



*LNC MEETING MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:14am at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida.

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Mark Hinkle (Chair), Mark Rutherford (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Bill Redpath (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Kevin Knedler, Wayne Allyn Root, Mary Ruwart, Rebecca Sink-Burris

Regional Representatives: Doug Craig (Region 1), Stewart Flood (Region 1), Dan Wiener (Region 1), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Andy Wolf (Region 3), Norm Olsen (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5S), Dianna Visek (Region 6)

Regional Alternates: Scott Lieberman (Region 1), Brad Ploeger (Region 1), David Blau (Region 2), Brett Pojunis (Region 4), Audrey Capozzi (Region 5N)

Randy Eshelman (At-Large) and Dan Karlan (Region 5N) were not present.

LNC Counsel Gary Sinawski was not present, but did participate by phone in Executive Session.

Staff present included Executive Director Carla Howell and Operations Director Robert Kraus.

The gallery contained numerous other attendees including, but not limited to: Lynn House (FL), Chuck House (FL), Joey Kidd (GA), John Wayne Smith (FL), Aaron Starr (CA), Chad Monnin (OH), Aaron Harris (OH), Steve LaBianca (FL)

CREDENTIALS

Since the previous LNC session, the following events have occurred with regard to LNC credentials:

- On December 21, Region 5N notified the LNC Secretary that Audrey Capozzi had been selected to serve as their regional alternate, filling the vacancy created when Carl Vassar resigned.
- On February 15, the Region 5S chairs informed Chairman Hinkle and Executive Director Howell that Marakay Rogers was no longer the Region 5S alternate representative, due to the expiration of her sustaining membership. On Feb. 18, the Region 5S chairs informed Mr. Hinkle and Ms. Howell that Ms. Rogers had renewed her sustaining membership, and that the chairs had voted to elect her to serve as Region 5S alternate representative for the remainder of the 2010-2012 term.
- On March 4, the California affiliate held its state convention and re-elected Dan Wiener as regional representative and Scott Lieberman as regional alternate, to serve terms ending at their 2014 convention.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Since LNC members received the agenda only at the start of the meeting, Mr. Wolf moved for a 10 minute recess to review the newly-presented agenda, and the motion was adopted without objection.

After the recess, starting from an inferred motion to adopt the proposed agenda:

Treasurer Redpath moved to amend the agenda to set the Ballot Access Report agenda item for a time specific at 4pm Saturday, and the motion was adopted without objection.

Without objection the 2016 Convention Site Selection item was set for a time specific at 2pm on Saturday.

Ms. Sink-Burris made a motion that after amendment became to reposition the Executive Session item, Counsel's Report item, and the Motions Resulting From Executive Session item consecutively immediately after the LNC At-Large Upcoming Vacancy item. The motion was adopted.

Vice-Chairman Rutherford moved to reposition Officer Reports, Staff Reports, Regional Reports, and Standing Committees except for the Convention Oversight Committee to occur after the New Business with Previous Notice category. The motion was adopted without objection.

Secretary Mattson moved to add an item to address an expected APRC Vacancy due to Randy Eshelman's pending resignation, and to place the new item after the LNC At-Large Upcoming Vacancy item. The motion was adopted without objection.

Vice-Chairman Rutherford moved to add a 10-minute item to discuss Platform Survey Data following the Staff Reports, and the motion was adopted without objection.

Dr. Ruwart moved to strike from the agenda the LNC At-Large Upcoming Vacancy item and the APRC Vacancy item, but the motion failed.

The LNC adopted the agenda as amended, so the resulting agenda became as shown below:

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	5 minutes
LNC At-Large Upcoming Vacancy	15 minutes
APRC Vacancy	
Executive Session for Legal, Personnel, Board Self-Evaluation Matters, and Counsel's Report	
Motions Resulting from Executive Session	30 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee Report	60 minutes
Reports of Special Committees	
Supporting Affiliates ("New Visions" Committee)	15 minutes
LPHQ Building Fund (Hinkle)	5 minutes
Report of Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA)	5 minutes
Unfinished Business and Items Postponed from Previous Meeting	
LSLA IT Project	45 minutes
New Business with Previous Notice	
Nebraska Ballot Access Lobbying (Eshelman)	15 minutes
Officer Reports	
Chair's Report	10 minutes
Treasurer's Report	15 minutes
Secretary's Report	15 minutes
Staff Reports	45 minutes
Platform Survey Data	10 minutes
Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)	5 minutes each
Reports of Standing Committees	
Affiliate Support Committee (Olsen)	5 minutes
Audit Committee (Starr)	5 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee (Wolf)	5 minutes
IT Committee (Flood)	5 minutes
Outreach Committee (Visek)	5 minutes
New Business without Previous Notice	
Status of Changes for New Membership Levels (Knedler)	10 minutes
Campaign & Super Brochure (Craig)	10 minutes
Convention Awards (Knedler)	20 minutes
Closing Ceremony	
Announcements	5 minutes
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes
Special Orders	
2pm Sat - 2016 Convention Site Selection (w/presentations by top-three)	120 minutes
4pm Sat - Ballot Access Report (Redpath)	30 minutes

REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Secretary reported that since the previous meeting, the following potential conflicts of interest were submitted:

Guy McLendon reported he has accepted the post as the Texas coordinator for the Gary Johnson campaign.

Stewart Flood reported that as a member of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina affiliate, he had voted in favor of an adopted resolution which endorsed Gary Johnson for the LP Presidential nomination.

Brad Ploeger reported that he was re-elected as Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Atlanta, Inc. a duly chartered sub-affiliate of the LP. Additionally, he is the Georgia Libertarian Party's 2012 nominated candidate for the Georgia Public Service Commission, District 3.

David Blau reported "I have been asked in my capacity as Chair of the Massachusetts Party to coordinate and host a fundraiser in Boston for the Gary Johnson campaign. I agreed, with the understanding that I would perform the same service for any presidential candidate who asked me to do this."

Doug Craig reported he has been helping the Wrights campaign and has given him money.

Brett Pojunis reported "I too am hosting a fundraising event for Gary Johnson at my home next Monday, March 5th. I am also willing to help out any candidate should they ask."

Wayne Root reported that he has been named to the following positions within the Gary Johnson campaign: Chairman of the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Roundtable, Member of the Council of Economic Advisors.

LNC AT-LARGE UPCOMING VACANCY

Randy Eshelman had notified the LNC by email on March 4th that he needs to resign his LNC position, and his resignation would be effective upon the election of his successor.

Ms. Visek moved to simultaneously accept Randy Eshelman's resignation and elect his successor. The motion was adopted.

Nominations were opened for filling the pending vacancy. Chairman Hinkle nominated Wes Benedict. Mr. Olsen nominated Brett Pojunis. Mr. Flood moved to close nominations, and the motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Olsen and Mr. Pojunis spoke to the nomination of Mr. Pojunis. In absence of Mr. Benedict, Mr. Craig and Chairman Hinkle and Dr. Ruwart spoke to his nomination.

Treasurer Redpath moved to conduct the election using a secret ballot. After discussing whether an election is a substantive motion for which the bylaws would require a roll call vote, Chairman Hinkle ruled the motion to elect through secret ballot as being out of order. Mr. Wolf moved to appeal the ruling of the chair. The vote to sustain the ruling of the chair failed by a vote of 6 in favor and 9 opposed, allowing Mr. Redpath's motion to be introduced. The motion to use a secret ballot was then adopted by a vote of 10 in favor and 5 opposed.

Election Results

17 ballots were turned in, but 1 ballot was a written abstention, so with 16 votes cast:

Brett Pojunis received 10 votes

Wes Benedict received 6 votes

Brett Pojunis was elected, having received a majority vote.

Dr. Lark moved that the LNC express its appreciation to Randy Eshelman for his service, wish him luck in his run for City Council, and wish his family well regarding his wife's illness. The motion was adopted without objection.

APRC VACANCY

Mr. Eshelman had been serving on the Advertising & Publications Review Committee (APRC), so his resignation from the LNC created a vacancy on the APRC, as he was no longer eligible to serve on it.

Nominations were opened for the APRC vacancy. Dr. Ruwart nominated Doug Craig. Secretary Mattson nominated Dan Karlan. Without objection nominations were closed.

Treasurer Redpath moved to conduct the election using a secret ballot, and the motion was adopted without objection.

Dan Karlan was not present to accept his nomination, but when an LNC member phoned him to inquire about his willingness to serve, it was learned that he declined his nomination, leaving Doug Craig as the only nominee.

Treasurer Redpath moved to suspend the rules to allow appointing Doug Craig by acclamation, and the motion was adopted. The motion to appoint Doug Craig to the APRC was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Visek moved to enter Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and board self-evaluation matters. After discussion, the motion was adopted, and the LNC entered executive session at 10:55am.

At 12:22pm the LNC adjourned for lunch and then re-convened at 1:34pm in executive session. The LNC rose from executive session at 2:00pm without objection to take up the agenda item set for 2:00pm.

2016 CONVENTION SITE SELECTION – HOTEL PRESENTATIONS

All three of the finalist hotels for the 2016 convention site selection made presentations and fielded questions about their properties and bids. These finalists were:

Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles, CA
Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL

No LNC action was taken at this time, but a 2016 convention site was selected later in the session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTINUED

The LNC entered executive session again at 4:15pm to continue the unfinished topics from the earlier executive session. The LNC rose from executive session at 4:30pm to take up the Ballot Access Report agenda item.

BALLOT ACCESS REPORT

Treasurer Redpath discussed his written ballot access report, which is contained in Appendix B, and which covers the rationale for the encumbrances requested below.

