affiliates who we hope will do the same.

Affiliates and Campaigns

Sean Haugh has completed the initial work on tracking down elected Libertarians around the nation. His full report appears at the bottom of this document.

Moderate progress has been made on candidate recruitment and a great deal of work remains especially as the 2008 election season closes in on us. We plan to hire a new political director within 30 to 60 days to cover any gaps on candidate recruitment and ballot access coordination.

On the affiliate front, great progress has been made. Due to the efforts of Bob Barr and Stephen Gordon, our Mississippi affiliate is now alive and rearing to go. Enthusiastic volunteers have stepped up to the plate and taken leadership positions within the state.

In Maine, a convention has been held with good turnout and new leadership was elected and a path forward was established. The Libertarian Party of Maine will

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focus on state and local initiatives and local races. They have committed to meet once more before our national convention in order to select delegates for Denver.

In West Virginia, Bill Redpath attended a recent meeting of WV Libertarians to discuss the reorganization of the affiliate. He may address that in his verbal report.

Finance and Fundraising

Direct Mail

The bread-and-butter of our direct mail program is clearly the renewal program. Response rates to renewal letters continue to hold well above 10% and now that we have further refined the program, we are able to reduce the renewal series to a three letter program rather than four.

We have tested two prospecting pieces to a major donor list with very poor results. In the end, we have found that the list was not "direct response oriented" and therefore a poor selection for prospecting. This was a mistake on my part.

We are now printing another test to registered libertarians, which will fully drop in July.

Response rates to house mailings are slightly improving along with average donations. Our last piece, which is still coming in, has already returned 2.38% with an average donation of \$48.

The Annual Report resulted in a 5.3% response rate with a \$91 average donation. The follow-up to the Annual Report resulted in a 10.8% response from those who had already donated to the Annual Report and a 7.8% response from those who did not initially respond to the Annual Report. Average donations for both were above \$50. The Annual Report program was able to net over \$100,000.

We have been light on the number of house pieces this year, mailing four houses pieces for 2007, our next house piece is due to drop this month.

The light mail schedule is more than likely the cause for the high average donations and response rates which were drastically starting to fade at the end of 2006, falling to 2.7%.

Aside from the Annual Report program, the most successful mailing of the year was actually a membership reacquisition mailing that was sent to donors whose membership had lapsed as far back as January of 2002. The response rate was 3% resulting in over 740 renewals. However, the exact same piece was mailed to lapsed members from January of 1999 to January of 2002 and the response rate was only .8% with 254 renewals.

In the second half of the year, we will work to increase the tempo of the house pieces while increasing the quality of the packages. Additionally, we plan to aggressively prospect to our list of registered Libertarians.

Internet Fundraising

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In 2006, we made good progress with Internet based fundraising, generating over \$183,000 in revenue. For comparison, in 2005 approximately \$108,000 was generated over the web.

So far in 2007, we have raised more than \$103,000 over the Internet.

Although we are set to make another significant gain over the previous year, I feel that we are not capturing as many prospective new members as we could. Also, our web renewal program could be much more effective, which would greatly reduce our overall renewal costs.

Pledge Program

Since our last LNC meeting, our monthly pledge revenue has held at approximately \$26,000 per month with slight improvements occurring.

We have now completely outsourced our renewal program but we have retained one caller, Angela, who is focused solely on pledge maintenance. I expect that we will see improvements in this program each month over the next quarter.

Phone-based Fundraising

As we have now fully outsourced our calling operations with the exception of pledge maintenance, we have been able to closely monitor the results and produce reasonable expectations for the viability of this program.

While we have already netted over \$11,000 with our outsourced renewal program, returns will continue to come in for six months as our calling firm conducts written follow-ups for that period of time.

Our phone-based prospecting project has just finished on the initial calling and returns will also be coming in over the next six months. At the moment we are facing an \$8,000 loss on this prospecting, however our results are guaranteed.

Finance

As of the last LNC meeting, our accounts payable was down to \$39,000.

Today, our accounts payable has been holding at less than \$20,000 with all vendors current.

Future Recommendations & Miscellaneous Items

We still have a great deal of work to do to streamline our efforts so that we can be much more productive and responsive to our members. With the new staff additions, Andrew, Alexa and Elizabeth, I'm confident that we can improve our work in many areas, from media to outreach to simply communicating and responding to the needs of our incredible members and supporters.

As our financial situation continues to improve and our membership grows, so does the pressure to produce real and noticeable results for our supporters who put so much of their time or money (or both) into our party.

I feel that while we still have to put a great deal of focus on the basics of fundraising, we now have to do much more than simply "keeping the doors open." Our supporters deserve much more for their time, money and attention and I hope that over the next quarter we can improve the volume and quality of our media, outreach efforts and candidate recruitment and support efforts. As importantly, we need to start showing significant gains in the area of ballot access.

I look forward to your comments and conversation in Pittsburgh.

Director of Operation's Report

by Robert Kraus

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

No new major issues to report with RE-7 from Blackbaud. We recently processed an NCOA Update, which resulted in over 9000 forwardable moves. In addition, we were able to validate over 3000 previous "invalid" addresses.

We also negotiated the purchase of the entire 250,000 list of Registered Libertarians from Aristotle for just over \$3400. Of these, 14,950 were already in our database. We have marked these records with an attribute code of "RegLib" in RE and added this file to our data dump. We have just begun an aggressive prospecting campaign to those Registered Libertarians who are not in our database.

As of this month, we have Registered Libertarian files for the following states: AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, KS, KY, MA, MD, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OR, PA, SD, UT & WV. We would like to thank Stuart Flood for his help in processing this data, which also has been added to ballot base.

In terms of data dumps, we continue to have a mainly one way flow of information to states. We wish to thank LPAL, LPMI, LPPA, & LPTN for their recent updates. We would like to see more sharing of information and encourage state membership directors to send us their updates & new inquiries often.

FEC Filing

We continue to file accurate FEC reports and use Paula Edwards to complete the FEC Filing Process on a monthly basis and handle our amendments. The reconciliation and audit steps to this process, added earlier this year, continue to work to assure that these reports are correct prior to filing, and to insure that the disbursements and contributions match to our accounting records. We have recently finished a "desk audit" as required by the FEC & have amended our 2006 End of Year report as needed when we submitted our 06/20 FEC Filing.

Financial

With our continued efforts to control and maintain our expenses, combined with Shane's efforts to keep the money coming in, we have finished the first half of the

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year with a 2.2% increase in revenue over the same period last year and a doubling of our net surplus. We continue with the downward trend in A/P that began last year, and as of EOM Jun-07 it's at \$10,490 – remaining at historical lows for the LP. For the 4th month in a row, we continue to have no aged payables and remain current on all bills.

Human Resources

We are very pleased to announce our new associates, Andrew Davis (Media Relations), Elizabeth Brooks (Affiliate Relations), and Alexa Lamoureux a GMU student who is currently working the front desk this summer (taking calls, dealing with membership issues and other special projects). Shane will go into greater detail about our new employees and other changes.

Direct Marketing Manager's Report

by Louise Calise

Overview

I am glad to say that in the last eight months since I have been at the Libertarian Party we, as a team, have made great progress in addressing direct marketing procedures so that our direct marketing program remains the most cost-effective way for the Libertarian Party to raise funds.

Previously we reported that our revenue from general fundraising for January and February was \$193,535. At this time I would like to report that our general fundraising for March and April 2007 is \$286,951.

Since our last meeting in March 2007 our direct marketing program has taken on a new project – telemarketing. We tested this program with renewals and the results were good enough to test it with prospecting. Our reports on this program follow.

House Appeals

In May we began working with DirectLine Technologies, a vendor in California, to call recently lapsed and far lapsed members to renew their membership. So far to date our net income for this renewal project alone is \$11,679.13. More importantly they have renewed 670 members – I say more importantly because the long term revenue from these 670 members will increase our income over time from them.

In the meantime, we have mailed a solicitation to our house file in June and the results to date are \$10,058.55 net income with a 2.38 percent response. These results are low for now because it just mailed on June 18.

Another segment in our database are people who ask for information about the LP. In the past these people have been mailed an "inquiry pack." We revised the mailing (new letter and reply device, sent with a BRE and "New Visions" brochure) and since the first batch showed a positive net revenue have mailed another

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batch within the past month. From this cost-effective project alone we have gained 33 new members since May.

Prospecting

Since the program with DirectLine has been working so well with renewing our members, we decided to have them call prospects as a test. We sent to them 10,000 records of recently registered libertarians. So far to date our gross income for this acquisition project is \$4,330, representing 83 new members. DL has also received 289 pledges from people, to whom they then mail reminder notices. Shane has negotiated with DL that we will at least break even and not lose any funds for this program.

In order to best determine what program registered libertarians respond to best (telephone calls or mail), we are mailing an appeal to 20,000 records to match the quantity of those we sent to DL to call. Once both programs are complete we will analyze results to determine if it will be more cost effective to mail or call the remainder of this list of registered libertarians.

Special Solicitations

As some of you may know, Scott Kohlhaas has been soliciting members on behalf of the LP over the telephone. To date, Scott has raised, and we have processed over \$40,000 in gifts from LP members. Roughly \$7,000 in unfulfilled pledges remain.

Internet Fundraising

We are still raising funds over the Internet, but not at a rapid rate or high average gift.

