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PARTY OF COLORADO

MISSING BOARD REPORTS – January 2020

Resolved into the LPCO Standing Rules (2016-05-09):

“Monthly Board reports are due by the Wednesday before the regularly scheduled board meeting and shall be published to the Party website by the Communications Director by the Friday prior to any regularly scheduled meeting for viewing by membership and Board members...”

- The following Board Reports were not submitted in time to be published on the LPCO website, violating the current standing rule:
 - Outreach - Alexis Buschmann
- The above Board Members will be presenting their report at the next board meeting in full.
- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **January 13, 2020** at the **Independence Institute, 727 E 16th Ave, Denver, CO 80203** from **7pm to 9pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hjersman for David Aitken
Website Volunteer
Libertarian Party of Colorado

Chairman's Report

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 1, the duties of the Chairman are as follows:

The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party's Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Board members acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

As is customary, the board hosted a festus event, that was originally set up years ago by Mr. Digi. Mr Gulbranson and Ms Poague offered their residence for the event. We raised over \$1,700 and had some very interesting guests, including two presidential candidates.

We were made aware of a situation where members of the Arapahoe county Tea Party took belongings from homeless people who were camping out there. Ms. Regan Benson coordinated efforts with our Communication Director and me to have a collection of coats and blankets to replace some of the stuff that was stolen. I am so proud to see voluntaryism in action. I have agreed to work with her to continue our efforts in homeless outreach.

December 30th I found what I considered to be a potential data breach. Technology is working with Mr. Bill Arnet, who went with me through some of the folders and restricted access to the same. We did note that several files and folders were shared to the publicly facing group Board@lpcolorado.org. Investigation is currently ongoing as to whether any data was actually compromised. The investigation should be completed by the 29th of January. I spoke with Wayne Harlos to ask him for help on my continuity binder and the information received from him is currently in the drive under my continuity binder under a file called Wayne's info. I also spoke with Mr. Atkin who was instrumental in helping me create the binder. At this time it is set to only me, due to the possible security breach and there is confidential information in it.

A new constitution and bylaws committee was formed and had their first meeting. I attended the first meeting of the legislative committee and Elbert county had a successful first meeting on January 8th.

I see new opportunities of growth for the LPCO. 2020 is an election year and a great time to get involved at the local and state level. We know that more than half of the people in Colorado do not ascribe to either of the political parties in the duopoly and that we can make a real difference by promoting the ideals of liberty. While the Democrats and Republicans have continued to grow government, we offer a real solution that can be attained in the local scene. It is in Colorado that we can make an impact that will directly affect people in our community at the local level.

In the last legislative session in Colorado we had over 500 new laws passed that infringed directly on our rights. It is by getting libertarians elected to these positions that we can stop such infringements or at least slow down the exponential growth of government. I call on you to get involved and run for office or volunteer in campaigns in 2020 it is imperative that we stand up for our principles and not allow Colorado to become a place where tyranny reigns and we let government run rampant. To quote my grandfather, and Edmund Burke "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". Let's not allow that to happen! Get involved! Run for office!

Once again, I would like to remind the board and our guests that there is an expected decorum in meetings. Unless a board member specifically reaches out to you during board discussion, the time for public comment is at the beginning of the meeting and is limited to one comment per person of no more than 3 minutes. Should you find yourself at odds with something in the meeting following that period, please feel free to email the board and we will address your concerns in a timely manner.

***In Liberty,
Victoria Reynolds
State Chairman, LPCO***



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January 2020- Vice Chair Report

In accordance with **Article II, Section 2 of the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) bylaws**, the role of the Vice Chairman is to assist the LPCO Board of Directors with their duties among other responsibilities. These areas include:

Assist the Chairman. Met with Arapahoe County stake holders in a meeting facilitated by the Arapahoe county clerk. All parties discussed the need for earlier notifications of important election deadlines.

Reached out to potential county candidate regarding filing deadlines and expectations.

Continuity Binders. Compilation of binders is ongoing. Board members have suggested physical copies also be produced.

Organization of Regions. Elbert county held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, will meet every 1st Monday of the Month.

In Liberty,

Eric Mulder

Vice Chair- Libertarian Party of Colorado

Chair- Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County

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Treasurer, 08 January 2020

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 9, the duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses incurred at the regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall also prepare budgets for the other board members or assist them in preparing their own budgets.

As of 08 January 2020, PayPal balance was \$764.75.

As of 08 January 2020, BBVA Compass balance was \$22,896.59.

As of 08 January 2020, Stripe balance was \$0.00.

As of 08 January 2020, FEC account balance was \$110.00

As of 08 January 2020, Undeposited Funds balance was \$0.00

Held in reserve:

Standard reserve \$1,500.00

State Convention reserve \$4,774.48

Clear Creek Co DG \$40.00

Denver Co DG \$503.00

Larimer Co DG \$15.00

Newsletter \$0.00

Pueblo Co DG \$24.00

San Juan County Project \$350.00

Weld Co DG \$15.00

As of 08 January 2020, AVAILABLE FUNDS (reserved funds excluded) was \$21,686.29.

Available funds have increased \$4006.44 since last month.

Any anticipated large future expenses (> \$1,000 annually), whether one-time or instalment, I propose to budget in the same manner as with the annual convention, where I reserve funds monthly into a specific sub-account. For reminder for me and continuity for subsequent treasurers, the standard reserve of \$1,500 has been placed in a sub-account.

Subscription donations (22 recurring) to PayPal, Stripe & Compass Bank for December, \$532.76, a gain of \$45.00 from last month.

December one-time (15 contributors) donations, \$1,933.98. \$1,433.98 of this was from the Festivus.