Dr. Lark requested that the minutes reflect appreciation for the fine work of Karl Swisher in the West Virginia effort.

Regarding Illinois, Treasurer Redpath hopes but does not promise they won't have to come back for more funding later for Illinois. Hotels for petitioners in Chicago are particularly expensive and could drive the cost up. Illinois is a challenge state. This petition drive will cover only the presidential ticket, and they will need to petition separately for their down-ticket candidates. Ms. Visek reported on some litigation approaches the Illinois affiliate is attempting to improve the ballot access requirements.

Treasurer Redpath moved to make 2012 ballot access petition drives encumbrances in the following amounts:

- \$60,000 for Illinois
- \$14,000 for Kentucky
- \$10,000 for Oklahoma
- \$20,000 for West Virginia

After further discussion, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Flood, Hinkle, Kirkland, Knedler, Lark, Mattson, Ploeger (for Craig), Pojunis, Redpath, Rutherford, Ruwart, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Olsen

The motion was adopted by a vote of 16-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTINUED

At 5:05pm the LNC entered Executive Session to continue with unfinished items. The LNC rose from Executive Session at 6:35pm.

Mr. Flood moved to adjourn to 8:30pm tonight, but following debate the motion failed by a vote of 7-9.

Treasurer Redpath moved to take up the agenda item for Motions Resulting from Executive Session, then entertain questions on the Treasurer's report and then adjourn to 8:00am tomorrow morning. The motion was adopted.

MOTIONS RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary Mattson moved that the Libertarian National Committee authorize and direct any officer to execute the informed consent letter drafted by Tyler Smith.

After debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Blau (for Kirkland), Capozzi, Flood, Knedler, Lark, Mattson, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Ruwart

Abstentions: Craig, Hinkle

The motion was adopted by a vote of 15-1.

Ms. Visek moved that we adopt the motion:

Ordered, that the LNC directs the Chair and Staff to cause the books and FEC reports to be corrected within seven days to reflect that no receivable was ever due from Aaron Starr.

Following debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Flood, Knedler, Lark, Mattson, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Hinkle, Kirkland

Abstentions: Craig, Ruwart

The motion was adopted by a vote of 14-2.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Redpath had submitted a written report and fielded questions on it. No LNC action was taken.

At approximately 7:15pm, Treasurer Redpath moved to adjourn until 8:00am tomorrow morning, and the motion was adopted without objection.

The LNC reconvened at 8:15am (after a Daylight Savings Time change) on March 11th.

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BUILDING FUND

Without objection, upon request from Mr. Knedler the rules were suspended for 5 minutes to hear from Mr. Blau about how to move forward with the building fund, which has \$120,000 in it.

Mr. Blau indicated that he wants to help move the building fund project forward beginning with a survey of LNC members to get a sense of what is/isn't acceptable for our desires/needs for a building. He wishes to build a committee with a chair, 2 fundraisers, a real estate professional, and an analyst.

Mr. Blau made a motion that with clarification became a motion to appoint a special committee of 5 members (with David Blau as chair, and 4 others to be appointed by Mr. Blau) to perform requirements gathering, fundraising, and a building search.

Voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Blau (for Kirkland), Capozzi, Flood, Hinkle, Knedler, Lark, Lieberman (for Craig), Mattson, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Ruwart, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Olsen

The motion was adopted by a vote of 16-1.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Convention Oversight Committee (COC) Chair Ruth Bennett was not present and had not submitted a written report. Other COC members indicated they were not privy to sufficient information to give a report about the upcoming 2012 convention, and the Red Rock hotel has been instructed by Ms. Bennett to not give information to anyone but her.

Mr. Olsen moved with regard to the 2012 convention in Las Vegas:

- 1) The \$94 mandatory floor fee shall be made optional;
- 2) All members who have paid the floor fee shall be offered a refund; and
- 3) All members who have purchased a package or made a voluntary contribution have a visual recognition added to their convention badge.

Secretary Mattson moved to amend the motion as follows:

With regard to the 2012 convention in Las Vegas:

- 1) ~~The \$94 mandatory floor fee shall be made optional;~~ The \$94 cost of the business session shall be made optional in all packages;
- 2) All members who have paid the floor fee shall be offered a refund; and
- 3) All members who have purchased a package or made a voluntary contribution have a visual recognition added to their convention badge.

Following debate, voting on the amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Flood, Hinkle, Knedler, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Craig, Kirkland, Olsen, Ruwart

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 13-4, so that the main motion as amended became:

With regard to the 2012 convention in Las Vegas:

- 1) The \$94 cost of the business session shall be made optional in all packages;
- 2) All members who have paid the floor fee shall be offered a refund; and
- 3) All members who have purchased a package or made a voluntary contribution have a visual recognition added to their convention badge.

Following additional debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Craig, Kirkland, Lark, Olsen, Ruwart

Voting "nay": Capozzi, Flood, Hinkle, Knedler, Mattson, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

The motion failed by a vote of 5-12.

Secretary Mattson made a motion, which following amendment without objection became the following:

Staff is hereby directed to provide on a weekly basis the cumulative list of all individuals who have purchased a package for the 2012 convention, along with their complete contact information (including emails and phone numbers) to the Libertarian National Congressional Committee, the Credentials Committee, and the respective state chairs. The Treasurer at his discretion is hereby authorized to travel to LP Headquarters at LP expense and is empowered with all executive powers of the Chair necessary to effect compliance with this directive.

Following debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Craig, Kirkland, Knedler, Mattson, Olsen, Root, Rutherford, Ruwart, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Hinkle, Lark

Abstentions: Flood, Redpath

The motion was adopted by a vote of 13-2.

Staff indicated that providing the data to the state chairs would be time-consuming, so Aaron Starr (who is the LSLA Secretary) volunteered to complete the portion of the work required to split by state and send it to state chairs.

NEW VISIONS COMMITTEE

In the absence of Dan Karlan, Aaron Starr reported on behalf of the New Visions Committee that though at the prior LNC session, a motion was passed directing certain information to be provided to the New Visions Committee within 60 days, they hadn't received anything. The Executive Director apologized for not meeting the 60-day time frame of that motion, but indicated that some of the data is now available in the staff report printed in the binders for this meeting.

By email, Dan Karlan submitted his resignation as chair of the New Visions Committee (though he remains on the committee), so the committee will need to select a new committee chair. No LNC action was taken.

2016 SITE SELECTION - CONTINUED

Following general discussion of the three proposals presented for the 2016 convention site, including discussion of the acceptable dates, Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC authorize the Chair to enter into a contract for the 2016 Libertarian National Convention at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in the date range of May 12-15, 2016.

Following additional debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Flood, Mattson, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Craig, Hinkle, Kirkland, Olsen, Ruwart, Visek

Abstentions: Knedler, Lark

The motion was adopted by a vote of 9-6.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to hear Doug Craig's remaining agenda item before he had to depart, and the motion was adopted without objection.

CAMPAIGN & SUPER BROCHURE

Mr. Craig explained there is a private organization within the Ron Paul movement with a website called www.RonPaulProducts.com. The vendor has a stock Ron Paul "super brochure" and a database of registered voters. The buyer pays for coverage of a particular district, and the vendor mails the brochure to the registered

voters in that district. The cost is roughly \$0.55 per brochure delivered, including postage. If we develop LP-branded brochure contents, the same company is willing to develop a similar offering for our party and our candidates, including state candidates.

Mr. Craig made a motion that with clarification became:
Doug Craig has the authority to work with the www.RonPaulProducts.com group to set up a proposed agreement with the LP to do the same thing they're doing with Ron Paul.

Discussion clarified that any agreement would require approval of the LNC before execution. It would use domain names that are suited for the LP or its candidates.

The motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Olsen moved to suspend the rules to take up a new item regarding fighting "top-two" in Arizona, and the motion was adopted without objection.

FIGHTING "TOP-TWO"

Mr. Olsen moved that the LNC hereby authorizes that funds available for ballot access are available to oppose "top-two" initiatives.

During debate it was clarified that the intent is to allow the Executive Committee to use ballot access funds for "top-two" fights, as it is essentially a ballot access issue.

Following debate, the motion was adopted without objection.

STATUS OF CHANGES FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Mr. Knedler inquired with staff about the progress on changes needed for the new membership levels which go into effect starting July 1, 2012. The next LP News edition will be advertising the changes including the increase in the life membership donation amount. Our website vendor will get 6-8 weeks notice to implement the required changes by the change date. No LNC action was taken.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Hinkle gave an oral report on his activities since the last LNC session, including working with a group putting together a Third Party Summit on May 9th to share strategies on issues we have in common, radio appearances, and talking with a group about going to Pakistan to address some third-party issues there.

Chairman Hinkle moved to authorize use of our direct mail list for the Regulate Marijuana Like Wine initiative in California, with the cost of the mailing to be paid for by the proponents.

It was clarified that this would go through our mail house so that the RMLW group does not receive the list.

Without objection the LNC adopted a motion made by Mr. Olsen to amend by permitting the same arrangement for the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol initiative in Colorado, so that the main motion became: to authorize use of our direct mail list for the Regulate Marijuana Like Wine initiative in California and the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol initiative in Colorado, with the cost of the mailing to be paid for by the respective proponents.

Following debate, the main motion as amended was adopted without objection.

Ms. Sink-Burris moved to suspend the rules for 5 minutes to address questions that have arisen regarding the funding check for the LSLA IT project, and the motion was adopted.