LNC "Give or Get Program"

Below is an updated report on this program organized by Aaron Starr:

LNC Board Member Progress Toward *Give or Get* Commitments

Member	Give	Get	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Aaron Starr	\$2,080	\$8,805	\$10,885	\$5,000	217.71%
Angela Keaton	\$25	\$8,075	\$8,100	\$5,000	162.00%
Bob Barr	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$10,000	20.00%
Chuck Moulton	\$1,515	\$1,000	\$2,515	\$3,000	83.83%
Daniel M. Karlan	\$1,200		\$1,200	\$2,000	60.00%
Emily H. Salvette	\$8,340	\$5,000	\$13,340	\$5,000	266.80%
Harland A. Macia	\$5,020		\$5,020	\$5,000	100.40%
James W. Lark	\$21,000		\$21,000	\$5,000	420.00%
Jeremy Keil	\$490		\$490	\$5,000	9.80%

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Julia Fox	\$500		\$500	\$1,000	50.00%
M. Carling	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$11,000	\$5,000	220.00%
Michael C. Colley	\$2,200		\$2,200	\$5,000	44.00%
Patrick J. Dixon	\$625		\$625	\$5,000	12.50%
R. A. Ryan	\$110	\$1,000	\$1,110	\$5,000	22.0%
Robert C. Benedict	\$670		\$670	\$1,000	67.00%
Scott Lieberman	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,000	110.00%
Stewart Flood	\$6,000	\$100	\$6,100	\$5,000	122.00%
William B. Redpath	\$2,921		\$2,921	\$5,000	58.44%
TOTALS	\$59,797	\$30,980	\$90,777	\$78,000	116%

Media Coordinator

by Andrew Davis

June 29, 2007 marked the beginning of my position as Media Coordinator with the Libertarian National Committee. Currently, I have worked in this position for a little over a week. However, even the first week has been extremely successful. While working to learn the ropes of the LNC and becoming adjusted to a professional career, I have managed to write three press releases, three blog entries and an op-ed piece.

The press release on the Scooter Libby sentence commutation was sent out July 5 to news outlets across the United States. The day after, we have already received two requests for interviews, and anticipate more requests in the coming days. A press release we released on July 6 or 7 covered overbearing traffic fines coming in Virginia's new plan to reduce bad driving. We anticipate a strong response from the Virginia and D.C. area media outlets for this release also.

The blog on the Libertarian Party Web site is now being updated daily with new entries. Frequent updates bring in traffic to the Web site, and also give LP members a forum for intellectual discourse on issues that relate to the Libertarian Party's platform and political mission of more liberty and less government.

I look forward to increasing the LP's presence in the media, and in turn increase awareness of our party. A stronger presence in the national media will boost membership for the party, thus increasing our political and financial clout.

Ballot Base

by Stewart Flood

Non-technical

Although Ballot Base was not used by any campaigns this spring or summer, we expect to have several campaigns using the system for the fall elections. The only candidate currently expected to use our system this summer is Arin Sime. I'm sure that others will be added, but it is still early in the election season.

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I have found that it has been difficult for me to get candidates or their campaigns motivated to use the system. As the vendor it isn't part of my responsibility to solicit the campaigns and try to convince them to use the system, but as a Libertarian activist I feel guilty if I don't. Trying to do this takes me away from other parts of the project and is not the best use of my time. I'm not sure how to resolve this issue, but fortunately we have just filled the position of affiliate liaison with someone who also has experience dealing with volunteer coordination.

Since there haven't been any active campaigns this spring, I've been working on internal improvements to the system and have been working with the Colorado LP to develop tools for their Executive Director and Membership Chair. Colorado is very active and motivated and has been a very good state to work with.

The system has been used a number of times to assist Aaron Starr and Angela Keaton with fundraising. I have given demonstrations of the system over the phone for their prospective donors using the call center data from last November's elections. Several of these meetings have resulted in large contributions.

Our volunteer base last fall was slightly over 800 people. My personal goal for this fall is to have 2000 people making calls in the weeks prior to Election Day.

Technical

We recently merged the full national database with the entire list of registered Libertarians. The registered Libertarians not in Raiser's Edge have been sent to a call center to solicit for contributions and membership. My understanding is that they have having reasonably good success. I hope to eventually get data regarding their success or failure for each number called so that we can analyze their results and decide what to do as a follow-up to reach more of these prospective members.

Since we are currently without a political director and our affiliate liaison has only just been hired, I have been working on ways to integrate the tracking of campaign activities into Ballot Base. I am working on a consolidated campaign/election event calendar with the ability to estimate days needed for given call windows and volumes and recruit volunteers from our base of registered volunteers based on their availability. I currently plan on placing the "public" portion of this calendar on the main page that users see when they first reach the site.

The plan is to encourage our volunteers to become more involved by sending out automated requests of projects as they approach, giving the volunteer the ability to respond and sign up for specific dates and times. The system will then send reminders and report which of the volunteers did the work they signed up for and which did not. We can then grade the reliability of the volunteers to further improve the estimation process.

Some of the internal security systems that were "duct taped" together last fall have recently been rewritten and a full internal security audit of the software was

performed to make sure that a user cannot bypass the system and access areas that he or she is not permitted to view.

Since this is a "never ending" development project, we will continue to work on ideas to help utilize volunteers and elect the party's candidates.

Candidate Tracker 2007

by Sean Haugh

We currently know about 122 Libertarian candidates who either have run or are running for office in 2007. Typical for off year elections, state and local affiliates generally concentrate on running fewer candidates of higher quality, meaning those who are more likely to win and serve well in office.

This has been borne out by the results so far. As of now we have won 11 of the 29 races already decided, a success rate of 37.9%. This includes winning two of five races in Kansas, three of five in Missouri, four of six contests in Oregon, and two wins for a newly incorporated city council in Florida. This does not include at least six Libertarians who were elected in Town Meetings in Vermont and New Hampshire in March. (These states are not included in the percentage because given the nature of Town Meetings we don't know the number of total Libertarian candidates.)

June and July is the calmest point in the entire two year election cycle. With few exceptions, spring elections are done and campaigning for November elections is just now beginning, even for our incumbents and stronger challengers.

This year's elections are somewhat new territory for us, considering that for the first time a large proportion of our candidates are incumbents. Our success rate for incumbents so far is seven of ten. This includes four winners in Oregon, two in Kansas and one Illinois. Unfortunately our highest profile incumbent, Pat Dixon in Lago Vista TX, lost his bid for reelection. We have several sitting city council members running in November, especially in Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

We also suffered a very close heartbreaker in Texas when Kevin Tunstall for Missouri City City Council lost by 87 votes out of 993 cast in May. This is also somewhat new territory for us. We are examining these races closely to figure out what the national party can do to put these kinds of Libertarian candidates over the top in similar circumstances in the future.

One potential solution is that Stewart Flood and I have begun to establish a more formal, regular and reliable process for identifying candidates who can use Ballot Base, selling them on it and delivering it to them. By the time of the LNC meeting I hope that we will have already begun this process in Indiana, where several county parties are running full slates of strong candidates.

A related project which has come to fruition since the last LNC meeting is that we now have an accurate and complete list of elected Libertarians on the lp.org website. You can see it at http://www.lp.org/organization/elected_officials.shtml. I was

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able to verify every entry on the list as a Libertarian Party member (as defined under either state or national LP bylaws) who is currently serving in elected office. The credit for making this vital information publicly available also belongs to our Webmaster Corey Stern and LNC member Scott Lieberman. They will continue in their roles to translate the data I provide into something you can see on the website, so that we can keep this list constantly up to date. Currently that means we are updating those pages monthly, although that frequency can increase as we grow. While I am confident of the accuracy and completeness of this list, it is always a moving target so any updates or corrections anyone can provide will be most useful and appreciated.

Currently we have 184 elected Libertarians in office, of which 40 are partisan victories. This should not be taken as a prediction, but my hope is that we can get that number over 200 by the end of this year.

One other new task given to me is to write a "Candidate of the Month" feature for LP News. The first one, on the Lee Horne campaign for Governor of Louisiana, appeared in the July issue. I would like to use this opportunity to promote Libertarian incumbents, likely winners, and those who use innovative tactics to gain some unexpected advantage. Besides promoting our Champions of Liberty who are making a difference out in the field, I am hoping the column will help teach people within the party how to run effective campaigns and demonstrate to those inside and outside the party how serious we are about winning them. Please feel free to contact me directly for any suggestions of candidates who you would like to see highlighted in that space.

Addendum: Libertarians elected in 2007 (19)

Florida: David Autry, Loxahatchee Groves City Council, District 1
Florida: Dennis Lipp, Loxahatchee Groves City Council, District 5
Illinois: W. Guy Finley, Round Lake Board of Education, Unit D116 (reelected)
Illinois: David Kelley, Rockford Board of Education, Seat G (reelected)
Kansas: Mike Wilson, Salina United School Board 305
Kansas: Larry Manes, Allen County Community College Board of Trustees (reelected)
Missouri: Doug Burlison, Springfield City Council, Seat C
Missouri: Mike Ferguson, Jackson County Public Water Supply Board, District 1
Missouri: Joel Stoner, Macks Creek Alderman
New Hampshire: Brendan Kelly, Seabrook Selectman
New Hampshire: John Babiarz, Grafton Fire Chief
New Hampshire: Finlay Rothhaus, Merrimack Town Council
Oregon: Richard Burke, Tualatin Valley Water District Commissioner, Position 4 (reelected)
Oregon: Charles Radley, Tigard Water Board, Position 2 (reelected)
Oregon: Inessa Hamilton-Lee, Beaverton School Committee, Beaverton HS Position 3 (reelected)
Oregon: Greg Rohde, Beaverton School Committee, Elmonica Elementary Position 1 (reelected)
Vermont: Brendan Kinney, Essex School Board
Vermont: Scott Berkey, Randolph Planning Commission Chair
Vermont: Hunter Melville, Woodstock Town Grand Juror

Convention Oversight Committee

The following highlights summarize progress toward the 2008 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention in Denver, Colorado, May 23 – May 26:

Speakers

We have

- Craig Shirley, a republican who believes the Republican Party is incapable of restore freedom to America.
- Gary Michael, *the Talk Doc, Training in How to Speak*, has written a couple of books including *How to Get in Bed with your Audience and Satisfy them Everytime*
- Elected Libertarians including Mike Ferguson, Doug Anderson, Joe Johnson
- We are still working on John Stossel. No sponsors are in place so far, but we continue looking
- We are awaiting word on Bob Barr's interest and availability as well as Ted Nugent

The LNC may name a keynote speaker until August 23. After that the matter is in the hands of BetteRose.