I request that any Board member who receives cash or check from a donor please email me with the date received, check number, amount, and name & address of the donor. If the check is \$100 or more, then I also need the donor's occupation and employer. Please refer to the postscript in Treasurer's Report July 2016 for a list of TRACER-accepted occupation names. We can't accept cash donations over \$100. We can't accept contributions from corporations or from foreign nationals. The party can accept anonymous donations less than \$20 but if anonymous donations are collected by someone not authorized to accept funds for LPCO (not a board member) then that someone is considered a conduit and the collected aggregate is counted against their personal contribution limit and the funds conveyed to LPCO can't include more than \$100 in cash.

FEC Filing: Report filed 07/01/2019. Next report due 01/31/2020. Because our subscription to LNC's Affiliate CRM Plan is paid to a national party, those contributions are FEC reportable. Transfers to and from regular checking into federal activity account are also FEC reportable.

Filed TRACER report 10/05/2019. Next report due 01/15/2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hjersman

11:07 AM

01/06/20

Accrual Basis

Libertarian Party of Colorado
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
December 2019

	<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Convention Donations	593.00	593.00
Convention Registration	1,708.00	1,708.00
Donations	2,023.98	2,023.98
Stripe Returns	-5.00	-5.00
Stripe Sales	697.76	697.76
Total Income	<u>5,017.74</u>	<u>5,017.74</u>
Gross Profit	5,017.74	5,017.74
Expense		
Computer		
Services	90.00	90.00
Total Computer	90.00	90.00
Credit Card Fees	7.05	7.05
Stripe Payment Processing Fees	75.95	75.95
Telephone	12.47	12.47
Total Expense	<u>185.47</u>	<u>185.47</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,832.27</u>	<u>4,832.27</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,832.27</u></u>	<u><u>4,832.27</u></u>



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FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR REPORT January 2020

Article II - DUTIES OF THE BOARD - Section 10:

The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.

Majority of efforts this month went into convention efforts.

Updated most of my continuity binder. A large portion of the binder, covering convention planning, already exists in hard copy. Not wanting to reinvent the wheel, I'm waiting for the opportunity to gather and consolidate all that information.

Fundraising event hosted by Kevin and Michele on Dec 17, 2019 brought in \$1600

Franklin BBQ Fundraising Idea <https://franklinbbq.com/>

- Background-
 - Franklin BBQ is a world famous BBQ Destination in Austin TX .They are open from 11am to 2-3pm (until they sell out). Lines start forming around **6am**.
 - You can get around the line by ordering catering from them.
 - You must order a minimum of 5lbs of meat
 - Pre-Orders open 6 weeks in advance and dates/times do sell out
- Idea-
 - Order catering, pick it up, and plate it in one of our rooms. *Do we have a suite for Colorado? It'd be fun to host it out of a suite.*
 - Sell plates out of our room/suite to convention go-ers.
- Logistics-
 - JW Marriott allows outside food in rooms and common areas. Outside food cannot be consumed in the restaurant or catered areas including the pool area.
 - Someone from the state party would have to leave the convention floor to pick up the order
 - This fundraiser would be handed off to my successor who'd need to make sure the order gets placed between April 10-13th.

The Convention Committee report will be updated Monday morning before the regularly scheduled board meeting so it will reflect numbers closer to the date of the meeting.
[Link to Convention Committee Report -Updated 01/13](#)

In Liberty,
Angela K. Plummer

Libertarian Party of Colorado

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Full Slate 2020 Elections

December 16, 2019

Overview

The board of directors of the Libertarian party wish to see a full slate of candidates run in the 2020 election cycle. This means that the desire is that there is a Libertarian candidate for every office that is up for election in the state. These candidates do not need to run to win. There are three categories of candidates that the board generally recognizes. Those there are

- 1) Line-holder - someone who is on the ballot for the sake of having an (L) on the ballot
- 2) Educational Candidate - A candidate who is running for the sake of “advertising” of the Libertarian party of Colorado platform, but not necessarily expecting to win the election.
- 3) Serious Candidate - This is a candidate who is running in the hopes of winning, and may have a shot at winning. These include candidates who are running for historically uncontested seats, such as found in San Juan, where we are launching an advertising campaign.

Goals

1. **Have a Libertarian candidate on every ballot, in every county, in every town, in the State of Colorado**
2. **Win 4 or more non-partisan races along the front range, and one county commissioner seat in San Juan**

Specifications

The Campaigns chair will solicit line-holder candidates to run in the 2020 election cycle. The last day to hold the assembly is April 18th, unless I am mistaken, this is the latest that candidates can be certified for state-wide elections if we allow nominations from the floor. If we have been unable to solicit line-holder candidates by the convention in April, we will seek to fill the rest of the seats at the convention by nominations from the floor.

The campaigns committee will increase its number of participants. This committee will assist in finding local election rules for candidates by identifying and recording website locations for the requisite forms and requirements for office. The campaigns committee will assist in follow up with candidates and recording wins and losses in the 2020 elections for record-keeping purposes on the state website.

The campaigns committee will assist in obtaining the information that is required by civiCRM for all candidates. If this information is not volunteered, or cannot be obtained, a note will need to be made that an attempt was made.

In the event that the committee can't find additional volunteers to assist in these duties by February 10th, 2020 (after posting on the State website and creating a jotform application process, as well as advertising on social media,) the committee will move forward with those members who are currently existing. These are Michael Lopez, John Pickerill, and Lance Cayko.

Milestones

1. Existing Candidates

Catalogued and information recorded by February 15th, 2020

2. All statewide races identified and recorded

Jan. 20th, 2020.

3. 70% of statewide ballots filled with a Libertarian candidate

March 8th, 2020.

4. 100% of statewide offices have a Libertarian running as a candidate

April 5th, 2020.



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Affiliates Director Report January 2020

The Denver group became an affiliate at the last LPCO Board meeting.