LSLA IT PROJECT FUNDING CHECK

Following yesterday's executive session, it seemed the LSLA IT project (dubbed Saratoga) funding check would be provided as previously directed by the LNC. When the LSLA officers received the check, though, it came with a request to sign a vendor contract that would have made the LNC the owner of the developed software and would have forbidden the LSLA from sharing the data in it with either the data hosting center or the state affiliates. Additionally, the check itself contained a legal agreement unacceptable to the LSLA, and not directed by the LNC, which agreement had not been vetted by the LNC's legal counsel, nor had the LSLA had opportunity to seek counsel about it.

Secretary Mattson moved to direct staff to immediately issue a replacement check with no conditions on it.

Following debate, voting on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Knedler, Lieberman (for Craig), Mattson, Olsen, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Flood, Hinkle, Kirkland, Lark, Ruwart

The main motion was adopted by a vote of 12-5, and a replacement check complying with the motion was presented during the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS - CONTINUED

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Mattson reported the following status updates for minutes of LNC and Executive Committee meetings.

- December 10-11, 2011 LNC session in Las Vegas, NV – auto-approved January 10, 2012
- February 15, 2012 Executive Committee teleconference – without objection auto-approved March 2, 2012

The Secretary's proposed technical changes to the Policy Manual will, without objection become adopted as of the end of this LNC session today.

The following 6 email ballots were completed since the last LNC session:

Motion: Notwithstanding the appointment process described in Section 1.03.1 of the Policy Manual, the LNC hereby appoints Brett Pojunis to the Convention Oversight Committee.

Co-Sponsors: Kevin Knedler, Alicia Mattson, Wayne Root, Rebecca Sink-Burris

Start Date: 02/02/12

End Date: 02/17/12

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Eshelman, Knedler, Lark, Mattson, Olsen, Redpath, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Blau, Craig, Hinkle, Ruwart

Specifically Stated Abstention: Flood

The motion was adopted by a vote of 13-4.

Motion: The LNC hereby directs Staff to remove from the Party's website the listing of individuals seeking the Party's nomination for President or Vice President.

Co-Sponsors: Alicia Mattson, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Kevin Knedler, Randy Eshelman

Start Date: 02/02/12

End Date: 02/17/12

Voting "aye": Capozzi, Eshelman, Knedler, Lieberman, Mattson, Olsen, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wolf

Voting "nay": Hinkle, Kirkland, Lark, Redpath, Ruwart, Wiener

The motion was adopted by a vote of 11-6.

Motion: Notwithstanding the appointment process described in Section 1.03.1 of the Policy Manual, the LNC hereby appoints Norm Olsen as Chairman of the Affiliate Support Committee.

Co-Sponsors: Mark Rutherford, Wayne Root, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Randy Eshelman, Dianna Visek

Start Date: 02/08/12

End Date: 02/23/12

Voting "aye": Eshelman, Kirkland, Knedler, Lark, Lieberman, Mattson, Ploeger, Root, Rutherford, Ruwart, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": (none)

Specifically Stated Abstention: Olsen

The motion was adopted by a vote of 14-0.

Motion: RESOLVED, that if the LNC Chair or Staff have not yet sent funds to the LSLA for the first payment for the LSLA IT project as specified in the 2012 budget adopted by the LNC at the December, 2011 meeting in Las Vegas, then the Treasurer is instructed to do so immediately. If the Treasurer does not comply within 48 hours of the adoption of this motion, then the Vice Chair is instructed to do so immediately. Any travel or extraordinary expenses necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution shall be paid by the LNC.

Co-Sponsors: Andy Wolf, Randy Eshelman, Dianna Visek, Wayne Root, Rebecca Sink-Burris

Start Date: 02/18/12

End Date: 03/04/12

Voting "aye": Blau, Eshelman, Knedler, Lieberman, Mattson, Olsen, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wolf

Voting "nay": Craig, Flood, Lark, Ruwart

Specifically Stated Abstention: Karlan, Redpath

With a final vote tally of 11-4, the motion received sufficient votes to pass.

During the vote on February 18 Chairman Hinkle stated by email "This motion is out of order. The Vice Chair has no signature authority on any bank account and thus cannot carry out the intent of this motion."

Secretary Mattson on February 19 cited Bylaws Article 10.4 which states:

"The National Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party, and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds."

And also Policy Manual section 2.03.2, which states in part regarding banking relationships:

"Persons permitted to sign will include only the officers, the Executive Director, and those LPHQ staff members to be agreed upon by the joint decision of the Chair and the Treasurer."

Rather than using a mail ballot to appeal the ruling of the chair, the topic was taken up in this LNC session on March 10-11th, and a different motion was passed to resolve the underlying matter without needing to resolve the status of this mail ballot.

Motion: RESOLVED, that the following language be inserted in the Policy Manual:

Section 2.09.7 OTHER MATTERS: Convention Speakers

No person shall be scheduled as a convention speaker unless that person has signed this statement:

"As a condition of my being scheduled to speak, I agree to neither seek nor accept nomination for any office to be selected by delegates at the upcoming Libertarian Party convention."

This policy shall not apply to participation in a scheduled candidate debate. This policy shall not apply in the case where someone is exercising official duties (e.g. such as when the Treasurer presents his official report).

Co-Sponsors: Rebecca Sink-Burris, Stewart Flood, Vicki Kirkland, Dianna Visek

Start Date: 02/19/12

End Date: 03/05/12

Voting "aye": Eshelman, Flood, Knedler, Mattson, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wolf

Voting "nay": Blau, Craig, Karlan, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Ruwart, Wiener

The motion was adopted by a vote of 9-8.

Motion: RESOLVED, that the following language be inserted in the Policy Manual:

Section 2.03.4 FINANCIAL MATTERS: Conventions

The Party shall not directly or indirectly compensate or otherwise underwrite or subsidize the convention travel, lodging, entertainment costs or speaker fees/honorariums of any Convention delegates. This policy shall not prohibit the Party from underwriting organized convention events offered to all donors of a particular level. This policy shall not prohibit a delegate from receiving a complimentary meal if the delegate is performing volunteer work specifically related to that meal event.

Proviso: This policy shall be effective starting with the 2012 convention.

Co-Sponsors: Dianna Visek, Dan Wiener, Rebecca Sink-Burris, Randy Eshelman

Start Date: 02/20/12

End Date: 03/06/12

Voting "aye": Eshelman, Knedler, Mattson, Pojunis, Root, Rutherford, Sink-Burris, Visek, Wiener, Wolf

Voting "nay": Craig, Blau, Flood, Hinkle, Karlan, Lark, Redpath, Ruwart

The motion was adopted by a vote of 10-8.

REPORT OF THE LIBERTARIAN STATE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Without objection LNC voted to adopt a motion made by Mr. Knedler to suspend the rules to take up the agenda item for the Report of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA).

LSLA Secretary Aaron Starr gave an oral report regarding their activities, including a plan to create a wiki-type website for state affiliates to share best practices for affiliates.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Carla Howell gave an oral report to supplement and note the highlights of the written staff report. She noted an increase in media inquiries from things like Ron Paul events and Gary Johnson's announcement. The LP took opportunity to work on a Virginia effort to nullify the National Defense Authorization Act, and other issue efforts have gotten us some media attention.

Operations Director Robert Kraus took questions on his printed report in the binder.

PLATFORM SURVEY DATA

Secretary Mattson spoke on the fact that the recent survey regarding the Platform Committee report had been altered without discussing it with her, and her access to the survey had been removed.

Ms. Visek moved that access be restored on Monday (March 12th) to the Platform Committee Chair to the software used by staff for the survey.

Mr. Wolf moved to close debate, which was adopted without objection.

The main motion was adopted without objection.

Dr. Lieberman moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering a motion that would give the Executive Committee the power to resolve rulings of the chair on email ballots. The motion to suspend the rules failed by a vote of 10-6.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Olsen supplemented his written Region 4 report with an oral report. He recently attended the Arizona Executive Committee meeting and the Nevada state convention. The Arizona affiliate is rightfully concerned about the “top-two” camel’s nose in their tent. Colorado so far has 55 candidates recruited for this year’s ballot and is working hard to build a full slate of 65 candidates for November.

Ms. Visek supplemented her written Region 6 report with an oral report. She encourages other states to consider approaches to improving ballot access similar to the litigation model Illinois is using filing challenges in federal courts, with the assistance of the LNC legal counsel.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE (ASC)

ASC Chair Norm Olsen gave an oral report. The newly restructured committee has barely had time to work yet, and they are working on developing their purpose statement and setting goals and metrics by which to measure success. No LNC action was taken.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Chair Aaron Starr reported they had a pre-audit meeting with the auditor. The fieldwork for the audit starts on March 19th, and staff is working on providing them with materials. Draft financial statements should be completed April 15th. The committee has requested examples from the auditor for his previously stated recommendations on handling of bequests. No LNC action was taken.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)

EPCC Chair Andy Wolf reported that they’ve been continuing work towards developing an Employee Manual, including reviewing things in the Policy Manual that are probably more tailored for an Employee Manual. Thanks to much effort by Mr. Blau, they will have a draft manual soon to send to the Executive Director and staff for their feedback. No LNC action was taken.

IT COMMITTEE

IT Committee Chair Stewart Flood reported on the committee’s accomplishments this term, including the upgraded servers in HQ. Staff has now gotten the new VOIP phone system installed in the office with no major hiccups in its installation. The phone system is capable of expansion to make features available to state affiliates in a second phase which can be planned with help of Bob Johnston. The Executive Director indicated it’s a great improvement over the previous system. No LNC action was taken.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach Committee Chair Dianna Visek reported her sense that during the next term the board should consider redesigning the Outreach Committee and some of its purposes can be transferred to the Affiliate Support Committee.