Advertising, Registration and Websites

Michele Poague has sent an ad to LP News which will appear by the Pittsburgh meeting. DenverLPCon has 12 pages of ads available and will allocate some for 2008.

Registration and information can be found at websites:

- <http://www.lpconvention.org/>
- <http://www.denverlpcon.com>
- http://eventspecial.com/attendee_registration.htm

Setting up credit card processing with a bank is pricey -- \$1000 all told. PayPal on the other hand is risky – the entire account would be put on hold if a user complains. We have the ability to take credit cards, but not through the web just yet. BetteRose is checking with her bank regarding options.

Convention Budgeting

Pricing is in place and listed at the website:

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| • Presidential, everything that's non-invitational | \$399 / \$469 at the door |
| • Vice Presidential, no presidential dinner and
Two fewer meals | \$319 / \$389 |
| • Senatorial, above, but only 1 lunch, 1 breakfast | \$239 / \$299 |
| • Speaker, all speakers, no meals | \$169 / \$219 |
| • Congressional Aid, social events | \$129 / \$179 |
| • Congressional, access with manuals | \$129 / \$179 |
| • Junior Congressman, 'suggested', no manuals | \$64 / \$74 |

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The Junior Congressman gets no comedy show, no opening reception, and no convention book. The Junior Congressman gets to contribute to the cost of the convention hall. This price point might otherwise be \$59 / \$99. Keeping it below \$75 ensures it never exceeds the allocated floor cost.

The Congressional level gets floor access, the bag and books, the opening reception and floor speakers. The marginal cost is \$85.

The Congressional Aid gets the comedy show, opening reception, breakout speakers and a seat in the gallery. He gets no convention book and other items a delegate would use. The marginal cost over the Junior Congressman is \$85.

The Speaker gets what the Congressman gets with breakout speakers. Marginal cost over the Congressional level is \$40.

The presidential, vice presidential and senatorial packages cover incremental costs for the meal and decoration plus \$12 for the speaker. There are six meals plus a presidential dinner. Senatorial gets 2 meals, vice presidential gets four meals, presidential gets all six and the presidential dinner. Marginal costs are \$75 for two meals with speakers, \$85 for two more meals with speakers and \$80 for all meals and presidential banquet.

The budget plans 390 packages as a 'working number'. Given 30-35 vendor booths this would generate about a \$12k loss. We are hopeful sponsors will make up that shortfall. The A/V charge (\$20k) is the big ticket item.

Every additional package beyond 390 generates an average \$50-60 of contribution margin. In 2004 there were 597 paid registrations. The delegates totaled 814.

Schedule

With the Portland change to the Convention rules, we have Bylaws debate in the agenda. In 2004 we had 7:30 for the Platform debate and 0:00 for Bylaws. In 2008 we have 4:30 for Bylaws and 5:15 for the Platform. The difference comes out of preliminaries and the treasurer's report and moving the presidential debate later.

Presidential Debates on C-SPAN

In 2004 the Convention Committee chose whom to invite into the Saturday evening presidential debates on C-SPAN. It was based on a metric collected from surveys of candidates which revealed three candidates with scores of 50, 45 and 45 while the other three posted scores of eight or less. The survey revealed three as top tier, 'serious' candidates, and these were invited into the televised debate. The Executive Committee of the LNC had approved this general methodology.

The Convention Oversight committee will draft such a survey for 2008. Assuming the LNC approves its adoption, the Convention Oversight committee will suggest the

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convention organizers use it to screen whom to invite to the 2008 presidential debates on C-SPAN. The LNC has no authority to dictate to the convention organizers whom to invite to the debates. The convention organizers have expressed their inclination to accept such guidelines as long as they are 'reasonable'.

Fundraising

The LNC is responsible for fundraising. An effective way to raise funds for the awards is to conduct a 'silent auction'. These are typically small items, such as a 'home entertainment center' consisting of popcorn and a movie. Other items might include vendor coupons, signed books, LP memorabilia and jewelry.

Vendors

MPP is sponsoring cookies and snacks for the grand opening of the exhibit hall. Six booths or table tops have been sold as of June 16. Our goal is 30-35 booths. There will be coffee shop in the middle of the exhibit hall, which we are working to make full service.

Volunteers

There are about ten volunteers so far. We should identify volunteer tasks early and secure resources rather than wait until the last minute to get a body of help.

Audio Visual

A Party member in CO provides A/V for a living, and we are working with the hotel and with him to provide this resource.

Security

Tony Ryan is checking on the possibility of using Denver cops. The hotel's price is \$60/hour for security, and Tony may be able to hire cops for less. The contract requires security, and it will be provided.

Seminars

It will be straightforward to put together a list of seminars. There will be a non-delegate pass to the convention that allows access to the seminars and to the gallery. These will get no convention book. It will be priced roughly at the same as a premium delegate pass. Seminar plans should be in place by September.

Awards

Nothing is in place for the national awards as of yet. However, Bob expects to award certificates to state party officers at the opening reception. These people will have a 'secret special ribbon' which will be divulged at the reception. There will be an easel of states and officer names.

Entertainment

There are two comedy club groups penciled in for the convention. One charges \$5k and the other \$2.5k. The latter number is built in to the price of the convention ticket. We are

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also pursuing a sponsor. 'Little Bush' will let us know of his availability in October. He is a friend of Michelle's.

Meals

There are no sponsors so far for any meals. Contracting for food will occur late in 2007.

Decorations

We have the logo designed and Michele Poague is working on the 'live logo' with flowers and flags for the podium. Most of this will be addressed later.

Booklet

We have a sponsor for the convention book but are waiting to determine the size of the notebook to acquire. Jingozián has agreed to pay \$3000 for his name on the front and on the spine, roughly 75% of the total cost. This also awaits a sponsor and prospective advertisers. This should be rolling in January.

Secretarial Matters

Items for the business portion of the convention are on target, currently with the creation of platform plank and presidential ticket petition signature tokens.

LNC To Do

- Organize Fundraising
- Keynoter, by August 23
- Prep 2010 Convention
- Decide the suggested metrics for inclusion in the presidential debates on C-SPAN

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CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 7, 2007

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
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The following report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh should additional information become available.

1) As I mentioned in my previous report, since June 2006 I have handled the tasks of updating the LP's campus contact list and responding to inquiries from students who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. As far as I can tell, my performance in this area is regarded as satisfactory.

During the past several months, I have seen a steady stream of inquiries from students who wish to start Libertarian campus groups; this includes inquiries from several high school students. Unfortunately, I have not received much feedback from the students as to their success in starting and building groups at their schools.

2) I intend to prepare at least one "how to" article about promoting the LP on college campuses for inclusion in *LP News* within the next two-three months. In addition, I shall prepare a description of the position of statewide campus coordinator for LP state affiliates.

3) I am working with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide "Operation Politically Homeless" kits to campus organizations. In particular, I have donated funds to the Advocates, with the instruction that the funds be used to provide OPH kits to campus organizations. For example, in late April the Advocates sent an OPH kit for the recently formed Wright State University College Libertarians (Dayton, Ohio). After receiving the kit, the WSU College Libertarians conducted a very successful outreach event on May 21 that brought in several new members and prospects.

4) On May 14 I completed my seventh semester of service as the professor of the Libertarian Leadership School course on campus organizing. So far the feedback from students concerning the course continues to be very positive. (Indeed, one of my students during the sixth semester subsequently organized a Libertarian group at his college, helped organize a Libertarian group at his high school alma mater, and is working to organize a Libertarian Party of Virginia organization in his community. He has been very complimentary about the quality of the education he received during the course.)

5) The campus website project is moving forward, albeit more slowly than I had hoped. I believe that the website will be active by mid-August, but I am not certain about this.

6) I am continuing to work with various state and local organizations to assist their efforts for campus outreach. In particular, I met with campus activists during my participation in the Libertarian Party of Tennessee convention in Johnson City on March 31, and I gave a speech on campus organizing at the LP Indiana convention in Ft. Wayne on May 20. In addition, I met with Libertarian student activists at the National Taxpayers Union conference in Washington, D.C., on June 15-16.

I shall discuss campus organizing at the upcoming Region 3 conference in Dayton, Ohio on Aug. 4-5, and at the International Society for Individual Liberty international conference in Williamsburg, Virginia on Aug. 11-14. I am trying to arrange to visit the Bay Area of California during the fall to support the efforts of LP California chairman Kevin Takenaga to build campus groups at Stanford, Santa Clara, and San Jose State.

Ballot Access Report

LNC Meeting
July 21-22, 2007
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Included is an Excel spreadsheet on Ballot Access.

Alabama—I assume we will do the Independent petition for President. 5,000 valid sigs. Richard Winger does not know if substitution of candidates' names is allowed on an AL Independent petition. Therefore, we could start after Memorial Day 2008. Deadline is in Sept. 2008. I have (“conservatively”) projected 6,000 gross sigs to be paid by the LNC at a total cost of \$15,000.