I encourage all board members who can to attend the January 8 Elbert County Meet & Greet at the Sawmill Bar & Grill. I will not be able to attend as I will be traveling.

I plan to have a proxy at the January 13 board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Gallant



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Legislative Directors Report January 2020

The 2nd Session of the 72nd Colorado General Assembly open Wednesday January 8th. On the outside, where I spent the day with other Libertarians and Gun Rights Supporters, on the West steps of the Colorado State Capitol gathered a crowd to rally for Freedom over Force, sponsored by Stand for Colorado, a right of center group. There were citizens rallying, listening to speeches supporting TABOR, Medical Choice and Consent, the Right to an Armed Self Defense and other issues, all seeking Freedom from the force of government on their particular issue. While inside the Senate President, State Senator Leroy Garcia delivered a speech with more progressive slant, making accusations of division in politics and calling for unity, while making comments that divide people by class. The Speaker of the House still progressive but less divisive called for bipartisan work and effort in Transportation and Education Funding, as well as a more fair and rational criminal justice system and the end to Capitol Punishment. Calls from both Republican and Democrats came for more education funding. Increase in Teachers pay, while the Republicans introduce a set of Legislation to provide parents more school choice options. On Thursday both chambers met in joint session as Governor Polis delivered his 2nd State of the State address. An interesting takeaway from his speech was talk of continuing to lower the state income tax, which is now down to 4.5%, while broadening the tax base to take in more revenue. He spoke of more program, expanding universal preschool programs, paid family leave, public option health care, transportation and infrastructure, all in need of funds, while Legislators in the Governors own party say there is nothing more to give. Even so, the governor has challenged them to fund these programs even as the voters of Colorado soundly rejected CC this past November.

On the Opening day of the Legislative session, 82 bills have been introduced in the House. The first in the House HB20-1001 Nicotine Product Regulation. In the Senate 67 bills have been introduced. Some of the bills we can expect to see are many on Education and Transportation, Death Penalty Repel, Criminal Justice Reform, looking to ban Private Prisons in Colorado and Eliminate Cash Bail. Paid Family Leave and some type of Public Option Health care. Bills will likely be heard in Committee starting next week, nothing scheduled yet.

Legislative Action Committee:

The Legislative Action Committee meet for an Online Meeting, Tuesday evening January 7th. 7 volunteers and interested parties attended. We established volunteers who will check the Legislative Schedule and Calendar, Follow the Legislative Status Sheets for proposed legislation, how we would communicate internally as a committee, discussing proposed legislation we would choose to rate and how we would communicate outward to activist with our support or opposition to proposed legislation. We will be seeking the assistance of both the

Communication Director and Database for support in helping to communicate our positions on proposed legislation of LPCO activist. I will be communicating through both Colorado Libertarian Groups as well as using and external Group of Colorado Center Right Politics Social media to help gain a broader reach with our positions on proposed Legislation.

Issues Committee:

We are still seeking volunteers to form an Issues Committee. The Purpose of this committee is to discuss and choose 3-5 issues of concern to the Libertarian Party of Colorado, connect and work with like minded groups of mutual concerns on the particular issues, and keep the LPCO Board informed on the happenings in regard to those issues. If any one is interest in volunteering, please e-mail me legislatedirector@lpcolorado.org

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 9, the duties of the Legislative Director are as follows: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

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



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Membership Director Report January 2020

LPCO Bylaws Article II, Section 11: The Membership Director shall be responsible for,

- *developing membership education programs,*
- *recruiting and training activists,*
- *publishing a regular internal newsletter,*
- *managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party.*

2019 Membership Director Business Plan

Persuade LPCO members to become activists and candidates.

- *Provide a pool of volunteers for the Outreach Director and Legislative Director to draw from.*
- *Provide a pool of volunteers for the Campaigns Director to draw from for assisting candidates.*
- *Provide a pool of potential candidates for the Campaign Director to vet.*

New Member Notifications in the month of November:

New Information Requests to the LP in Colorado: 10

- Replies sent to every one of them.
- Each one was forwarded to the county point-of-contact.

New Volunteers to the LP in Colorado: 10

- Reply sent to every one of them
- Each one was forwarded to the county point-of-contact.
- Each one forwarded to individual directors according to the volunteer's interests.

New interests in Running for Office as LP in Colorado: 0

LPCO Membership Summary

Sources:

1. CO Secretary of State report as of 3/19/2019 (registered Libertarians in Colorado)
2. CiviCRM as of 01/06/2020
3. CiviCRM as of 12/31/2019

	LP State Members (registered L)	LP National Member s	Volunteer s	Potential Candidate s
STATEWIDE	45386	516	728	47
Adams	3059	30	57	7
Alamosa	89	0	0	0
Arapahoe	4662	57	85	5
Archuleta	95	1	0	0
Baca	19	1	0	0
Bent	22	0	0	0
Boulder	2749	42	41	3
Broomfield	632	5	5	0
Chaffee	138	1	0	1
Cheyenne	2	0	0	0
Clear Creek	139	5	1	0
Conejos	21	0	0	0
Costilla	23	0	1	0
Crowley	23	0	0	0
Custer	37	2	0	0
Delta	205	2	3	1
Denver	5711	66	118	2
Dolores	12	0	1	0
Douglas	2890	52	46	4
Eagle	440	8	7	0
El Paso	6915	63	79	3
Elbert	226	3	6	1
Fremont	288	5	7	1
Garfield	373	4	7	1
Gilpin	74	1	1	1
Grand	161	2	3	0
Gunnison	213	0	0	0
Hinsdale	9	0	0	0
Huerfano	67	0	2	0
Jackson	9	0	0	0