CONVENTION AWARDS

Mr. Knedler made a presentation on his spearheading of the convention awards for this year, including a new concept for a Hall of Liberty. At his request, the LNC gave unanimous consent to create such a Hall of Liberty and to appoint Dr. Lark, Dr. Ruwart, Mr. Redpath, Ms. Sink-Burris, and Mr. Knedler to be the Hall of Liberty selection committee for 1-3 inductees this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned without objection at 1:17pm

Staff Report

Prepared by Carla Howell, Executive Director

Meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

March 10-11, 2012 in Orlando, Florida

Press inquiries and coverage

There's been a bump in demand for LP media interviews since the last LNC meeting in December. This was the result of several factors: Ron Paul's ascendancy in the race for the GOP nomination, the announcement of Gary Johnson's bid for the Libertarian nomination, and reporters who were seeking comments from me as a result of my past campaigning experiences. Below is a partial list of media hits since December 15, 2011:

<u>Media Outlet</u>	<u>Topic</u>
CNN.com	NTSB and nationwide cell phone ban
Voice of America TV	Ron Paul (TV Profile)
Christian Science Monitor	Gary Johnson
Financial Times Deutschland	Ron Paul and the rise of libertarianism
Bloomberg News	Gary Johnson
The New Yorker	Libertarian nominating process, general
The New York Times	Ron Paul
Fort Worth Star Telegram	Ron Paul and New Hampshire primary
Albuquerque Journal	Gary Johnson
Wall Street Journal	Gary Johnson
Christian Science Monitor	Ron Paul
Buzzsaw (Ithaca College)	General LP questions
Christian Science Monitor	Ron Paul
Feature Story News	Gold and U.S. currency
RT TV	2012 Presidential Race
KGMC	Libertarian Party
RT TV	Response to State of the Union
Five TV	Political System in the U.S.
KRMS	Downsizing Big Government
Voice of Russia-English (1390AM)	Gary Johnson
KSSZ	Libertarian Party
WSBA	Gary Johnson
WINA	Gary Johnson
KTKK (Salt Lake City Am 630)	General Libertarian
90.1 FM (Austin)	Fighting the income tax, Mitt Romney
Atlantic Television News	Debate w/ Green, Economist (Keynesian!)
CBS	Libertarianism student movement

Current Projects

Convention Preparation

We are about to enter crunch mode for convention preparation. Below are key areas that will require intense focus on the part of staff over the next two months to ensure the convention runs smoothly while getting out LP News and fulfilling core staff functions.

Completed, or mostly complete:

- Convention web site
- Four email fund-raising letters
- One small mailing to Gold/Life members
- 157 packages sold as of 3/8/12 (mostly Gold)

Work in progress:

- LP News – convention issue
- Organize Elected Libertarian panels
- Libertarian Solutions Contest

To-be-assigned or not started:

- Press coordinator; set up of radio row/ press room, press kits
- Publication of registration materials, fund-raiser, event tickets
- Recruitment and management of interns and volunteers
- Promotional materials for Torch Club, Gold, Silver packages
- Awards
- LP vendor booth
- Audio/Visual/Tech support
- Hotel liaison
- Decorations and set-up of rooms, signage

Member services

Many of the routine publications that we transmit such as thank you notes, renewal appeals, etc. had not been updated in a long time. Some have been updated, with more updates needed, including a policy to ensure communications like thank-you notes are updated monthly.

Replacement of Lyriss for email blasts

The Lyriss system is both overpriced and difficult to use, which has led to several mistakes. We have done some research on replacement EMS (email marketing services). Constant Contact, iContact and Vertical Response are currently being considered.

Because it is near impossible to know which service offers the best delivery rates, we intend to engage at least 2 new vendors, split lists and test which yield the best delivery based on response. We will eventually settle on one. This should save about \$18,000 / year on operating costs.

Replacement of Terra Eclipse

Terra Eclipse is both overpriced and offers poor response – unless we pay even more for their pricey maintenance contract. A search is on to find a replacement service.

Redesign of LP.org and Facebook page

Facebook changes that will take effect end of March necessitate redesign of our Facebook page, which has begun. We're also intending to restructure the home page of LP.org. Design goals have been drafted. Most changes will not take place until we move to a new vendor to first stabilize them on current design.

Libertarian Solutions

Text has been written and edited (most not yet posted) for the LP Solutions Contest at convention. Essentially the same material is being used to recruit writers as it will be the focus of most blog posts going forward outside of LP and candidate news. Materials are also being used to provide to candidates who call seeking support. They are being universally met with positive responses.

House Letters

One house letter has been sent so far with another in the works. The first letter (teaser: The Ron Paul Effect) has yielded \$26,685 in donations so far (still coming in). Next house letter is in the works.

LP News

Content for about 40% of the next issue (convention issue) has been sent to Andrew Davis to start layout. This is behind schedule and must go to print ASAP. Will be top priority after LNC meeting.

Post-convention priorities

- Fund-raising
- Membership growth
- Promotion of presidential nominee
- Libertarian Solutions
- Candidate recruitment and support

Staffing

Current Issues

Overall, existing staff members work diligently and efficiently and are well-suited to their duties and responsibilities. The biggest issue we're dealing with is the void left by the departure of Art DiBianca in December. While both Art and Wes Benedict were helpful in bringing personnel up to speed on their duties, we are still shuffling some as well as hiring his replacement. Several part-time contractors, mostly writers, have been engaged on a trial basis until I can determine which ones are most suited for the job. In all likelihood we will replace Art with several part-time workers rather than one full-time.

Nigel Lyons has been underutilized as he has had little direction in the production of videos, which is what he was hired for. We are in the process of correcting this. Once we get our

writers up to speed, we will develop a repository of source material ready for him to shoot and edit, which will put him in a much better position to use his video production skills effectively. Meanwhile, he has been able to do some filming, editing and cataloging of material at local events and in studio as well as take over some of the technical tasks that Art used to perform, i.e., formatting and preparing emails, web site updates, and blog posts.

Detailed Staff Duties

The below table shows an estimated percentage of time spent on each task by staff members (employees and contractors).

Please note that for each, these are rough percentages which can vary substantially from month to month.

Carla Howell: Executive Director	
Convention support: email fund-raising, logistics, management, materials	20%
Writing - blog, press releases, Pledge, LP News	17%
Media inquiry responses, interviews, travel to interview (varies!)	12%
Staff supervision, general management, LNC/Chair interface	12%
LP Solutions project/contest	12%
Writing and preparation of fund-raising letters	8%
Systems evaluation, update, vendor review (Lyris, LP.org, FB)	7%
Staff hiring, evaluation and re-assignment of tasks	5%
Miscellaneous issues concerning members, candidates, affiliates, donors	5%
Giving speeches, travel	5%
Trouble-shooting (web site, database, building, etc.)	2%
Miscellaneous meetings with, and inquires from, outside organizations	2%
Robert Kraus: Operations Manager	
Accounting and bookkeeping (a/p, a/r, maintain QuickBooks)	36%
Customer service - internal and external communications with board members, affiliates, donors, etc.	5%
Maintain membership/contributor database (Raiser's Edge)	4%
Preparation of financial and membership reports	4%
Primary staff liaison to the Secretary, Treasurer & asst w-Chair requests	4%
Staff liaison to the Convention Oversight Committee	4%
Assist with database troubleshooting and cleanup	3%
Import new inquiries and volunteers into RE	3%
Manage database updates provided by state affiliates to LPHQ	3%
Oversee Member Service Specialists in the sorting incoming mail, updating membership, caging, etc.	3%
Provide data to FEC consultant for FEC filing	3%
Each month, import website recurring gift transactions into Raiser's Edge	2%
Facilities and equipment planning and maintenance	2%
General purchasing and procurement	2%
Help with overall maintenance of LP.org	2%

APPENDIX A
STAFF REPORT

Maintain compliance with government policies, especially the FEC	2%
Managing ballot access & FEC lawsuits with the chair & treasurer	2%
Managing our ballot access matters w-treasurer	2%
Work with Chair and Treasurer on financial issues	2%
Administrator of lp.org & hq.lp.org email and group list servers	2%
Maintain Lyris email broadcast lists (add new subscribers, remove bad emails, etc.)	2%
Process monthly gifts for direct account drafts	2%
Record & Attend LNC meetings (12 hrs every 4 months)	2%
Assure Sustaining Memberships, expiration dates, and Life Memberships are accurately calculated	1%
Maintain backups of LP servers, Raisers Edge, Quickbooks, and personal computer files	1%
Maintain membership, financial, and other archives	1%
Payroll and benefits administration for LP Staff	1%
Send monthly data dumps to state affiliates	1%
Create and maintain Employee Manual	1%
Maintain LNC contact list (an off-line document and at LP.org)	1%

Nick Dunbar: Membership and Pledge Programs. Special Projects (part-time)	
Process monthly gifts for members of monthly giving program and evaluate transactions that do not go through to find out why including contacting the donor for updated information.	22%
Work with vendors for house and acquisition appeals (copy, art, print, mail shop)	15%
Analyze results on all mail appeals and select segments from house file for each house mail appeal, and order lists for each acquisition appeal. Data pulls from donor database for house mail appeal and for omission in acquisition appeal.	12%
Data pulls for membership cards, acknowledgments and cultivation. Oversee printing and mailing of membership cards; print and mail acknowledgments; search for creative ideas to cultivate high dollar and loyal donors	24%
Update Board Report (Standard report which shows appeal results)	6%

Bob Johnston: Member, Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist (part-time)	
Renewals: call, email and send letters to lapsed members to renew	45%
Monthly Donors: call and email those whose cards expire or who have not renewed after 2 months	15%
Call Libertarian candidates to find out the information they need to run for office, and send it to them. Copy state chairs.	15%
Keep track of our current ballot access in each state.	15%
Compile LP candidate data and update LP.org web site	5%
Miscellaneous projects, e.g., compiling filing requirements for candidates/affiliates	5%