Arkansas—We can start the Independent petition for President now. 1,000 sigs net. Substitution is allowed. This should be done on a volunteer basis, but the LPAR barely got it done in 2004, and it is my understanding that it was almost entirely done by Gerhard Langguth. A recent voicemail I left for Gerhard Langguth went unreturned. I will try contacting him again soon.

Connecticut—7,500 valid sigs. 10,000 gross sigs should get it done. Can't start until 1/1/2008. Deadline is 8/6/2008. It is my understanding that the LPCT is in poor shape. I have “conservatively” estimated 10,000 gross sigs to be paid by the LNC at \$2.50 per sig at a total cost of \$25,000.

District of Columbia—Due to the high expense of a petition drive and the low population and historically low LP vote totals in DC, I recommend passing on DC during this election cycle.

Illinois—25,000 valid sigs needed. Start late March 2008. Deadline late June 2008. 13 week window only. I have budgeted 30,000 gross sigs to be paid by LNC. I have not yet spoken to anyone with the LPIL about this petition drive.

Kentucky—We can start circulating the 2008 petition the day after Election Day 2007 and should do so. Deadline is 9/2/2008, but Nov-Dec 2007 petitioning window will best for the LP because of the greater demand for petitioners in 2008. I have “conservatively” budgeted LNC paid 7,000 gross sigs at \$2 per sig. I will speak with the LPKY Chair soon. After that, I may have an encumbrance request for the LNC Executive Committee.

Maine—I anticipate doing an Independent petition, which requires 4,000 valid sigs. Candidate substitution is not allowed, therefore, we cannot start until after Memorial Day 2008. I have “conservatively” budgeted 5,000 LNC paid sigs at \$2.50 per sig total cost during June and July 2008.

Massachusetts—I have not spoken about this petition drive with George Phillies, LPMA Chairman, yet. 10,000 valid sigs needed on a party petition. Can't start until Feb. 2008. Deadline is 8/1/2006. I have “conservatively” estimated 10,000 LNC paid gross sigs at \$2.50 per sig.

Nebraska—I will address the petitioner late payment situation at the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh. The following is an email from Jerry Kosch of the LPNE on the current sig count:

Hi Bill,

This is the count that I have for the Nebraska Ballot access drive.

If you have any questions, Please call.

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The signature counts as of March 11th, 2007

1st Congressional District	2863.
2nd Congressional District	2170.
3rd Congressional District	2156
Total	7156

Signatures Needed

1st Congressional District	2090
2nd Congressional District	1767
3rd Congressional District	2077
Total	5934

Jerry

The LPNE probably has enough sigs in the first CD, probably need another 400 in the second CD, and probably need another 850 in the third CD. I recently appealed on the phone to both Jerry Kosch and Chris Costello (LPNE Treasurer) to complete this on a volunteer basis. I am skeptical that this will be done.

The sigs we have are slowly losing validity, as petition signers move to new addresses, etc. We need to have a paid petitioner finish this ASAP. I will ask the LNC Executive Committee to encumber \$2,000 to accomplish this.

New Hampshire—Hopefully, LNC involvement in a New Hampshire petition drive will not be needed. But, I have “conservatively” LNC expenditures for 4,500 sigs at \$2.50 per sig total cost for June and July 2008.

New York—Six week window, ending on 8/19/2008. Can't start until early July 2008. 15,000 valid sigs needed. I have projected 15,000 LNC paid gross sigs at \$2.50 per sig total cost.

North Carolina—The following is the latest email from Bob Ritchie, LPNC petition drive coordinator. I have asked for more detailed reporting from Bob Ritchie, but I have not received it.

Hi Bill,

I apologize for the delay in getting this to you. I understand that there is an LNC EC meeting coming up and would like to have the best numbers available. I've been crunching some this weekend and it looks like it shakes down like this.

As of 5/14/2007 we had 56,821. Since then we have collected 8,010 for a total of 64,831. Of these I have been told but do not yet hold 3566. I will receive these when the LPNC EC meets later this month. Of the 8010 signatures gathered, 1169 have been collected through volunteer efforts. Since May 1, 2007 the LPNC has expended approximately \$5200.00 on signatures and expenses. The LPNC still holds approximately \$12,000.00 in dedicated BA funds. The average verification rate of the total drive is running at 70.25%. I have had 3 separate mailings to the local BoE's, on a two week interval starting on 6/20/2007, that I have not entered for verification (this equals about 8000). I have not separated out the numbers between the different paid petitioners and the volunteers as far as verification goes.

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I would suggest that I try to update your spreadsheet on a bi-weekly basis at the very most, monthly would probably work better for me.

Obviously, the LPNC appreciates whatever help the National Committee can afford us, but believes that we have to help ourselves, as well. We are willing to spend down some of our dedicated funds to offset the money that National is providing. The funds that we have should be enough to keep our top two petitioners for about 6-8 weeks. Our "fair" season has begun and I know that we have picked up some more volunteer signatures and should continue to do so over the next 2 months.

Thanks for all of your help.

Sincerely,
Bob Ritchie
LPNC Ballot Access Director

Based on that email, it is my estimate that the LPNC has 35,000 more gross sigs to gather to complete the petition drive. They already have about 65,000 gross sigs, so the petition drive is about 65% done (as of 7/9/07).

The LNC Executive Committee has encumbered \$19,500 for the LPNC petition drive so far; about \$300 of that is unspent. I think probably \$15,000 more will be needed from the LNC that, when combined with the LPNC's funds and the LPNC volunteer sigs, will get the drive done. We should get this done by October, as petitioners may be needed elsewhere after that. I will ask the LNC Executive Committee to encumber \$15,000 more to complete the LPNC ballot drive.

Ohio—It is my understanding that the LPOH has started circulating a party petition, and that they have about 2,000 gross signatures to date. They will need 20,114 valid sigs by 11/26/2007. I have not yet spoken with the LPOH about this petition drive (as I write this, I have a call into Robert Butler, LPOH Chairman to discuss this situation), but I am skeptical about the ability of the LPOH do this on their own. However, I have not budgeted anything from the LNC for this drive, as of now. I will update the LNC about this in Pittsburgh, if I get new information.

Oklahoma—It is my understanding that the LPOK wants to focus at this time on an initiative to put on the ballot in OK in 2008 to lower petitioning requirements for minor political parties in OK. I recommend passing on OK during this election cycle.

Pennsylvania—We won't know until after the 2007 election the exact number of valid signatures that will be needed for the 2008 petition in PA. Richard Winger estimates that the number will be 27,000 valid sigs. We would need at least 40,000 gross sigs. We can start in Feb. 2008. Deadline is 8/1/2008. Good candidates to do this drive are Daryl Bonner and his mother. Candidate substitution is allowed in PA. I have "conservatively" budgeted the LNC to pay for 30,000 gross sigs at \$2 total cost per sig.

Rhode Island—Hopefully, with 1,000 valid signatures, this could be done on a totally volunteer basis. However, in 2004, there were no volunteer sigs. The LNC referred a paid petitioner, and the LPRI paid him. I would expect the LPRI to at least do that again.

South Dakota—The LPSD has started circulating a party petition, which would give us ballot status through the 2010 election (with 2.5% for Governor in 2010 keeping us on the ballot through 2014). They have 130 gross sigs, according to LPSD Chairman Andre Ager. They need 8,389 valid sigs, with a deadline of 3/25/2008 (correct). 12,000 gross sigs should get it done. They have located a petitioner in SD (new state law requires petitioners to be SD residents (may be unconstitutional)) who has agreed to petition for \$1 per gross sig. Andre Ager says that if the LNC pays for 9,000 gross sigs, he thinks the

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LPSD can gather or pay for the other 3,000 gross sigs. I want to meet with LNC Executive Committee in Pittsburgh (sometime during the day on Saturday or after we recess on late Saturday afternoon) to encumber \$9,000 for the LPSD ballot drive. If we are going to do SD in this election cycle, we need to get started now, as winter will coming again this year to SD, and we face a 3/25/08 deadline for the party petition.

West Virginia—I attended a LPWV meeting on Saturday, May 19. The LPWV does not currently have a functioning board. I told the approximately 12 attendees at the meeting that I would not recommend LNC ballot access assistance to the LPWV if the LPWV did not come up with a candidate for Governor in 2008. 1% of the vote for Governor earns ballot status for the next four years in WV. No one has yet come forth to be a Governor candidate, therefore, at this time, I recommend passing on WV during this election cycle.

All states not mentioned are expected to get ballot access through their own resources. As of now, I think we should pursue presidential ballot access in all states, except OK, WV and DC.

Thank you.