Jefferson	5280	70	93	5
Kiowa	8	0	2	0
Kit Carson	27	1	2	0
La Plata	561	3	7	0
Lake	82	1	1	0
Larimer	3427	26	44	2
Las Animas	81	0	3	0
Lincoln	22	0	3	0
Logan	91	0	1	0
Mesa	1215	9	13	1
Mineral	3	0	0	0
Moffat	66	1	2	1
Montezuma	147	2	3	0
Montrose	203	2	5	1
Morgan	133	0	2	0
Otero	64	1	0	0
Ouray	48	1	1	0
Park	199	3	3	0
Phillips	16	0	2	0
Pitkin	157	4	0	0
Prowers	34	0	0	0
Pueblo	932	9	22	2
Rio Blanco	45	1	0	0
Rio Grande	60	0	0	0
Routt	248	2	1	0
Saguache	46	2	1	0
San Juan	15	0	0	0
San Miguel	80	2	0	0
Sedgwick	5	0	1	0
Summit	330	2	5	0
Teller	256	2	4	1
Washington	18	2	2	0
Weld	2154	20	34	3
Yuma	30	0	1	1

“Colorado Liberty” Newsletter

- The deadline for submitting content for the Winter newsletter is tentatively set for Dec 27, and should be submitted to newsletter@lpcolorado.com. On Jan 3, Caryn Ann will then send all content to the editor (i.e., Membership Director) who will work with the formatter/printer (Michele Poague) to generate the final copy by Jan 10. On Jan 17, copy will be sent to the printer. By Jan 24, copies of the newsletter will then be mailed to every LPCO donor, and electronic copies emailed to each LPCO member who has an email address on file.
- Each County affiliate and development group is encouraged to submit a summary of activities they held in Oct-Nov-Dec, and local events coming up in Jan-Feb-Mar.
- LPCO Chairman is requested to submit a summary of the LPCO plan for 2019.
- Campaigns Director is encouraged to submit a summary of how many prospective LP candidates we have running for public office in 2019.
- Legislative Director is encouraged to submit a summary of legislation of interest being studied by the CO General Assembly during the Summer.
- Communications Director is encouraged to submit a copy of one article published by a Libertarian author in Oct-Nov-Dec.
- Affiliates Director is encouraged to submit a summary of new affiliates and development groups in Oct-Nov-Dec, and counties planning to establish an affiliate or development group in Jan-Feb-Mar.
- Fundraising Director is encouraged to submit a summary of those who donated to the LPCO in Oct-Nov-Dec, and any fundraising events coming up in Jan-Feb-Mar.
- Anyone is invited to submit “Libertarians in the news” articles.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Pickerill



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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT December 2019

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 6, the duties of the Communications Director are as follows:

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

Social Media Posting Schedule:

Facebook:

All times Mountain Standard Time and DAILY unless noted otherwise

Contributors: Karl Schowls, D.K. Williams, Eric Mulder, Hannah Burnham, Mason J. Haley, Michael Lopez, Angela Kay Plummer, Lexi Marie, Stacy Petty.

There is no longer a schedule, contributors post at will.

Twitter: OPEN FOR NEW CONTRIBUTOR

Instagram: OPEN FOR NEW CONTRIBUTOR

Communications Director Report

December 2019

Code of Conduct for All Platforms:

No F-Words in memes or post captions

No Conspiracy Theories

Keep it Libertarian

Our total Social Media statistics are as follows:

FACEBOOK: Page likes total at writing of report -- 28,648

Page follows at writing of report -- 28,425

Facebook likes at previous report: 28,279. Facebook follows at previous report: 28,425. Facebook likes have an increase of 369, Facebook follows have an increase of 406 since the previous report.

Page Likes

December 11 - January 7

414

Page Likes ▲ 20%



Post Reach

December 11 - January 7

644,872

People Reached ▲ 19%



Post Engagement

December 11 - January 7

173,945

Post Engagement ▲ 14%



TOP THREE POSTS:

 **Libertarian Party of Colorado**
Published by Stacy Treherne Petty [?] · December 21, 2019 at 9:15 AM · 🌐



101,342 People Reached

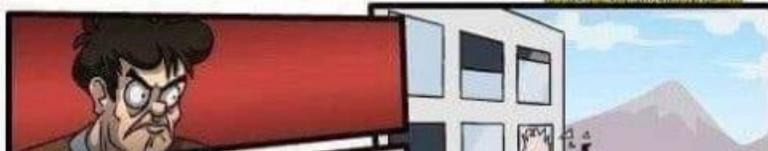
7,187 Reactions, Comments & Shares ⓘ

4,665 Like	996 On Post	3,669 On Shares
658 Love	141 On Post	517 On Shares
135 Haha	25 On Post	110 On Shares
6 Wow	3 On Post	3 On Shares
2 Sad	0 On Post	2 On Shares
1 Angry	0 On Post	1 On Shares
719 Comments	112 On Post	607 On Shares
1,007 Shares	998 On Post	9 On Shares