Casey Hansen: Member Services & Affiliate Relations	
Process and cage all checks, credit cards and cash received via mail into RE	22%
Prepare data for new membership and print letters for membership cards	22%
Process and cage all web transactions into RE (varies greatly)	22%
Update and maintain records in RE	10%
Maintain Events Listing on LP.org	5%
Help Kelly on busy days with mail and inquiries	3%
Print and send membership cards to monthly pledgers	3%
Print and mail special mail projects (annual reports, Christmas cards, etc)	2%
Printing and compiling the folders for LNC meetings	2%
Photocopy checks before deposit	1%
Process refunds and contribution returns	1%
Import new inquiry and volunteers from web and send prepare date for information packets	1%
Prepare daily reports and do daily cash audits	1%
Create new records for people who ask for information packets	1%
Maintain State Chair and State Organization contact lists	1%
Design website for candidates & state affiliates (recently assigned; still in training)	1%
Ensure people's occupations who donate more than \$200 per year are properly noted to comply with the FEC	1%
Any and other tasks that come up	1%

Nigel Lyons: Video Production	
Produce Video Content	35%
Manage Lyris email broadcast system	9%
Post blog entries, press releases, poll and other information on LP.org	9%
Monitoring the LP.org Traffic and Analytics	9%
Monitoring Facebook Ads	7%
Creation of Facebook Ads	7%
Social Media Research	7%
Continual Video Software Education	7%
Twitter, Adding new followers, editing page, tweeting	5%
Periodically prepare renewal emails	2%
Produce weekly report on Facebook and Lp.org statistics	2%

Kelly Dirkes: Member Services Specialist	
Sort and tag physical monetary contributions (checks, money orders, and cash) sent to the office	25%
Address general questions and complaints from members (or direct to the appropriate party)	12%
Accept, open, and sort mail from USPS	12%
Answer and direct incoming phone calls	5%
Produce and mail LP membership card packets	5%
Maintain address and contact information for members and inquiries in Raiser's Edge	5%
Primary assistant to Robert Kraus	5%
Produce and mail LP information packets	4%
Monitor and sort incoming email to LP email addresses (and forward as necessary)	4%
Accept, open, and deliver courier packages	2%
Greet visitors to the office	2%
Deposit checks at PNC Bank after they have been processed, verified, and audited	2%
Re-check of daily deposits and cash audits	2%
Assist in general office upkeep, organization, and ordering of supplies	2%
Provides customer service to state and local affiliates	2%
Track media hits and contacts for Carla Howell	2%
Draft monthly Liberty Pledge newsletter	2%
Recruit and manage interns	1%
Generate weekly inquiries list	1%
Miscellaneous: Filing, research, member correspondence; assist with with processing and caging checks and web orders into Raiser's Edge; Process and mail material sales orders.	5%

Director of Operation's Report

by Robert Kraus

Executive Summary:

- **Data Dumps – New format dumps now going to 19 states. We would encourage more states to elect this format.**
- **Human Resources – See detailed staff duties in Carla's report.**
- **Building Fund – Now at \$121,407 from a high of over \$206k.**
- **Convention – Sales substantially ahead of 2010 at same point in time and Gold packages three times as many sold vs. same time in 2010.**
- **Financial – Unrestricted funds for Jan-Feb 12 slightly less than same period last year (\$195,614 for 2012 vs. \$199,421 for 2011). Concerns about additional erosion to our reserves due to pending Saratoga Project.**

Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service

We still have seen continued slowdowns in states sending us data updates so staff asks the regional reps to please encourage their states to send us updates regularly.

I have taken over maintaining the list of emails within Sparklist and in aiding with other data management issues.

In addition, staff will continue the simplified data dump with easier to understand column headings that Art created probably making this automatic from RE so a state will receive ONLY the data dump format they wish to receive rather than both. We would encourage more states to elect to receive this simplified dump.

Human Resources

Staff duties and functions are listed in detail on Carla's report.

Building Fund

Building Fund reserves now at \$121,407 from a high of over \$206k. Most pledges cancelled. Many donations have been redirected by request of donor to ballot access and some to the general fund. There has also been refunds of just under \$10,000.

Convention 2012/14

Staff continues to assist the convention committee with planning for 2012 thru 2016 as needed. The web site has been up and running for a month with focus being on Gold Packages which are running three times ahead of same period in 2010. Total package sales overall are double same period.

Please refer to the Convention Oversight Committee report for more information.

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 continue to work to assure that these reports are correct prior to filing, and to insure that the disbursements and contributions match to our cash accounting records.

As a reminder, the FEC reports are done on a cash basis while our financial reports are done on an accrual basis as required by our bylaws which require adherence to GAAP. Therefore, our Statement of Operations will not always look the same as what is reported on the summery page of our FEC Filings.

Financial

We continued efforts to control and maintain our expenses and accounts payable.

Unrestricted funds for Jan-Feb 12 slightly less than same period last year (\$195,614 for 2012 vs. \$199,421 for 2011).

In terms of reserves, we still have yet to fully recover from the hit with the contribution to the Ed Coleman Campaign. Additionally we continue to see good growth in New Life Members and major donors which always helps.

Staff still has not yet received a reply concerning if there were any funds left over from the Ed Coleman campaign? Staff has repeatedly asked without response that if there were leftover funds what happened to them? Why hasn't the LNC received a refund (thru the LNCC which can take their 10% share of this) so that we can use these funds to support additional campaigns thist year?

Because of the above and questions concerning the use of the funds, staff has severe reservations about the Saratoga Project and the impact of spending \$50,000 on such a project during an election year when funds are desperately needed for ballot access and other things.

Additional concerns include that the project has yet to be bid out to independent third party IT firms so the actual costs are known less this becomes a black hole requiring additional funds. In addition, Brett (who is heading this project) had promised not to ask for any funds until this had been bid out. Staff had also expressed some legal and FEC issues which is best handled in executive session and would request the LNC holds off on any action until such a session so that they can consult with Gary Sinowski on these serious issues.

Thank you!

Robert

LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT ACCESS REPORT

Libertarian National Committee meeting

Orlando, Florida

March 10-11, 2012

Dear Colleagues:

If we lived in a nation with just election laws, we wouldn't have to pursue ballot access. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The following memo states where we now are, and what we need to do to at least acquire Presidential ticket ballot access in all states in which we currently do not have such status for 2012.

This Ballot Access Report takes the report from the December 2011 LNC meeting makes updates for this LNC meeting **IN BOLD**. I want to thank Bob Johnston, LP of Maryland Chair and an Independent Contractor to the LNC, for his work in contacting various state parties and their Chairs, and Richard Winger for his assistance in updating this report.

This report covers all states in which we could petition for presidential ticket or full party ballot status in 2012. I will possibly have changes that I will deliver in my oral report at the LNC meeting.

We currently have ballot access for our Presidential ticket in 2012 in the following 30 states: AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, OH, OR, SC, **SD**, TX, UT, VT & WY. This assumes that all paperwork will be filed on a timely basis.

The following is what it would take to acquire Presidential ticket ballot access in the following states. Possible expenses are estimates of LNC expenditures.

AL: Assuming we don't want to undertake the party petition (43,146 sigs), there is a 5,000 sig Independent petition for President. We cannot start until after the ticket is nominated, as no candidate substitution is allowed in AL. 2012 drive. Possible expense: \$15,000. Retention would take 20% of the vote for a statewide office. The number of signatures needed for a party petition is 44,560, which is 3% of the votes cast for 2010 Governor (1,485,324). Independent Presidential candidate signatures are due September 6, 2012. Retention for party: 20% vote for Governor, or 20% of registered voters. **There is an ongoing lawsuit involving minor parties (including the LPAL) regarding the March deadline for party petitions being too early.** Richard Winger thinks it will win.

CT: 7,500 valid sig petition drive for Presidential ticket. We cannot start until January 1, 2012. Possible expense: \$25,000. Retention: All office-by-office. 1% vote needed to retain ballot access for President. **The LPCT has reached an agreement with Scott Kohlhaas to do a "Ballot Drive in a Box," such as what is occurring in Oklahoma now. Due to this agreement, I am now projecting hopeful that the LPCT will not need financial help from the LNC this year.**

DC: For Presidential ticket, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters, as of July 1, 2012. Cannot start collecting until July 1, 2012, and are due August 21. As of March 2011, there are over 459,000 registered voters; 1% would = 4,590 signatures. Probable expense: \$15,000. Retention: 7,500 votes.

I was emailed by Christopher Barron, a Gary Johnson supporter, about doing a petition drive in DC this year. I emailed him back several weeks ago, asking him to call me to discuss, but I have not heard from him.

I previously recommended that the LNC not fund a DC petition drive in 2012, but I think it is worth considering, given that it might be feasible within the 2012 budget set for Ballot Access by the LNC.

IA: 1,500 valid sig petition drive. Should be handled by the LPIA. Retention: 2% for top of ticket. Presidential signatures due August 17, 2012. Presidential substitution is allowed. **I spoke recently with Ed Wright, LPIA Chairman, and he thinks the LPIA can handle this petition drive itself.**

IL: There will be a 25,000 valid sig petition drive from late March to late June 2012. **A lawsuit may be filed challenging the constitutionality of a petition deadline as early as late June.** Retention: with 5% for any statewide race, retain ballot access for only statewide offices, with 5% for Governor (up again in 2014) means full party status for the next four years.