William Redpath
LNC Chairman

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Budget for Ballot Access Expenditures by the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

Dollars \$k																				
State	2000 Pop	Pop. Rank	Elect Votes	Comments (if state not covered in written report)	2007					2008					Total 2008					
					Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Alabama	4,447	23	9																	
Alaska				safe ballot status																
Arizona				need to maintain 0.667% of voter registrations																
Arkansas	2,673	32	6																	
California				safe ballot status																
Colorado				safe ballot status																
Connecticut	3,406	29	7									\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0				\$25.0
Delaware				safe ballot status																
DC	582	N/A	3																	
Florida				safe ballot status																
Georgia				safe ballot status																
Hawaii				safe ballot status																
Idaho				safe ballot status																
Illinois	12,419	5	21											\$25.0	\$25.0	\$25.0				\$75.0
Indiana				safe ballot status																
Iowa				state party will handle																
Kansas				safe ballot status																
Kentucky	4,173	26	8						\$7.0	\$7.0	\$14.0									
Louisiana				safe ballot status																
Maine	1,275	40	4															\$6.3	\$6.3	\$12.5
Maryland				on ballot																
Massachusetts	6,349	13	12											\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0		\$25.0
Michigan				safe ballot status																

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Minnesota				state party will handle																
Mississippi				safe ballot status																
Missouri				safe ballot status																
Montana				safe ballot status																
Nebraska	1,711	38	5		\$2.0						\$2.0									
Nevada				have ballot status																
New Hampshire	1,236	41	4														\$5.6	\$5.6		\$11.3
New Jersey				state party will handle																
New Mexico				safe ballot status																
New York	18,976	3	31															\$18.8	\$18.8	\$37.5
North Carolina	8,049	10	15				\$7.5	\$7.5			\$15.0									
North Dakota				on ballot																
Ohio	11,353	7	20		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0				\$0.0									
Oklahoma	3,451	28	7																	
Oregon				safe ballot status																
Pennsylvania	12,281	6	21									\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0			\$60.0
Rhode Island	1,048	43	4																	
South Carolina				safe ballot status																
South Dakota	755	46	3		\$4.2	\$4.2	\$4.2				\$12.6									
Tennessee				state party will handle																
Texas				safe ballot status																
Utah				state party will handle; 60% done with petition drive																
Vermont				safe ballot status																

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Virginia				state party will handle																	
Washington				state party will handle																	
West Virginia	1,808	37	5																		
Wisconsin				safe ballot status																	
Wyoming				on ballot																	
Total					\$6.2	\$11.7	\$11.7	\$7.0	\$7.0	\$43.6	\$5.0	\$15.0	\$45.0	\$45.0	\$45.0	\$31.9	\$50.6	\$23.8	\$261.3	\$304.9	

Region 1 Report

LNC meeting July 21, 2007

Submitted by Tony Ryan, Region 1 Representative

The fall and spring election cycles are gone, and Libertarians in all states are now working on building their partys (as opposed to parties, you dumb grammar program - who wrote this crap?), finding ways to work through cumbersome laws regarding ballot access and forming coalitions with like-minded freedom seeking Americans. Details from the great Region One states follow (ok, settle down – COOL IT! We know you're also great, in your own little ways....).

I requested updates from the state chairs and here is what I have (a bit wordy, I admit, but some of these efforts are quite interesting and provide us with hope that at least, if not victorious, we can be real PIA'S, eh?):

Alaska

Chair Jason Dowell wrote a lot: "I will just recap starting after the election. This past municipal election I ran against Mr. Coffey, one of the co-sponsors of the smoking ordinance, the one we tried to overturn by ballot initiative during the same election. It was also my first time ever as a candidate. While I have volunteered on many campaigns in the past I had never tried to organize one. The campaign was pretty successful with the resources that I had. I pulled almost 12% of the vote, with no car, no money, no resources, and very little else...

My opponents in this election had all the resources and accounted for over 60% of all the funds raised... Our ballot opposition spent \$125,000(approx.) and Mr. Coffey - this election's big money - spent \$122,000 (approx). Plus, he already had all the name recognition he needed as the incumbent and the owner of the Alaska Aces, the most popular professional sports team in AK.

Before last August I had never even seen a TV camera much less been on one, and before this election I had never had a feature interview, spoken to large groups of people, organized a last minute campaign against all odds, worked on a petition drive, been on a radio show, interviewed with a newspaper, etc. This all has been a first for me and ... I believe that I am the most shocked of all. We ... forced three different campaigns to react to everything we were doing. It was crazy!

The other candidate in the midtown race raised \$80,000 and was backed by the democrats who pulled out several election victories. They really mobilized their base this time. Of course they're blaming me for the loss because I pulled such a large percentage but, then again, the other side is saying, "Well, that was the only reason it was so close". It's funny- both the liberals and the conservatives were trying to claim me.

The smoking ban repeal initiative was pretty much squashed. We lost 70 to 30. But we only had a couple thousand dollars to do anything on top of it being our first time ever attempting a municipal initiative. However I do not consider it a loss by any means. By their own words they thought their work was complete last August and they were moving on to another battle. However, because of us their plans were delayed for a year and they had to spend an enormous amount of resources to ensure our defeat.

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They spent almost 130 Grand. They also had Non Profits doing public service announcements on TV for free that were so bad and blatantly campaigning against us we got the commercials pulled off the air.

Now we are focusing on fundamentals; raising money, securing assets, building membership, building training programs...

We just had our state convention where we elected many new officers and finally filled out our board. The new officers are: Chairman – **Jason Dowell**, Vice Chair – Harley Brown, Secretary – Rob Clift, Treasurer – Nick Braman, Membership – Alex Crawford, Elections – Matt Peters, Platform – **Ron Windeler**, Nominations – **Billy Toien**, Constitution and by laws – Charles (Chip) Spangler (those re-elected are in red, Chip is the former state chair of Maryland).

We also passed two resolutions, one on the National ID as follows: Whereas, totalitarian and authoritarian regimes have used national identification programs in a manner inconsistent with liberty and whereas, the federal government has passed the real identification act which forces the states to implement a national identification program, therefore, be it resolved that the ALP opposes this program.

The second on Ron Paul as follows: Whereas Congressman Ron Paul is running for President of the United States and, whereas, Congressman Paul has been a consistent supporter of libertarian ideas and liberty, now, therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Libertarian Party recognizes that Congressman Ron Paul is a pro-liberty candidate for President of the United States.

It's not an endorsement only an official recognition of him and all he has done for our Party and is doing for our cause.

Delegates to the national Convention are: Ron Windeler, Ed Hoch, Betty Hoch, Jason Dowell, Matt Peters and Charles Spangler. All other ALP members will be shown as alternates”.

Wow, I'm really going to have to get those pom-poms! If we can't beat 'em we can sure make 'em squirm and spend money, eh?

Colorado

I attended Colorado's annual convention in May and found a great effort at removing the mountain barrier between the western and eastern slopes of the state – an electronic connection allowing both sides of the state to communicate with each other via live television! Unfortunately, after sending 2 IT professionals to the western side to facilitate the cooperative effort, only three western slope members appeared to take part in the convention. Well, one can only try.

Also, another successful use of modern electronic gadgetry took place there – electronic balloting. All those in attendance were able to vote with their own remote, and there was an instant electronic record of their balloting. Chair Travis Nicks beat me to the draw in informing Shane Cory of this nifty little convenience and we have the name of the provider of the equipment for their “demo-test”. It would be great for our national conventions in terms of saving time and providing quick, electronically accurate records/results of votes (no offense intended, Sully).

At this writing, I haven't heard more from Travis.

Illinois

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Hi Tony, nothing much new to report here in Illinois. Membership is up (I *think* we have to be really close to 1,000) and it seems we get a member every couple of days.

Leaders are scarce - only about 1/3 of our officers are active and those active ones are doing double and triple duty.

Planning for our Convention is moving along. It will be at the Cliffbreakers Resort in Rockford, Illinois. We'll have Michael Cloud as our keynote speaker, and at least 4 of the LP presidential candidates have confirmed their attendance to participate in our debate. Michael Badnarik will also put on a workshop on our Bill of Rights. LP'ers from neighboring states are welcome to attend (Duh!).

We're disappointed that our Legislature buried the Ballot Access bill (SB733) that looked so promising – disappointed, but not completely surprised. That means that the 2008 petitioning will be brutal as always - we're fundraising with that effort being our main goal - but the LNC should not be unprepared for Illinois to be raising the red flag for funds and volunteers to get us on the ballot.

Though I have not discussed it with the Illinois SOC - I have some pretty significant concerns that Ron Paul's candidacy is confusing and hurting Libertarian efforts. Right now, it is distracting Libertarians from activities in their own party - and later (as I suspect that the GOP will not nominate Ron Paul) it will crush their spirits (again) and cause many of them to drop out and give up. At the very least, his candidacy will distract them from efforts with our party until much time has passed and our opportunities are waning.

Last but not least - LP-Illinois is pleased to have Julie Fox BACK in Illinois. She is already putting her shoulder to the wheel by adding her efforts and experience to planning the convention and revitalizing a languishing LPI chapter.

Speaking of the delightful Region Co-Rep Ms. Fox, she filed this report on the fall LPIL convention:

LPIL 2007 Convention

This year's convention will be held at Cliffbreaker's Riverside Resort, overlooking the scenic Rock River, in Rockford from Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14. The convention begins on Friday night with a carnival event. Saturday will include various workshops and other breakout sessions, a debate between candidates for the 2008 Libertarian Presidential nomination, and a banquet. George Phillies, Alden Link, Christine Smith, and Barry Hess have confirmed that they will be participating in the debate. Other candidates may also attend. The Libertarian Jeopardy game, popular at IL conventions in the '90s, will be part of Saturday's agenda as well.

Confirmed speakers to date are Tony Ryan and Michael Cloud. Convention Committee members are working with potential sponsors in hopes of bringing in more good speakers. The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday. It will include selecting our candidate for the 2008 U.S. Senate race. There will be a break for lunch including a speaker.

Convention brochures will be mailed in the next few weeks. On line registration is now available on the party's website.

Iowa (home of the Lib penguin)

Kansas

Minnesota

Missouri (home of our guy Sully)

New state chair Glenn Nielson reports: "Hi Tony, here is a quick report from Missouri. I participated in an hour and a half long political round table on the radio with a Democrat and a Republican the second week in May.