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94,367 People Reached

6,570 Reactions, Comments & Shares

3,705 Like	665 On Post	3,040 On Shares
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223 Love	59 On Post	164 On Shares
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454 Haha	77 On Post	377 On Shares
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49 Wow	6 On Post	43 On Shares
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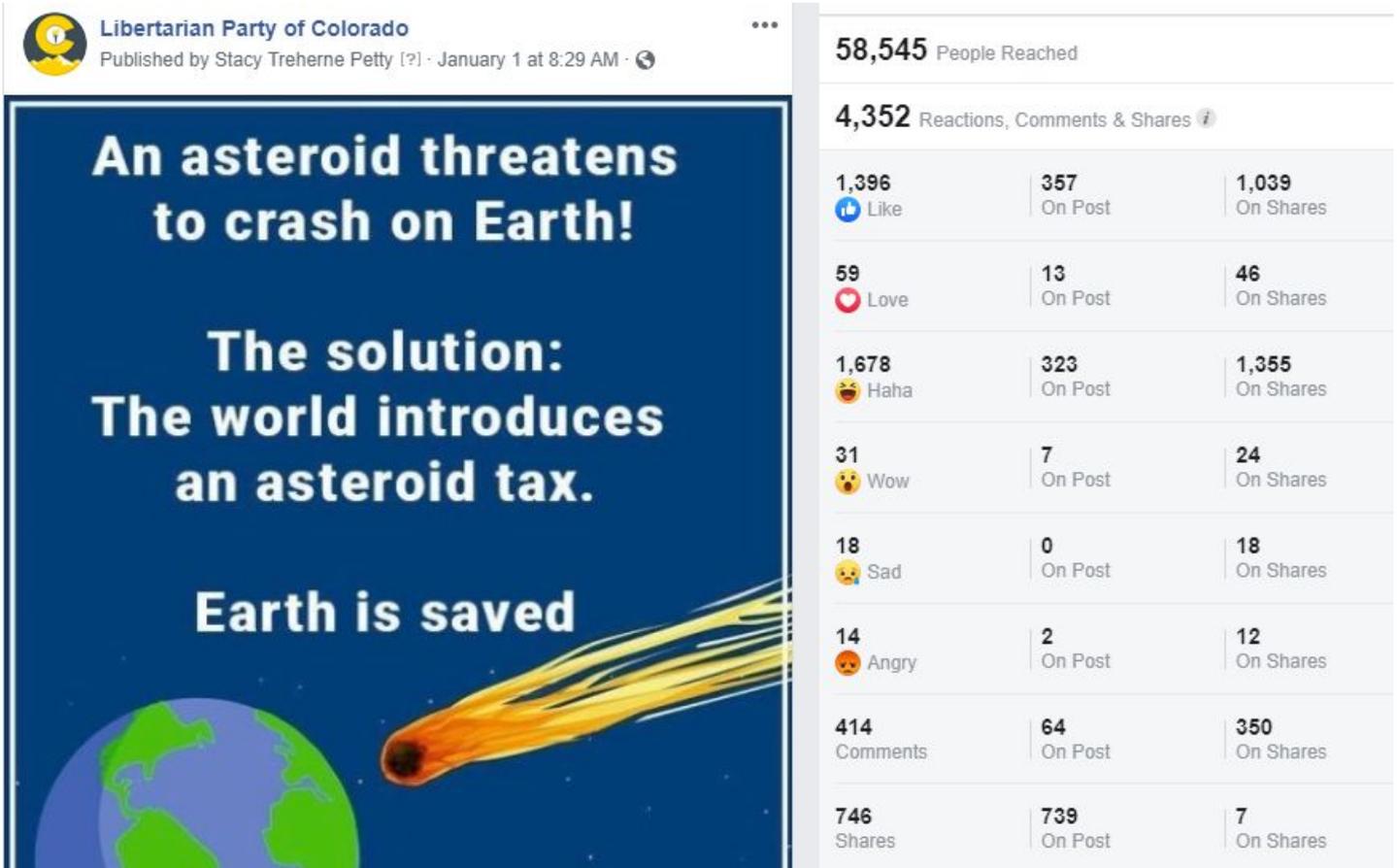
129 Sad	13 On Post	116 On Shares
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49 Angry	4 On Post	45 On Shares
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696 Comments	40 On Post	656 On Shares
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1,269 Shares	1,250 On Post	19 On Shares
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8,004 Post Clicks



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Published by Stacy Treherne Petty [?] · January 1 at 8:29 AM · 🌐

An asteroid threatens to crash on Earth!

**The solution:
The world introduces an asteroid tax.**

Earth is saved

58,545 People Reached

4,352 Reactions, Comments & Shares

1,396 Like	357 On Post	1,039 On Shares
59 Love	13 On Post	46 On Shares
1,678 Haha	323 On Post	1,355 On Shares
31 Wow	7 On Post	24 On Shares
18 Sad	0 On Post	18 On Shares
14 Angry	2 On Post	12 On Shares
414 Comments	64 On Post	350 On Shares
746 Shares	739 On Post	7 On Shares

TWITTER STATISTICS: Twitter followers at writing of report is 2,682. This is an increase of 11 followers from the previous period.

INSTAGRAM STATISTICS: Instagram followers at writing of report is 1,005. This is an increase of 5 followers from the previous month.

Website:

The website is currently up to date and being excellently maintained by David Aitken and our tech chair Mike.

Media/Events/Press Releases:

We had one press release in regards to the homeless issue specifically at Cherry Creek State Park. No news outlets chose to publish the release for the LPCO.

Communications Director Report

December 2019

We have the following writers:

- Jay Stooksberry
- John Pickerill
- Bonnie Hobart
- Nathaniel Sullivan
- William Jackson
- Safyre Lyons

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Petty

Communications Director



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Secretary Report January 2020

Petition Reform Ballot Initiative

Attended the Title Board hearing to continue to reduce the title size. The 431 original proposal was reduced to 119 words.

Approval Voting

Attended Title Board hearings to approve single subject and title wording for Approval Voting ballot initiative.

Met with Approval Voting ballot initiative proponents, the Approval Voting Party board, and officers from the Center for Election Science to plot strategy.

Campaigns

Worked with Ross Klopf to set up Facebook and other assets for RTD campaign.

Jeffco Affiliate

Continued to contribute posts to our Facebook and Twitter outlets.

***Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Spalding, Secretary***

LNC SECRETARY REPORT TO LPCO JANUARY 2020

It is my honour to serve as an officer on the Libertarian National Committee as Colorado Libertarian. Anyone who has any questions or concerns about issues concerning the national party can always contact me at 561.523.2250 or Secretary@lp.org.