I have been in contact with LPIL petition coordinator (and 2010 Governor candidate Lex Green). He thinks 44,000 gross sigs will be needed. He thinks the LPIL, including both volunteer and sigs paid by the LPIL, can account for 14,000 of those gross sigs, leaving 30,000 more gross sigs to be gathered. I will request an LNC encumbrance of \$60,000 to pay for those sigs.

KY: 5,000 valid sig petition drive. Presidential signatures due September 7, 2012. We can start now. The LPKY is close to having its petition ready to go. **Paperwork to Ed Clark & David Bergland re: stand-in candidacies was not properly filled out and is being resent.** Retention: 2% only for President. Richard Winger is urging the LPKY to lobby for a bill that defines a political party in KY as one with 1,000 voter registrations.

We need to start the petition drive ASAP. 8,000 gross sigs need, as per LPKY Ballot Access Chairman (and former State Chair) Ken Moellman reports that 1,000 volunteer gross sigs is doable, but that the LPKY has no funds for this petition drive. I will request an LNC encumbrance of \$14,000 to pay for signatures to successfully complete this petition drive.

MA: We will need a 10,000 valid sig petition drive for the Presidential ticket from February to August 2012. Possible expense: \$25,000. Retention: 3% for any statewide race, or registration of 1% of total numbers of registered voters. Must collect signatures between February 14 and July 31, 2012.

The lawsuit is ongoing re: presidential substitution. We have appealed to the MA Supreme Court. **We are awaiting its decision.** Without a positive decision on substitution from the MA Supreme Court, we will not be able to start our petition drive until our presidential ticket is nominated.

ME: 4,000 valid sig petition drive in 2012. No substitution allowed. We should start immediately after the Presidential ticket is nominated. Possible expense: \$10,000. Need 5% for President or Governor to remain on the ballot. A party petition is 5% of the last total vote cast. After you are a party, you must have 10,000 registrants who vote (for anyone) in the general election to remain a party. Presidential signatures due August 8, 2012. Maximum of 6,000 signatures can be turned in for Presidential petitions. Party petition signatures (29,027) are due December 15, 2011.

MN: 2,000 valid sigs for Independent petition for President. Should be handled by the LPMN. Retention: 5% for any statewide race. Party petition is about 100,000 valid sigs. That procedure has never been used by anyone. Possible candidate for litigation, but Richard Winger thinks other ballot access cases should be decided first. Can start collecting signatures for Presidential candidate on May 21, 2012, and are due September 21.

ND: 7,000 valid sigs needed for a party petition. Only 7,500 gross sigs need due to no voter registration in ND. Party petition deadline is April 13, 2012. Retention: 5% for one of four statewide races. **LNC funding for \$13,000 was approved and entirely paid for in 2011.**

The contract was given to Emmett Reistroffer, who successfully and professionally completed the South Dakota petition drive. He currently has between 500 and 1,000, and about 300 have been collected on a volunteer basis.

Unbeknownst to both members of the LPND and me, another petitioner, Andy Jacobs, represented to Paul Frankel and Jake Witmer, that Andy and I had agreed to have Andy or them, as a group, do the LPND party petition. Andy & I had no such agreement, either oral or written. The three of them were in North Dakota to petition for other petition drives and prepared an LPND party petition using language from a prior LPND party petition and began circulating that petition. The LPND found out about this when Andy Jacobs called Eric Olson, who is the LPND candidate for US House in 2012, and told him that they had 4,000 sigs on the LPND petition. Eric Olson thinks they now have about 5,000 sigs.

I have tried to reach an agreement to purchase those sigs but that has not been successful. Because of the LNC agreement with Emmett, I think any settlement has to be agreeable with him. We have prepaid for those signatures and need to stand behind that contract. Marty Riske, LPND Chairman, agrees that we need to stand behind the agreement with Emmett. For the record, Paul Frankel has told me that he would be OK with donating his sigs to the LPND but that has not occurred yet, to my knowledge.

Emmett told me that he has an agreement with a petitioning crew that also has another petition to carry in North Dakota, and he thinks he can complete the petition by April 13.

NH: The LPNH has undertaken a party petition. 13,698 valid sigs for party petition. Retention: 4% for Governor or US Senate. **Between 16,000 and 17,000 gross sigs have been gathered. These sigs have been turned into towns for validation. Initial validity feedback is 72-73%. That would imply 3,000 to 4,000 gross sigs must yet be gathered.** All of the LNC's \$28,000 encumbrance for this petition drive has been spent. Without further LNC assistance, the LPNH will have to assume full responsibility for finishing this petition drive. While the petition deadline is in August 2012, it is important to get sigs into the towns for validation ASAP, because a given voter's signature can only count on one party petition. **At this time, Americans Elect has about as many sigs as we do.**

I am in regular contact with Rich Tomasso, LPNH Chair, regarding this petition drive. **Here is the text of an email I received from Rich on Thursday, March 8: "It's still moving forward. We collected a few hundred more signatures in the last couple weeks. Right now I'm trying to get as much effort as possible working on Tuesday [March 13] which is our local elections. If I can get 20 people out working we'll be done. If that doesn't happen I'll need to raise more money to have pros finish the drive. I may hire some pros for Tue anyway with the money we've raised but still working that out since I can't pay them a lot. Anything national could do to encourage volunteers to come out would be appreciated." I will stay in contact with Rich Tomasso. I hope no more LNC funds will be needed to finish this petition drive.**

NJ: 800 valid sigs for our Presidential ticket in 2012. Historically handled by LPNJ. Date signatures are due not yet set.

NY: There will be a 15,000 valid sig petition for our Presidential ticket in July & August 2012. Possible expense: \$25,000. Can start collecting signatures on July 10, 2012, and must be turned in by August 21, 2012.

OK: 51,739 valid sigs for a party petition. Deadline: March 1, 2012. Retention: 10% for top of ticket.

56,530 gross sigs were turned in by the LPOK on March 1, the current statutory deadline. We have not yet gotten validity feedback for the State of Oklahoma. This petition drive was run by Scott Kohlhaas and the LPOK, with a \$10,000 contribution from the LNC in 2011.

James Linger, Esq. of Tulsa is handling pro bono litigation on this matter. A hearing for a Preliminary Injunction to bar the State of Oklahoma from enforcing the March 1 deadline for a party petition is scheduled for Monday, March 12 in US District Court in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Attorney General's office requested an offer to settle the entire litigation. We submitted an offer was submitted. I do not know of a response from the AG's office.

Because this matter is not settled and has not been ruled upon, we need to continue with the petition drive. Money is running low, and I will request another LNC encumbrance of \$10,000 at the LNC meeting or in an EC meeting this weekend that will, hopefully, not ultimately not have to be spent.

PA: A multi-candidate petition (including the Presidential ticket) will need **20,601** valid sigs. The petition period is from February 15, 2012 until August 1, 2012. **An LNC encumbrance of \$40,000 for this petition drive has already been approved. The petition is not quite ready to go, but this drive should start very soon.** Retention: Only done through voter registrations (pending case may rule this unconstitutional).

RI: 1,000 valid sigs for Presidential ticket in 2012. I would hope that the LPRI can handle this themselves, even if they have to pay for sigs. Retention: 5% for top of ticket (get two elections with that). Must collect 1,000 signatures by September 6, 2012. Cannot start collecting until 2 days before close of filing endorsements; date not yet determined; usually by the end of June.

TN: While there is a potential ballot access bill for a 2,500 valid sig party petition, as of now I expect the LPTN to do a petition for 25 valid sigs per congressional district.

VA: 10,000 valid sig petition drive **that has started**. The LPVA has historically handled this petition drive itself, and I anticipate that will be the case again. Retention: 10% for any statewide office in either of the last two statewide elections. Signatures due August 24, 2012.

WA: 1,000 valid sigs for a petition for President. I anticipate that the LPWA will handle this themselves. Retention: 5% for President, although this law will probably change.

WI: The LPWI lost ballot status in 2010. They did not put someone on the ballot for Governor, only Lt. Governor, and earned less than 1% of the vote. A party petition could start on January 1, 2012, with 10,000 valid sigs needed. It would get us ballot status for 2012 & 2014. There is a potential lawsuit against a start date that late. Retention: 1% for any statewide race. An Independent petition drive could be done for 2,000 valid sigs within a two week window in 2012. Possible expense: \$20,000 for a party petition, but I recommend trying to get the LPWI to do an Independent petition for President. Party petitions must be turned in by **May 1, 2012**. Can start collecting signatures for independent Presidential candidate on August 1, 2012, and are due September 4.

I have recently spoken twice with Ben Olson, who is heading the party petition drive in WI of which I recently became aware. He does not know how many sigs have been gathered on the party petition, which has a May 1, 2012 due date. I am waiting to hear back from Ben Olson the LPWI wants to ask for LNC help to complete the party petition.

WV: A joint President/Governor petition for 7,135 valid sigs for President (7,061 for Governor) with a deadline of August 1, 2012. Start anytime. Substitution allowed for

President, but not for Governor, **but a candidate for Governor, David Moran, has been nominated. About 11,000 gross sigs will need to be gathered. Taking into account volunteer sigs (the LPWV has about \$500 cash), an LNC encumbrance of \$20,000 would likely be necessary to complete this petition drive.** Retention for party status: 1% for Governor in 2012.

Summary:

The 2012 LNC Budget has Ballot Access expense budgeted for \$245,000.

\$40,000 has already been encumbered for the PA ballot drive. \$205,000 remains unencumbered.

At this meeting, either in the LNC meeting or in an EC meeting to occur over the weekend, I will ask for encumbrances of \$60,000 for IL, \$14,000 for KY, \$10,000 for OK & \$20,000 for WV. That sums to \$104,000. That would leave \$101,000 unencumbered.