The Missouri LP has formed a Strategic Planning Committee which met for the first time Sunday June 24th. The goal of this committee is to map out a plan for improving communications, business operations, and come up with ideas for what we can do to help grow the party. The committee has been asked to complete its work by September so that the party has time to put its recommendations in place in time for the 2008 election cycle.

The section on improving business operations includes working out how to open our first office and get it staffed part time. This will require that we raise thousands of dollars each month. We hope to do this with monthly pledges. We will be doing a fund raising where we call each person who has been active in the party in recent years. Explain what our plans are, get their input and then ask them to commit to a monthly pledge.

There is a petition effort underway to amend the Missouri Constitution to eliminate the use of eminent domain for private development. Libertarians across the state are helping in this effort. This is all part of our goal of developing relationships with issue organizations and working fulltime for liberty.

Michael Peters of St. Louis was appointed as our College Campus Coordinator. It has been many years since we have had anyone in this position. He recently graduated from SUNY New Paltz and has experience organizing college political groups.

Next month I will be meeting with some people who are politically active in major parties but are fed up and representatives from other third parties. This meeting is to determine where we have common ground and whether we can work together. The Missouri LP has all the leverage in this meeting since we are the only third party which has ballot access.

Montana

From state chair Mike Fellows: "Tony, here is what I sent the editor about Montana. We are working on getting a few things in order like the MTLP website and more meetings. We usually do the Missoula County Fair and the Ravalli County Fair along with a few parades during the summer –

the Butte 4th of July Parade (the state's largest), Sanders County Parade and the Flathead County Parade. In September we have a booth at the Missoula Hempfest. We also get involved with Jury Rights day (9/5). One such way is handing out info at the fairs and such. I do know that we need to get more people involved on these projects. Missoula has had some recent news involving parking meters and fines. The Parking Commissions wants to increase fines from 2.00 to 5.00 dollars. In 1994 our petition to get rid of Parking Meters got us some good press and some people estimate that we may have cost the city some \$250,000 on the bonds, since the parking meter revenue was being used to pay for a new parking garage. After approving the petition, the city told us that it shouldn't have been approved in the first place. It's been some time ago, but I'm thinking that now might be a time to bring that up again. As far I know the parking garage has been paid off and the Business Improvement District that started that endeavor is moving to other parts of the town. Ballot petitions are a good way to get our issues out and can be good for candidates going door to door collecting signatures. We continue to host our public access program Libertarians Live "Other People's Pockets" on Missoula Community Access Television on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8 PM. I also have a

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show called Labor Vision, where some of the State Chair's Conference stuff was broadcast. I need better equipment, but people do watch public access".

South Dakota

Hi, Tony. Progress on ballot access has been slow, but I hope to start working up a little action soon. We currently have 130 signatures - we need 12,500. Our state recently gave us a few setbacks IE: changing the Ballot Access petitioning regulations and changing candidate qualification requirements. I have been getting a dismal response at best from people within the state on this subject. We will not have a chance in Hell of making it without some outside help! I have heard from the Imperato camp about some possible help but nothing has materialized yet.

Tom Gerber's Candidate Camp is coming Aug 19 - 25 in the Black Hills. He has been booking people for that but he still has spots open. More info can be found at our website.

We had some web site problems while we were changing our site ownership but that is cleared up and we are working on a few improvements. We will be setting up online registration and volunteer forms soon. We are clearing up some details which will allow us to use Paypal for online donations. I have been talking about a possible quarterly newsletter that would be available on our website and through hardcopy on request. I hope to pursue that further in the near future.

Finally, I have been working on putting together a committee that could actually write some legislation to present in the next session. I think if this is done right it would have a positive effect on our public perception. Some of our more popular issues like property rights, human rights and possibly something confronting the Real ID act are where we are looking.

Wisconsin

Again, the ever helpful Julie Fox files this report: **LPWI 2007 Convention**

The 2007 LPWI convention took place on Saturday, April 21 at Ed Thompson's Tee Pee Super Club in Tomah. The annual business meeting was held in the morning, which included elections of state officers. Linda "Liberty" Sturtzen was elected as Chair, Jacob Burns was elected as Vice Chair, John Gatewood was elected as Secretary, and Markus Rostig, who moved to Tennessee in 2005, was re-elected as Treasurer. Two contracts were approved, one for fundraising and another for managing the State Fair booth, with member Todd Kopecki (doing business as Liberty Action). Elections were also held for congressional delegates and two at-large representatives to the Executive Committee.

The afternoon included a variety of speakers on such topics as privacy, the NAFTA superhighway, government oppression, and the Bush Administration's foreign policy. The key note speaker was former LP Political Director Stephen Gordon. Stephen attended the morning business meeting as well, and helped answer a variety of questions that were raised regarding the national party and the Ron Paul campaign.

Wyoming

Wyoming's new state chair, Dave Herbert, says: "As you may know, the libertarian party in Wyoming has achieved major party status. I personally am promoting what I call the 'Justice Amendment'. It would consist of a constitutional amendment as follows: 'In all criminal trials, each juror has the right to render a verdict of not guilty for any reason'.

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A juror already has that right. This would actually memorialize it in the U.S. Constitution. I believe anyone who fears big brother and government control would support it. Even many of those on both the right and left would agree.

Thanks to all who contributed to this report and who do some much work for liberty in Region One. We may not always “beat ‘em”, but we sure as heck aren’t gonna join ‘em!

M Carling

REGION 3 REPORT TO THE LNC – July 6, 2007

Emily Salvette, LNC Region 3 Rep

Region News

Since the last LNC meeting, I have thoroughly enjoyed attending the conventions of all four Region 3 states. The Ohio, Michigan and Indiana conventions were similar in attendance (about 50-60), and had several presidential candidates attend vying for support. Kentucky had a state meeting and party at the lovely home of Donna Mancini. All states are doing an excellent job defining their goals and working to professionalize their operations. I am very enthusiastic about the caliber of leadership elected to state-party offices and look forward to working with 4 new state chairs. A new Region 3 Leadership Directory has been compiled and distributed. If you would like a copy, let me know.

One issue that continues to come up at state meetings is the interface between states and the national database. I need to pursue this with the IT committee.

The Region 3 Convention in Dayton is coming up August 3-5. See the regions website, www.lpr3.org, for more information and registration. We are expecting about 50 people to attend. The focus of the weekend will be on practical training. Advance registrations show good representation from all states in the Region, and we are pleased welcome a few folks from other states, especially West Virginia, a state we are trying to reactivate. Thanks to LPHQ for sending out an e-mail announcement about the convention.

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Indiana

The Indiana convention was held May 19 & 20th in Fort Wayne. Todd Singer was elected chair after serving as interim chair since Mark Rutherford's resignation. The LPIN goals for the year: focus on administration, not just politics; broaden demographics of the party, primarily through the small business initiative; and become a player the political process by running campaigns.

Michigan

Bill Hall was elected State Chair at the May 5 convention and helped prepare this report. He and his new executive committee are committed to upgrading the state party infrastructure and revitalizing the Michigan party. Their efforts have been very encouraging with good results in budgeting, a revamped state newsletter, new online membership database, plans for an affiliates' development program, and continued speakers' bureau program. A political director has been named who will help recruit candidates and guide them through the required campaign paperwork maze. We want to thank LPHQ for welcoming our new treasurer by promptly sending her a package of materials on Federal campaign law compliance. This kind of practical support from LPHQ helps.

A couple of successes: The Libertarian Party of Michigan joined with 4 other Michigan minor parties to form the “Third Parties Coalition.” The announcement of this was picked up by major media outlets in Michigan and even *USA Today*; Libertarian Party member Mark Owen, who is the Mayor Pro-Tem of Owosso, Michigan, was successful in his efforts to repeal a 1% tax-handling fee there.

One area of concern is the retention of our nonpartisan elected officials. We’re losing elected libertarians who are choosing not to run for re-election (including Erin Stahl, Bill Bradley, and perhaps Mark Owen), or choosing to run for further partisan office under a major party banner. Maybe this is the result of a lack of LPM activism to encourage them, or something else.

Ohio

The Ohio convention was April 21-22. Robert Butler, former Executive Director of the LPO, was elected Chair. Ohio continues to focus on professionalization and affiliate development. Awards were presented to the Northeast and Northwest regional groups at the convention banquet. Congratulations to those groups and to the LPO for its creative awards program to motivate affiliates.

The big project now is ballot access. The LPO has begun a petition drive to collect 35,000 raw signatures by late November to put the Libertarian Party on the 2008 ballot. They are seeking to collect ½ the signatures using volunteers and ½ using paid professionals. They are in the process of raising \$20,000 for the ballot effort.

Kentucky

Kentucky had its state meeting on June 16. Over 30 people were in attendance, which was quite a good turnout for a state with only about 100 members. Ken Moellman, who ran Brian Houillion’s congressional campaign last year and has been working on the Region 3 convention, was elected state chair. His goal is to increase activity in the state, build membership, run local candidates, form issues-related coalitions, and build media relationships.

Libertarian National Committee Region 4 Report

Pittsburgh Meeting: July 2007

July 18, 2007

In March, we reported that the region was in the middle of a leadership change in most of the state parties. All of the parties who hold annual conventions (South Carolina being the exception), held their conventions this spring. All of the vacant chairmanship positions have been filled and all seven of the states in our regions have officers. The position of chairman changed in every state that held a convention.

Most of the state conventions were attended by both our regional representative and alternate, but all of the conventions had at least one of us present. This gave us an opportunity to speak to the executive committees and officers as well as the delegates.

The most notable convention was Mississippi. Their state party had been dormant for over a year and completely unresponsive to all attempts to contact them either by e-mail, phone, or even certified mail. Staff assisted us by organizing a telephone conference and sending invitations to all of the party members with e-mail addresses on file. They succeeded in getting seven people from the state on the call and we discovered that they did have a convention scheduled for June.