Libertarian Party Bylaws

Article 6: OFFICERS

5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary.

SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

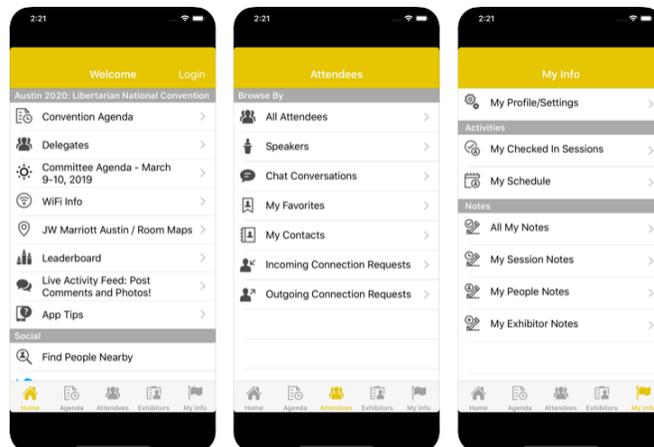
LNC Quarterly Meeting, February 1-2, 2020, Reno, Nevada

You can find details on how you can attend this meeting (in-person or via observation of the livestream) here: <https://www.lp.org/event/lnc-meeting-in-reno-nevada/>

As it gets closer, and during the meeting, you can follow along with the business items by referencing the Secretary's One Note notebook at: <https://tinyurl.com/LNCOneNoteFeb2020>

2020 National Convention, May 21-May 25, 2020, Austin, Texas

All of the information for the convention can be found at: <https://libertarianconvention.org> and be sure to download the convention app – search for LNC 2020 in the Apple App Store for iPhones or in Google Play for Android devices. A link is also found on the main convention site. This is the first time we have had a convention app, and it looks pretty great so far.



I have been authoring a series on convention for newbies for the *Liberty Pledge*. Copies of the column so far are attached.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 2019 LNC MEETING

The Reno Nugget has been selected as the 2022 convention site. The deal they gave the Party was incredible. Let’s hope it was not too good to be true.

Membership numbers have been steadily increasing under new initiatives of Mr. Fishman and Ms. Mears.

Plans are made to revamp the Spanish offerings in our outreach materials.

Mr. Pazell received funding for the Frontier Project.

Donor matches for the building fund were obtained with a goal to pay off the mortgage one (1) year early.

Convention funds will now be designated as “special events” which effectively earmarks the funds to pay the convention bills rather than raiding that till to pay other bills.

The following budget was approved:

	2020 Budget Proposal	Amendments	2020 Budget As Amended
Support and Revenue			
20-Membership Dues	727,500		727,500
21-Donations	413,400		413,400
22-Recurring Gifts	367,100		367,100
23-Board Solicitation Major Gifts	96,700	42,000	138,700
24-Convention Revenue	352,000		352,000
25-Project Program Revenue	44,900		44,900
26-Brand / Political Materials	192,000		192,000
27-Ballot Access Voter Reg Donations	149,800		149,800
28-Member Communications	0		0
29-Other Revenue & Offsets	0		0
Total Support and Revenue	<u>2,343,400</u>	42,000	<u>2,385,400</u>
Cost of Support and Revenue			
32-Fundraising Costs	332,300	1,100	333,400
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	161,400		161,400
35-Convention	352,000		352,000
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	10,000		10,000
37-Building Fundraising Exp	0		0
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	<u>855,700</u>	1,100	<u>856,800</u>
Net Support Available for Programs	1,487,700	40,900	1,528,600

Program Expense			
40-Administrative Costs	326,200		326,200
45-Compensation	418,000		418,000
50-Affiliate Support	90,000	(7,000)	83,000
55-Brand / Political Materials	192,000		192,000
58-Campus Outreach	10,000	(10,000)	0
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	102,400	80,800	183,200
70-Ballot Access Petitioning Related Exp	250,000	(15,000)	235,000
75-Litigation	15,900		15,900
80-Media	18,200		18,200
85-Membership Communications Exp	54,000	(8,000)	46,000
88-Outreach	8,500		8,500
90-Project Program Other	2,500		2,500
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,487,700</u>	40,800	<u>1,528,500</u>
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	0	100	100
Capital Exp. & Release to Pay Off Mort	33,734	6,500	40,234
Bequest Receivable	48,546		48,546
Hyatt Regency Convention Bill	0		0
Unrestricted Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	(15,000)		(24,000)
Net Surplus (or Deficit) After Capital Expenses & Bequest	14,812	(6,400)	8,412

RECENT MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

In brief, national HQ received a membership application, \$25.00 check, and a signed Pledge from an inmate in Federal prison who was convicted on charges of sex trafficking 16 and 17 year old girls. There are some questionable issues about the government's handling of his case but that is not particularly relevant here.

Here is a much simplified version.

In private, Mr. Fishman brought this application to the attention of the LNC asking if he should process. One LNC member exercised poor judgment and copied all of that discussion to the public list exposing this person's name who is not a public figure. Multiple LNC members felt that we should simply return the check and application and refuse the membership. Chair Sarwark ruled that we cannot do that as the Bylaws specify what is required for membership, and this man has fulfilled those requirements, and the LNC has no authority to add additional requirements. Further our Bylaws pointedly do not provide any methodology for expulsion of a member. This ruling was appealed. Much digital ink was spilled in what many felt was an emotional over-reaction.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained with the following votes:

Voting to sustain the ruling of the Chair: Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, O'Donnell, Olsen, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting to overturn the ruling of the Chair: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith

I had expected a revised form of this issue to be raised, but it has not yet at this time. I will not be surprised to see it on the Reno agenda.