In 2012, I foresee possible further encumbrances for ballot access of \$15,000 for Alabama, \$15,000 for DC \$10,000 for Maine, \$25,000 for Massachusetts and \$25,000 for New York. Sum=\$90,000. That would leave \$11,000 additional budgetary authority unencumbered.

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, March 4, 2012

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

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

- 1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am usually able to respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.
- 2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates.)
- 3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. For example, I am working with the Libertarian Party of Colorado and LPCO chair Jeff Orrok to strengthen their outreach to college students. (I participated in the LPCO executive committee meeting via teleconference on Jan. 14.)

I gave an address on Feb. 13 at Hampden-Sydney College (Hampden-Sydney, Virginia), and anticipate speaking at two-three other colleges and universities this spring.

- 4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, members of the SFL board and I have found ways for the LP to use the many services available from SFL. We must be careful in so doing because we do not wish to jeopardize the 501c(3) status of SFL.

In addition, I serve as chair of the Student Libertarian Alumni Committee (SLAC). This organization assists SFL by promoting the organization among libertarians and helping to raise funds for SFL.

I gave a campus organizing workshop at the annual Students For Liberty International Conference in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 17-19. In addition, I paid for an LP outreach booth at the event and an LP advertisement in the conference program. (Please join me in thanking Carla Howell, Nigel Lyons, and Robert Kraus for their help with this outreach effort.) Also, I conducted an SFL “webinar” on Feb. 22 on the topic of communication skills for liberty activists on campus. From what I can tell, my speeches and webinars have been well-received.

As an aside, I am pleased to note that Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia (a group I founded and to which I now serve as advisor) was honored at the SFL International Conference by virtue of SIL’s 25 years of activism. I am very proud of SIL’s accomplishments.

- 5) On Feb. 25 I provided information about the libertarian campus movement in response to an inquiry from a producer of the CBS Evening News Weekend program.
- 6) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on programs of mutual interest.
- 7) As noted previously, several liberty-oriented organizations (e.g., Cato, Reason Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Foundation for Economics Education) are working to coordinate their student outreach programs. I participate in meetings of representatives of these organizations when my schedule permits.
- 8) I am currently developing plans for a major outreach program to students during the 2012 presidential campaign. I hope to complete the planning phase by mid April.
- 9) As I have mentioned previously, I hope LPHQ will routinely authorize the assignment of an intern on a half-time basis to work on campus organizing.

REGION 1 / CALIFORNIA REPORT
by Daniel Wiener

The Libertarian Party of California held its annual convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ventura on May 2-4, 2012.

A Presidential caucus and straw poll was held, with the following candidates in attendance and giving short speeches:

- Gary Johnson – 43 votes
- Lee Wrights – 12 votes
- James Ogle – 2 votes
- Joy Waymire – 2 votes
- Scott Keller – 0 votes
- Bill Still – 0 votes

The convention featured a stellar line-up of speakers, including:

- Rosa Koire of the Post Sustainability Institute. Rosa is a forensic real estate appraiser who warned of the dangers of United Nations Agenda 21 and the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives
- Flavio Fiumerodo, who described the LPC's Freebook System and its web site capabilities for state and local LP organizations
- Robert Wiedemer of Absolute Investment Management and best-selling author of *America's Bubble Economy* and *Aftershock*
- Evan McMahon of Atlas Liberty PAC who gave a seminar on campaign
- Banquet speaker Peter Schiff of Euro Pacific Capital, another investment advisor and best-selling author of *Crash Proof: How to Profit from the Coming Economic Collapse* and *The Little Book of Bull Moves in Bear Markets: How to Keep Your Portfolio Up When the Market is Down*
- Aubrey de Grey, chief scientist of the SENS Foundation and author of books on repairing age-caused metabolic damage to indefinitely extend healthy human life
- Wayne Allyn Root, libertarian / capitalist evangelist
- Judge Jim Gray (retired) speaking about the Regulate Marijuana Like Wine initiative

The convention delegates updated the state Platform and elected five representatives to the Executive Committee (the state equivalent of the LNC): Flavio Fiumerodo, Ken Gillespie, Linda Perrotte, Dana McLorn, and Rich Vanier. Five members of the Judicial Committee were also elected: Ted Brown, Aaron Starr, Ray Fastore, Diane Hawkins, and Tom Hanson. Daniel Wiener was elected as the primary LNC representative, and Scott Lieberman and Starchild tied for the secondary LNC representative in case California formed a double region and the other states in the region agreed to accept another Californian as the other representative. Scott Lieberman withdrew so that he could run for the position of regional Alternate, which he was subsequently elected to. 138 delegates and 2 alternate to the national convention from California were also selected.

A resolution was passed which urged that the House of Representative impeach President Obama for waging war in Libya without the Constitutionally-required Congressional

approval. Another resolution by Aaron Starr recommending the selection of the Los Angeles for the site of the 2016 national convention was passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

- **Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee is scheduled next weekend to decide upon the venue for the 2016 Presidential Nomination Convention,**
- **Whereas, the Los Angeles Westin Bonaventure Hotel is one of the three top finalists under consideration,**
- **Whereas, Los Angeles is the second largest media market in the United States,**
- **Whereas, Los Angeles offers a plethora of activities for adults and families to enjoy during their stay,**
- **Whereas, Ed Clark was nominated at this very hotel for our Party's nomination back in 1979,**
- **Therefore be it resolved, that the Libertarian Party of California strongly urges the Libertarian National Committee to select the Los Angeles Westin Bonaventure Hotel as the venue for the 2016 Presidential Nomination Convention and we pledge to provide full support of its success.**

REGION 2 REPORT

ALASKA:

LPAlaska had their State Convention Saturday, March 3rd and elected delegates to the National Convention in Las Vegas. Mark Fish continues as their Chair. His position was not up this year. He will be up for reelection in 2013.

FLORIDA:

The LPF had their State Convention February 11th and 12th in Orlando. Adrian Wyllie continues as Chair, and won't be up for reelection until 2013. Lynn House, longtime LP activist and former member of the LNC was elected Secretary. A new Treasurer and two At Large Reps were also elected. These are all 2 year positions. Candidates for Congress and State House are petitioning to get on the ballot.

IDAHO:

Idaho Libertarians are using this campaign season to increase outreach efforts to identify Libertarian outposts away from the Treasure Valley population center. State Chair, Rob Oates, <http://OatesforCongress.com> is mounting a Congressional campaign against an incumbent first term Republican lawyer. They are preparing to send a full delegation to Las Vegas.

MASSACHUSETTS:

LPMA continues to run successful local meetup groups. Nearly 400 Libertarians are reached this way. They have two Congressional candidates and a possible State Senate candidate, and hope to recruit more. Each candidate is given 500 dollars toward their race. They've adopted a policy not to support any Presidential candidate prior to the nomination, and provide campaign announcements on an equal basis to any that request them. Their newsletter, Massachusetts Liberty is published regularly, and they have 120 dues paying members as well as 15,140 registered Libertarians. They have plans to attend 12 outreach events this year including Boston Pride, Freedom Rally, Extravaganza, several gun shows and the State Fair. They maintain contact with several Tea Party groups.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

LPNH has new office space in downtown Concord across the street from the State Capitol. It's been awhile since they've done this, but it will be useful in an election year. Gary Johnson was in New Hampshire, Wednesday, March 7th for a meet and greet and a fundraiser. They will make the space available for any other campaign. Their membership is growing, and they continue to have greater influence and visibility within the state.

TENNESSEE:

LPTN will have their State Convention Saturday, March 24th in Nashville. They have added a new Affiliate since the December report, and will have several candidates running as Libertarians this year. They plan to elect delegates to the National Convention.

VERMONT:

VTLP has met the requirements to remain a recognized Political Party. They want to thank everyone who made it possible. Their officers for 2012 to 2014 are:

Chair: Jeremy Ryan
Vice Chair: Doug Richmond
Secretary: Glyn Wilkinson
Treasurer: Heavenly Ryan

WASHINGTON:

LPWA had a "Libertarian Day at the Capitol" on February 21st in Olympia. Senator Eriksen was the speaker. They also met with some State Legislators. Their State Convention will be March 17th and 18th in Tukwila. They will elect delegates to the National Convention.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Libertarian National Committee
FROM: Andrew R. Wolf
DATE: March 9, 2012
SUBJECT: Region 3 Report

INDIANA

Chair: Sam Goldstein
www.lpin.org

The Libertarian Party of Indiana State Convention will be held April 23-25th in Indianapolis, IN. The weekend will feature a Presidential debate and straw poll, Sharon Harris of the Advocates for Self-Government, training sessions on educational choice and county party strategic planning, and a concert Saturday night featuring Jordan Page.

At that convention, the LPIN will nominate nearly 40 candidates for state and federal office. By the Indiana deadline in June, the LPIN and its affiliates will have nearly 100 candidates.

Amongst those are presumed nominees Rupert Boneham and Andrew Horning. Boneham is best known nationally for his three appearances on Survivor, but is also known as a successful small business owner and philanthropist in Indiana. Boneham has already raised over \$20,000 before the LPIN state convention, and one news poll puts his name ID at 50%, fifteen points higher than the Democrat.

Horning has been the face of the LPIN for 10 years, and is also very well-known in Indiana. Horning held the first tea party in 2007 to protest out of control property taxes. Over 500 Hoosiers gathered outside of the Governor's mansion to stand with Horning, and fight the unconstitutional property tax. Horning is well known amongst Indiana tea parties for his annotated Indiana and Federal Constitution, and he looks to leverage that in a bid to unseat long-time Senator Dick Lugar.