Since their conventions are not well attended, staff arranged to run radio advertisements the day before the convention. The selected weekend was also the weekend of a major cultural event in Jackson, making it even more difficult to attract people on short notice. Despite the fact that, according to their previous chairman, “the same five people show up every year”, a total of sixteen people attended. This included a photographer/reporter for the local paper, and both of us. The meeting went well and a new chairman was elected. Everyone is now much more encouraged about the prospects for the LP in Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Barr, Region 4 Representative
Stewart Flood, Alternate

REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 7, 2007 (updated July 11, 2007)

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

The following report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 since the LNC meeting in March 2007. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh should additional information become available.

On a personal note, I am pleased to report that I was able to participate in the National Taxpayers Union national conference in Washington, D.C. on June 14-16. (The LP was a sponsoring organization of the conference and sponsored an information table at the event.) In addition, I shall have the honor of addressing the annual conference of the International Society for Individual Liberty, to take place Aug. 11-14 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Delaware

I have not received a report recently from LP Delaware chairman George Jurgensen (georgej@snip.net). UPDATE: On July 10 I sent a message to the enclosed e-mail address for Mr. Jurgensen; the message bounced.

District of Columbia

At this time, Rich Heller (Hellerrich@aol.com) continues to serve as the contact for the LP DC, following the resignation of Shannon McMenam as chair. I have been informed that efforts are ongoing to reinvigorate the organization; however, I have not heard of any specific plans for meetings, outreach activities, etc.

Maryland

LPMD chairman Bob Johnston (rstanley21018@yahoo.com) provided the following report, which I have edited slightly (with his permission):

Things are quiet right now here in Maryland. After the tumultuous but ultimately successful ballot access drive to maintain our state party certification, we all basically took a month or two off from party activities, except for the monthly executive board meetings and the state convention, held on 3 March.

Further, the Maryland General Assembly mercifully is only in session for 90 days, from 11 January to 11 April, plus an occasional weeklong special session. Thus, there is no direct political activity going on. Plus, we cannot run any statewide ballot initiatives or referenda that relate to anything financial in Maryland, and ballot initiatives that are legal are very difficult to institute: 2% valid signatures of the registered voters (@60,000), to be collected in a short time span.

On the negative side: membership is around 70, down from 101 at the beginning of this year, and less than half of what it was 2 years ago. There are several reasons for this, one being disagreements over the war in Iraq, where a former state chair and longtime executive board member quit over the LP's position, a position for which I am proud. I'm proud of Libertarians' staunch position on the war, more so than any other group in this country, and if we have lost several members over this, so be it.

A second reason was the nomination of Green party member Kevin Zeese for last year's US Senate run. I was against the nomination, but was not willing to fall on my LP sword for it. Unfortunately, several members have. Kevin is a good guy, and in his numerous talk-radio appearances always played up Libertarians. I will be making an effort to try to bring back those who quit over this.

A third reason is lack of activity. We've spent a considerable amount of time, energy, and resources jumping through hoops to run candidates and maintain our state party status. We had to collect 40,000+ signatures to get Spear Lancaster on the ballot as governor in 2002, collect another 15,000 to recertify our status because Spear wasn't able to get 1% of the vote, and then get another 14-15,000 sigs last year to get ourselves recertified. Thus, many folks are burned out. However, our party status is good until 2010, and we are going to prepare ourselves financially so we can be ready to get sigs early for 2010, and not have to wait until the last minute.

On the positive side: financially, we are surprisingly in decent shape. To jump-start the ballot access drive last fall, we emptied our treasury of all non-committed funds (monies due to county chapters, legal defense fund, etc.) to hire a petitioner. Thus at the beginning of this year, we were basically tapped out.

However, even with the decrease in membership, we have been receiving some nice checks. We have just paid our largest annual expense, liability insurance (@\$1900), and we still have over \$2,000 in the treasury, plus the committed funds. The majority of our expenses from here on out are for printing and mailing our newsletter, and costs associated with mailing letters.

We haven't been sponsoring booths at county fairs for the last several years because the costs have suddenly become prohibitive, \$300 and up per county. However, we may do so next year as 2008 is an election year.

The local/city fairs are reasonably-priced, and the Baltimore group is sponsoring outreach booths at several of these get-togethers this summer and fall. The Cecil County group also will be having booths at a couple of events this summer and fall.

My goal for the next year/18 months is to run a full slate of candidates for the 2008 elections to US Congress. There are 8 House of Representative seats up for grabs, with no Senate race. Last year the Republicans only ran candidates in 5 of the 8 races. The Republican Party in Maryland is weak, and it is certainly possible that they won't be running a full slate of candidates for Congress again. While we won't be winning any races, I see no reason why we can't get 30%+ of the vote in a 2-way race, especially running someone who is more anti-war/anti-Patriot Act than the Democrat. And just our presence alone in a 3-way race will be enough to affect the outcome.

Running a full slate of candidates for Congress next year is do-able, hence why I invited Texas LP Executive Director Wes Benedict to speak at our convention this year. I want to replicate what he did in Texas last November. And in 2010, I want to organize and run at least 1 candidate for statewide office in each of the 47 legislative districts in Maryland, something that has never been done by any "third party" in Maryland.

Pennsylvania

LP Pennsylvania chairman Mik Robertson (chair@lppa.org) indicated that the LPPA convention on May 5 went well, although attendance was a little light. He attributed this to the fact that it is "an off-year," and that there were other things taking place. He noted that LP presidential candidates Daniel Imperato and George Phillies attended. He mentioned that the LPPA has a fully staffed executive board, although two members can only serve short-term. He also noted that all of the LPPA committees are staffed, including a finance committee created for the recently established endowment fund. He mentioned that the ACLU of Pennsylvania held its convention at the time in the same facility, but that he did not have the opportunity to interact with any of the attendees.

UPDATE: Mr. Robertson provided the following additional information on July 10:

We have about a dozen candidates running in local elections this year, including four county commissioner candidates and two borough council candidates. Some of these are in very strong positions and we hope to pick up a couple of elected

officials in November. I have also been contacted by the president of the Callensburg Borough council recently, and he is considering changing his party affiliation to Libertarian.

We are about to undertake a redesign of our website to make it easier to maintain and perhaps add some features to improve communication among county organizations. I hope to have the revised site up and running by the early fall.

Speaking of county organizations, our Clarion County affiliate will be having a booth at the county fair in late July and will also have its usual table at the convention of the Clarion County Association of Township Officials in September. We also plan to have a table at one of the larger local festivals in Clarion Borough in October.

There is a Libertarian campus organization that formed last fall at Penn State University, and a couple of their members attended our convention last May. The recently formed local organization in Mercer County is looking into contacts with the libertarian campus organization at Grove City College.

There have also been inquiries about creating Libertarian campus organizations at Temple University and Bucknell, however additional activity may have to wait until the fall semester starts.

We are in the final stages of creating an executive director position for the LPPA by conducting a legal review to evaluate any potential problems with tax liabilities. Once that is complete, hopefully by the end of July, we will begin the search for a candidate to fill the position.

We are currently seeking replacements for the secretary and treasurer positions on the LPPA executive board from the two members election at the convention who could only serve short-term. We have had several people express interest and hope to have the positions filled by the next board meeting in August. The board remains functional in the interim.

At the August executive board meeting we will be preparing our budget for next year. This process is complicated by the fact that we will not know how many signatures we need to gather to get our presidential and other statewide candidates on the 2008 ballot until after the November election. Preliminary indications are that the LPPA is in a substantially better financial position than the recent past, and is quite possibly in its best financial position ever at this point in a municipal election cycle.

All in all, things are looking up and we are taking steps to go into 2008 in the strongest position the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania can be.

Virginia

Currently there are four LPVa campaigns for office in 2007: George Marchenko (www.marchenko.com/) and Matt Martin (www.matthewtmartin.com/) are running for seats on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, Arin Sime (www.arinsime.com) is running for the State Senate in the 24th District, and Don Tabor is running for the State Senate in the 14th District. I am pleased to note that all four will appear on the ballot during the fall.

Mr. Sime's campaign, which has the highest profile of the four, continues to go well. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am a senior advisor and finance director for the campaign.) He will face Republican incumbent Emmett Hanger and Democrat David Cox in the election. Mr. Hanger won a close victory in a very hotly contested Republican primary on June 12. While it is not certain, there is some evidence that Mr. Hanger owes his victory to independents and Democrats who were able to vote in the Republican primary. (Mr. Hanger actively encouraged non-Republicans to vote in the primary.) Mr. Cox was nominated to serve as the Democratic candidate in late May. It appears that the Democrats decided to run a candidate when it became clear that Mr. Hanger might lose the primary.

The entry of the Democrat has hurt Mr. Sime's prospects for victory, because several Republicans who would likely have supported Mr. Sime in the absence of a Democrat will probably back Mr. Hanger in an effort to help the Republican Party retain control of the Virginia Senate.

West Virginia

While the Libertarian Party of West Virginia is not a member of Region 5, I shall endeavor to provide information about the party to the LNC. I am pleased to note that some LPWV members met in Flatwoods, West Virginia on May 19. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to reenergize the party. LNC chairman Bill Redpath attended the meeting. (I was unable to attend due to my prior commitment to address the LP Indiana convention in Ft. Wayne.)