MISC

I have announced that I am running for re-election. Resa Willis has agreed to be my campaign manager.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary

Caryn Ann's Convention Corner

So you want to be a delegate to the 2020 national convention ...
... but don't know how

Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary and
 The Pink Flame of Liberty

If that headline describes you, you have come to the right place. In each issue of Liberty Pledge leading up to the convention, I will have a column with tips, first on becoming a delegate and then how to be an effective delegate.



First, a bit of background on me. I am the current Libertarian National Secretary. However, I have not been a Libertarian – or even involved in politics at all – very long. It has been less than five years. Because of this, I remember what it was like to be utterly lost and feeling like everyone else was speaking a different language.

Though everyone was kind and wanted to help, they were so immersed in political activities that they could not relate to knowing absolutely nothing. And when I say “nothing,” in my case, I mean that almost literally. I was so disinterested and apolitical that I didn't even understand the basics of government structure, and to be frank, I was a bit embarrassed by that.

One of my great passions is mentoring others, so once I did master these processes, I immediately want-

ed to make myself available to others who may need some answers in English rather than Politicalese. Please jot down my email address, caryn.ann.harlos@lp.org, and my phone number, (561) 523-2250, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I will also be creating a video series on this subject for sharing with others.

Ready? First, let cover some foundational basics.

What is a national party convention, and what happens there?

In the Libertarian Party, we have national conventions every two years on even-numbered years. Fundamentally, the national convention is a gathering of delegates sent by the state Libertarian parties to consider and vote on important matters such as amendments to our platform and bylaws; election of the Libertarian National Committee; consideration of resolutions; and of course, every four years, the selection of our presidential and vice-presidential nominees, as we will in 2020.

There are often ancillary activities such as educational seminars and she-nigans, but those are not the core purpose of the national convention.

What is a delegate?

In a political context, a delegate is a person designated to act on behalf of another person or group. In this case, each state party sends a specified number of delegates to represent that state. The number of delegates allotted to each state is based on a calculation using the number of national party members in that state and the percentage of the national vote earned by our last presidential ticket in that state.

The national party bylaws specify that each delegate must be a member of either the national party or state party. Each state party may impose additional requirements in their bylaws.

What does it mean to be a member of the national or state party?

For purposes of the types of mem-

bership discussed here, it is not necessarily partisan voter registration as a Libertarian. In fact, there are many states which do not allow partisan voter registration. You become a qualified member of the national party by signing the non-initiation of force pledge and paying dues. The yearly dues are \$25 per year, which helps us fund ballot access so that everyone can have an opportunity to vote for the Libertarian ticket. Each state party defines requirements for membership differently, and you will need to ask your state party leadership or check their bylaws to find the requirements that would apply to you. Typically, state parties also have a dues structure, while some only require partisan voter registration. The requirements are never onerous or out of reach to the majority of people, and often people are willing to sponsor you if dues are your only obstacle.

What in the name of the Blessed Chicken on a Stick are bylaws?

Bylaws are simply the document that defines the structure of the state party organization and outlines member rights and responsibilities. You can usually find a copy of the bylaws on the state party website. If you cannot find them, reach out to me and I can assist you.

That's it for now. Your mission this month, if you choose to accept it, is to determine what the membership requirements are to be a delegate in your state and make sure you have fulfilled them. And I do urge you, even if national party membership is not required by your state, please do join and show your support.

I'm looking forward to the next time!

In Liberty,

Caryn Ann Harlos

Caryn Ann's Convention Corner

So you want to be a delegate to the 2020 national convention *but don't know how (Part 2)*

By Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary and
The Pink Flame of Liberty

Well, hello again.

Here I am again, turning up like a bad penny, to continue our series on becoming a delegate for your state to the National Libertarian Convention in Austin next year. Last time, your task was to find out the requirements to be a delegate in your state and make sure you have fulfilled them.

Make a (good) nuisance of yourself

So, what's next? Remember, state delegates are typically elected by the membership of that state affiliate or are appointed by the board of directors/state central committee. Do they know who you are? If not, well then, go to meetings and volunteer so that they can get to know you, as it is difficult to ask someone for a position if that is the first time that they have met you. You can find the contact for your state party by checking at lp.org/states. Looking through events on local Libertarian Facebook pages is also a great way to get connected. If you have tried but have not had luck (sometimes things can get really hectic, and all of the board positions are volunteer), reach out to me, and I will find a way to make it happen. Once you are in touch, confirm with the leadership that you have met the requirements to be considered for a delegate seat, and ask for your name to be kept in consideration. Ask them what else you might do to have the best chance at securing a seat.

Are delegate seats in short supply and high demand?

At this point, you may be wondering – how many delegates does my state get to send? Fantastic question! That number differs from state to state, with the number calculated from a formula using the percentage of the national vote that the last Libertarian presidential ticket received in your state and the number of National Libertarian Party



members in your state. The cut-off for national membership sign-ups to count towards this allotment was October 31, 2019, and I am busily calculating these figures right now. Next Liberty Pledge, I will publish those numbers for you, but your state party chair should know by the time you receive this issue. And with this market scarcity in mind, is there really any competition for these seats?

Be at the hottest event of the year!

Yes, yes, there is. Prior to 2016, it was typical that anyone who just showed at the convention could be confident that they would be seated with some state, if not their own state, as very few states filled their delegations, and a majority of states do allow vacancies to be filled by out-of-state residents. But with the high drama of the 2016 election season, there were far more butts than there were seats, and there is every indication that this will happen again in 2020. If for some reason you do not secure a delegate seat, the chances are excellent you can secure an alternate seat which will allow you to take the place of any delegate who is absent from the convention floor during debate and votes.

So, until next month, I expect you to be doing so much liberty work to be the liberty star that your state will send to the convention that freedom will be achieved, and we can just call it off!

Well, perhaps that won't happen, but that is your assignment for this month. Get plugged into your state and local parties, and have a great time in the best cause on earth.

If you need to reach me for any reason, my email address is secretary@lp.org, and my phone number is (561) 523-2250.

In Liberty,

Caryn Ann Harlos

Caryn Ann's Convention Corner

So you want to be a delegate to the 2020 national convention but don't know how (Part 3)

By Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary and Pink Flame of Liberty

The numbers are officially out and each state has received notification of the number of delegates that they can send to the national Libertarian Convention in 2020. The below graphic shows each state with their allotted number of delegate seats. If you have followed the instructions in the past two Liberty Pledge articles on this top-

ic, you are well on your way to earning one of the seats from your state, or to be near the top of the list of alternate delegates.

If you are interested in viewing the notification with breakdowns of the calculations sent to the state chairs, you can take a look at LPedia here: LP.org/2020-allocations

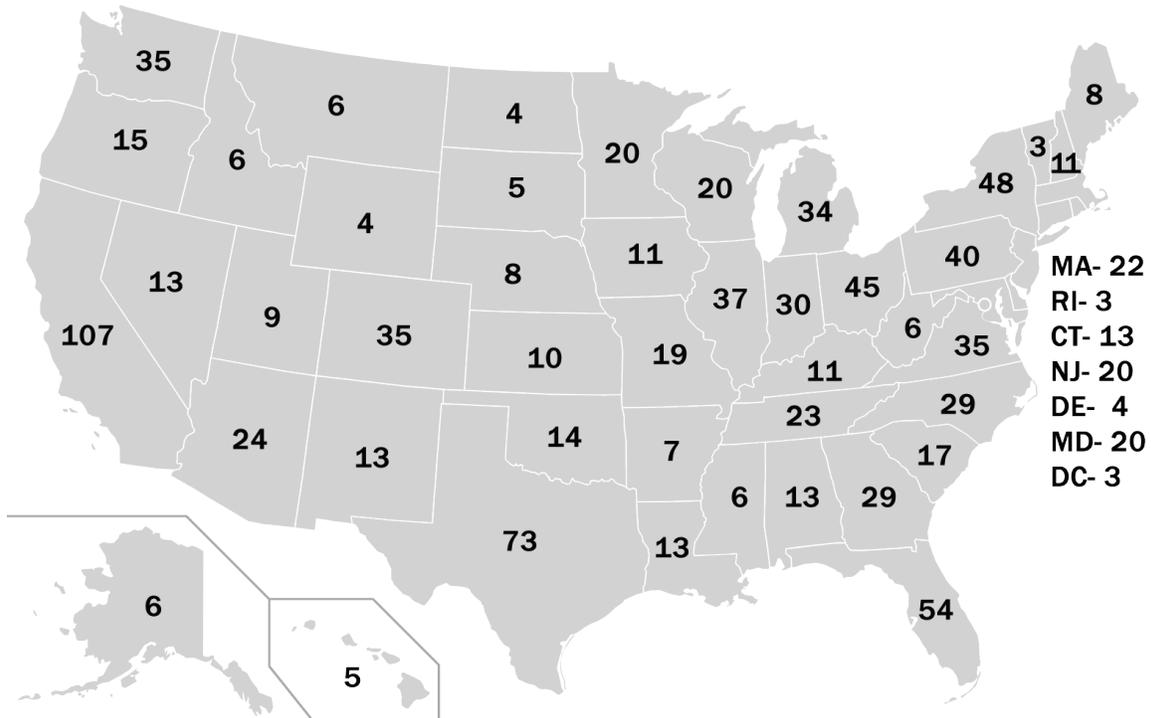
In the next Liberty Pledge, I will let you know what kind of decisions you will participate in if you are elected as a delegate.

In the meantime, if you need to reach me for any reason, my email address is secretary@lp.org, and my phone number is (561) 523-2250.

I'm looking forward to the next time!

In Liberty,

Caryn Ann Harlos



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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

Database Manager Report for January, 2020

1/2/20 – send out event notice to county affiliates (1/2 hour)
1/1/20 – set up events for Feb 1-15 (1 hour)
12/30/19 – prep events email, create post for national convention delegates (2 hours)
12/27/19 – research campaigns info data entry (1 hour)
12/26/19 – assist Campaigns with search functions, data entry (1 hour)
12/23/19 – San Juan county voter spreadsheet (2 hours)
12/17/19 – develop questions for natl about CRM email services (2 hours)
12/15/19 – discuss national email services with Ken Moellman and Mike Quinlan (1 hour)
12/14/19 – create 12/15 event mailing, leadership page changes, export testing (2 hours)
12/10/19 – event changes, director updates, new signups, misc (2 hours)
12/8/19 – correct county assignments for Longmont, training for John Pickerill (3 hours)
12/7/19 – update events for January, test export, send events email to county affiliates, correct address county (3 hours)
12/6/19 – check for bad counties (2 hours)
12/5/19 – CRM advanced search errors (2 hours)

Backups of the CiviCRM member file are created every Sunday afternoon and are saved on our Amazon drive. (2 hours/wk)

I regularly check CiviCRM for new signups and fix obvious address errors and check for duplicates. (1 hour/wk)

We pay \$90 per month to the LNC for 3 hours of priority support per month for the CRM.
We pay \$9.99 per month to MailChimp for email services which the CRM cannot provide. This allows us to email people in a specific county. This cost is recorded as an In-Kind donation by the Database Manager.

We pay \$20 per month to Sparkpost for CRM email services to cover statewide emails. This cost is recorded as an In-Kind donation by the Database Manager.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Aitken
Database Manager
Libertarian Party of Colorado