On July 3 I conducted a lengthy conversation by telephone with Kirsten Milligan. Ms. Milligan (kirsten@lpwv.org) is serving as the acting chair of the LPWV. I am pleased to note that she seems very enthusiastic about reenergizing the party. She expressed her gratitude that Chairman Redpath and I have been willing to assist her. At this time I am planning to meet with several LPWV members (including Ms. Milligan) in Morgantown on July 19. Ms. Milligan has indicated that she is planning to attend the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh, and that she hopes to attend the Region 3 convention in Dayton, Ohio in early August.

Region 6 Report

ARIZONA

No report received. Their website shows no current events and the latest news on their home page is from early 2006. In response to concerns that I personally contributed funds to Ron Paul's campaign for President, the AZLP issued the following:

----- Original Message -----

Subject: [SouthwestRegionLNC] AZLP statement Tue, 03 Jul 2007

The board of the Arizona Libertarian Party has voted and approved the following statement:

"The Arizona Libertarian Party reaffirms its support for Wes Benedict as Southwest Region LNC representative. Wes has effectively represented AZLP, and we expect that he will continue to do so regardless of his personal preferences among candidates."

This in no way contradicts Michael Kielsky's earlier comments which we generally agree with. And, it isn't that some within the AZLP don't have some issues with Wes or his performance from time to time. Just, the general consensus seems to be that all of us who are involved in the party in an official capacity, including Wes, are entitled to our own personal preferences of candidates as long as those preferences stay quietly personal.

Warren Severin
Ass't Treasurer and Past Treasurer, AZLP

ARKANSAS

No report. Website appears out of date. The link "Join Us" icon is broken. However, their were recent notes regarding district meetings organized in Arkansas.

LOUISIANA

(from their website)

From: T. Lee Horne, III Campaign
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For Immediate Release
June 6, 2007

Libertarian Gubernatorial Candidate T. Lee Horne, III of Franklin received the endorsement of the Libertarian Party of Louisiana at the party's state convention earlier this week.

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During the convention Horne told delegates about his travels around the state and his grassroots campaign strategy of attending fairs and festivals, shaking hands and really getting out to meet the people one on one.

Horne said he has traveled over 125,000 miles across this state visiting as many places as possible. He has even been to some towns and communities where residents have told him they have never had a gubernatorial candidate stop there before.

They often ask him, "What are you doing here and why have you stopped in our town?" Horne says he always tells them, "I am for Louisiana; I am for every city, every town, every community, every place in this state.

The only way to know what the people of Louisiana really want is to reach out, shake their hands and ask them. That is why I am in your town."

Newly elected Libertarian Party of Louisiana Chairman Adrien Monteleone said concerning Lee's endorsement, "As a party we strive to return the power of government back to the people. Lee Horne is a man of the people and among the people. Not one other single candidate in the race for Governor can make the claim as Lee can of personally meeting, speaking and actually listening to so many people of Louisiana. If anyone wants to know what it means to be a Libertarian, just look up Lee Horne."

Upon receiving the endorsement Horne was asked how it felt. He responded, "It feels great to know that I have earned the party's trust and belief in me."

For more information on T. Lee Horne, III and his campaign for governor visit www.governor.ws.

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New Mexico

No report. Their website has some links to sites with recent postings and I've had some recent email activity with their state chair.

OKLAHOMA

(from a recent email)

We are faced with the task of trying to get on the ballot in Oklahoma again.

The LNC doesn't have the money to help us at this point in time because there are other states with a higher priority assigned to them.

I personally do not want to go through the hassle this time out of collecting signatures so that we be on the ballot one time. We are in the planning stages of an initiative petition that would change the

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law, allowing us the freedom to achieve ballot access from that point forward without asking for money from the LNC.

Hopefully we can raise the money needed to get the law changed in 2008 rather than have to petition again in 2012.

How did you go about raising \$110,000 in 2006? That would be enough for us to change the law in Oklahoma.

Jimmy Cook
Chairman, Libertarian Party of Oklahoma
upheavall@hotmail.com

NEVADA

(from their website)

Outreach Trip! posted 05 May 2007

ROAD TRIP! Several members of our State Executive Committee will be doing a whirlwind visiting tour to Elko, White Pine, and Lincoln counties to meet local Libertarians and work towards reorganizing local affiliates. This is your opportunity to meet your state party leadership and help build our state party! We look forward to meeting you this weekend. <http://www.lpnevada.org/calendar/> Visit our EVENTS link for more information on meeting times and locations.

TEXAS

The Libertarian Party of Texas (LPT) recently implemented a state-level dues-paying membership plan that is primarily geared towards fundraising. Texas has two full-time paid staff: Wes Benedict as Executive Director, and Aurthur DiBianca as Assistant Director. While having two paid staff members has contributed significantly to our amount of activity, pay has been around \$10,000 each for the first 6 months of 2007 which is only sustainable as long as there are people willing to work at that rate. Longer-term, we still have to focus heavily on fundraising. So, while Texas continues to perform well, I can't say we've achieved a formula for success that is sustainable or easily duplicated by other states.

Revenue for the LPT for January through June 2007 was \$54,205.

At its July 14, 2007 state committee meeting, the LPT adopted several goals, a few of which are:

- 1) Recruit 250 candidates for the November 2008 elections
- 2) Increase recurring monthly gifts to \$5,500/month (from current \$4,546)
- 3) Maintain a reserve of \$12,000 (currently surpassed)
- 4) Increase donor base to 1,000 (in prior 12 month period) (from current 558)

Chair Pat Dixon and Wes Benedict have scheduled visits to 28 cities in

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Texas over 9 weekends in September through November to recruit and train county chairs, candidates, activists, and donors.

The burden of those 28 meetings are likely to cause significant stress on Pat and Wes. But, if Pat and Wes survive without committing serious bodily harm to others or each other (an attempt at humor), should position Texas for a strong showing for the November 2008 elections.

--submitted by Wes Benedict, Executive Director, Libertarian Party of Texas

UTAH

No organizing convention date has been set. The LPUtah's ballot access petition is more than 60 percent complete.

Rob Latham, Chairman
Libertarian Party of Utah

--
Wes Benedict
Region 6 LNC Representative
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Region 7 Report

New York: -- Jeff Russell

So far, we have 3 LPNY candidates for office this year: Jon Levine for mayor of Ardsley, Bill Schmidt for mayor of Peekskill, and Estelle Edwards for Suffolk County Executive. We've just set up a monthly pledge program to try to give ourselves a reliable source of income every month. The mailing just went out 3 days ago, so we don't have any response yet. The Manhattan LP is running monthly OPH booths at different street fairs around Manhattan.

Vermont: -- Hardy Macia

September and October is our biannual party reorganizing. The VTLP must hold caucuses in 10 towns Vermont to qualify as a minor political party in Vermont.

Massachusetts: -- George Phillis

The LPMA had a booth at the Boston Gay Pride Festival last month. We handed out about 1000 copies of a special-purpose piece of literature prepared for the event. On August 9 Vans Warped Tour comes to the Tweeter Center in Boston. This is their only New England Appearance. The LPMA has requested a table, and invited the other New England State Parties to help us to staff it. On September 15, 2007, MassCann is sponsoring the Boston Freedom Festival, a re-legalization Rally on the Boston Common. The LPMA has a table.

The LPMA State Convention is tentatively scheduled for October 5. We want this to be a regional convention, with invitations to Libertarians across New England and all Libertarian Presidential candidates (we are trying to decide what "all" means; "FEC-filing" comes to mind) invited to a debate.) We will be prepared to arranged caucus space so Libertarians from different states can meet.

This Fall, Massachusetts has petitioning for state referenda. There will almost certainly be petitioning for a truly major precedent-setting referendum on a social freedom issue. The people doing the referendum have raised the money needed to put it on the ballot and advocate its passage, which in my opinion is likely but not certain. The referendum should provide enormous opportunities for the Libertarian Party to field candidates who can ride its coat-tails.

The LP of Massachusetts is doing a google adwords campaign. The \$200 we appropriated will buy us about 400,000 'Vote Libertarian' impressions.

We have a technical challenge. The group that until recently ran our state party entrusted ownership of LPMA.org to a private person, Muni Savyon, who has moved out of Massachusetts. While he is currently pointing LPMA.org at our new location LPMASS.ORG, which we obtained in order to control our own web location, he has thus far refused despite multiple requests to transfer the URL to the LPMA.

Appendix L. Hardy Macia, Region 7 Report, Orlando, FL, March 16, 2007

New Hampshire:

State chair Brendan Kelly is expected to be the LNC meeting so he'll give an update then.

Connecticut:

No response

New Jersey:

No response. Their annual picnic is on July 21.

Hardy Macia *

Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, July 7, 2007

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee
Chairman, Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee

The following report will provide information concerning efforts by the Libertarian Leadership School Guidance Committee (hereafter referred to as the LLS Committee or the Committee) to provide guidance and oversight concerning the LLS education program. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Pittsburgh should additional information become available.

1) Status of the Program

At this time I do not know the status of the LLS program. As of this date, the program website (www.lp.org/lis/) contained the notices "The Seventh Semester is now underway. With questions, please contact the LLS staff at lls@lp.org" and "Seventh Semester – 4/2/2007 through 5/14/2007." I have sent several messages since late May to the appropriate LPHQ staff members to inquire when the next semester will commence. As of today I have not been informed as to the dates of the next semester, or whether there will be a next semester.

2) Review of Program Data

I regret to report that I have not received the data concerning the program that I requested. Specifically, I requested data about the program (e.g., number of students, number of students successfully completing courses, revenues) from Sam New on May 25; I sent a reminder message on June 24. So far I have not received the requested data.

Since the Committee members are uncertain as to the status of the program, and since we have not received the requested data, we are unable to offer much in the way of guidance for the program at this time.