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Chair: Kevin Knedler
www.lpo.org



From Kevin J. Knedler – LPO Excom Chair
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March 4, 2012

The **The Ohio LP State Convention** will be March 30, March 31, and April 1 at the Holiday Inn North in Worthington, Ohio (North Columbus). Convention co-chairs Jillian Mack and Bob Bridges are working hard to make this the best state convention we have had in memory. Featured attendees will be Rupert Boneham, Indiana LP candidate for Governor, and of the Survivor television show; and four (4) candidates for POTUS: Gary Johnson, R.J. Harris. Bill Still, and R. Lee Wrights. There will also be a number of workshops and a Q &A for the LNC attendees. Saturday, March 31 will be the LPO business meeting, workshops, banquet, awards banquet, and fundraiser. Sunday morning, April 1 will be the POTUS debate.

Ballot Access with party name is secured for 2012, but the Ohio Assembly (GOP) is trying to appeal the Federal Court decision from last Fall. The Ohio SOS doesn't want to deal with the appeal (tired of losing) yet the GOP elected officials want us gone. It's pathetic but real.

Super Tuesday in Ohio is March 6. The LP primary will be available for 24 LP candidates for partisan office. As I compare this year's 24 candidates to four years ago, I see that we have a **166% increase in the number of candidates from 2008** (9 candidates). Key is to write-in the name "John Fockler" for US Senate. We need 500 write-ins to get John approved for the November ballot. Otherwise, there will only be an R and a D on the November ballot.

With the "Ron Paul factor" we do expect a significant number of people will vote in the GOP primary for Ron Paul. This will disaffiliate them with the LPO, per Ohio law. The primary is the only place a person in Ohio can party register.

March 17 is the date of our LPO State Central Committee meeting to elect officers for both the Central Committee and Executive Committee. Per Ohio law, the State Central Committee must hold elections for officers just after the primary, including the Executive Committee. I do plan to run again for chair of the LPO State Executive Committee.

MICHIGAN

Chair: James Lewis
www.michiganlp.org

The Libertarian Party of Michigan's annual LibertyFest will be held March 20, 2012 in Holt, Michigan. Gary Johnson, Carl Person and other candidates who are seeking the Presidential nomination for the Libertarian Party will be attendance and discuss their campaigns. There will

also be a straw poll for these fine persons running for our party's esteemed nod. Currently, Gary Johnson, Bill Still, and Carl Person will be candidates in the straw poll.

In addition, Defender of Liberty Awards ("Libbies") will be presented to a maximum of four select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Winners must live and/or work in the state of Michigan.

Finally, the LPM nominating convention is set for June 2, 2012.

KENTUCKY

Chair: Eric Cranley
www.lpky.org

Kentucky is ramping up for the 2012 elections. In addition to working for candidates for statewide and local races, members are excited about supporting the LP Presidential nominee in an effort to retain ballot status, which requires the candidate to receive 2% of the vote.

Libertarian National Committee

Region 4 Report

Submitted by Norm Olsen

March 9, 2012

- All nine of the affiliates in Region 4 are ballot qualified for 2012.
- I attended the Arizona LP Annual Executive Committee meeting in Tucson Arizona.
- I attended the annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado
- All nine states have ballot access for the 2012 election
- A Region IV newsletter was initiated to inform members of the region of the issues being discussed by the LNC. This has sparked communication between the various chairs which is considered to be beneficial.

Arizona

Warren Severin, State Chair

The Arizona Libertarian Party Executive Committee held its annual meeting in Tucson AZ on January 28, 2012. The "Top Two" primary issue remains the primary concern of the Arizona LP. While funds for a legal challenge have been budgeted, the AZLP remains concerned that an effort to defeat the measure at the polls is necessary. Warren Severin reported that 75,000 signatures have been collected. There is little doubt that the measure will be on the November ballot. Ruth Bennett reported on what the "Top Two" concept did to the Libertarian Party of Washington. Essentially, the Washington LP was one of the most active affiliates of the LP, but is now virtually defunct.

Plans for battling the measure at the polls have been briefly discussed, but no real initiative has been formed.

Number of Libertarians	24,880
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	Registration >= .65% of active registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2010	23
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	4
Estimated Budget	\$20,000 for 2011
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	Yes

Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

The Colorado affiliate has initiated a ‘Fill the Slate’ project to fill the entire state ballot. This plan calls for some 80+ candidates, including all 65 state representatives and 18 state senators. Currently, 55 candidates have been recruited. As an active member of the Libertarian party of Colorado, I am contributing to the effort required to get these recruits on the ballot.

The “Regulate Marijauna like Alcohol” initiative (<http://www.regulatemarijuana.org>) has been qualified for the November ballot.

The 2012 Annual Convention is scheduled for March 17, 2012. A debate between at least three presidential candidates is scheduled for this event.

Number of Libertarians	16,015
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1,000 Registered voters
Number of Candidates in 2011	7
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	3
Estimated Budget	\$700 / month
Meets New Orleans “Active” criteria	Yes

Hawaii

Jim Henshaw, State Chair
713 Ulumaika Street
Honolulu, HI 96816

Number of Libertarians	67
Method of Membership Determination	National membership
Voters can register as Libertarian	No, party affiliation not maintained by the state
Ballot Access Status	10% of statewide race, or petition of 0.1% of registered voters (~650)
Number of Candidates in 2010	3
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	0
Estimated Budget	
Meets New Orleans “Active” criteria	No (Response, Website)

Kansas

Al Terwelp, State Chair

The Kansas and Missouri affiliates will be holding a joint convention at the Kansas City International Airport on March 24, 2012.

Number of Libertarians	10,139
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2010	22
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	6
Estimated Budget	Under \$5,000 annually
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	Yes

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	
Method of Membership Determination	
Voters can register as Libertarian	
Ballot Access Status	
Number of Candidates in 2010	
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	
Estimated Budget	
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	No (Website)

Nevada

Joe Silvestri, State Chair

The Libertarian Party of Nevada held its annual convention on February 21, 2012 at Las Vegas (Clark County). At this convention, the party adopted a whole new set of by-laws, selected 14 delegates to the national convention in May, and nominated candidates for three of the four congressional districts in the state. The convention endorsed Gary Johnson as the LP presidential nominee.

The interim appointments of Brett Pojunis as Secretary and Joe Hassen as Treasurer were confirmed by the convention. Thus, there were no changes in the leadership of the LPNV.

Number of Libertarians	8,857
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	1% of registration, 1% of statewide vote
Number of Candidates in 2010	15
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	2
Estimated Budget	\$8,000 /year
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	Yes

New Mexico

Mike Blessing, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	2,300
Method of Membership Determination	Registered Voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2012 OK
Number of Candidates in 2010	2
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	0
Estimated Budget	(lots) < \$1,000 per month
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	No (Website)

Utah

Jake Shannon, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	2,500
Method of Membership Determination	Tax check off
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide congressional vote
Number of Candidates in 2010	16
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	8
Estimated Budget	
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	Yes

Wyoming

Dennis Brossman, State Chair

Number of Libertarians	1,300
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters
Voters can register as Libertarian	Yes (linked to ballot access)
Ballot Access Status	2% of statewide race
Number of Candidates in 2010	8
Number of 2010 Campaigns with Campaign Staff	1
Estimated Budget	
Meets New Orleans "Active" criteria	No (Response, website)

REGION 5S REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, March 4, 2012

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

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5S since the LNC meeting on Dec. 10-11, 2011. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Orlando should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I appear regularly as a guest on WINA radio (1070 AM in Charlottesville) to discuss the Libertarian Party's perspective on current affairs. In addition, I appeared on RT TV (Russian national TV network) on Jan. 25 to offer a Libertarian perspective on Pres. Obama's State of the Union address. My articles concerning a Libertarian perspective on taxpayer funding for public broadcasting appeared in the *Roanoke Times* on Jan. 29.

Delaware

LPD chair Brad Thomas (bradct@verizon.net) serves as chair of the LPD. The Libertarian Party of New Castle County meets on the third Thursday of each month, the LP of Kent County meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and the LP Sussex County meets on the second Thursday of each month. Mr. Thomas has indicated that the 2012 LPD state convention will likely take place on May 19 at a location to be decided.

District of Columbia

Kyle Hartz (kylejhartz@gmail.com) serves as chair of the LPDC. I have not received a report from him recently. I have been contacted by LPDC vice chair John LaBeaume, who is working to organize an LPDC convention to take place in March.

Maryland

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

The membership of the Maryland Libertarian Party as of 2/28/12 is 79.

The MDLP convention will be held on March 3 at Squires Italian Restaurant in Dundalk, MD. Speakers include Paul Dembowski of Maryland Shall Issue, new LP Executive Director Carla Howell, former LNC Ex. Director Joe Seehusen, and representatives from the Gary Johnson, Lee Wrights, and Carl Person Presidential campaigns.

The MDLP ballot access lawsuit appeal will be heard by the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, on March 2. Currently, the MDLP is recognized, and allowed to place candidates on the ballot, as we did in last autumn's Baltimore City elections.

If we win the appeal, we will have ballot access through 2014. If we lose, we will need to collect roughly 2,000 more signatures, under the more difficult standard, by August 6, to get on the ballot.

There will be elections for the US Senate seat and 8 US House seats in Maryland this November. Currently the MDLP has a Senate candidate lined up, as well as candidates for 4 of the 8 House seats. We have until June 29 to get candidates on the ballot.

Bob Johnston
Chairman
MDLP

I attended the MDLP convention in Dundalk on March 3 (LNC treasurer Bill Redpath also attended). During the business session the MDLP passed a resolution opposing a mandatory “floor fee” at the 2012 national convention.

Pennsylvania

Lou Jasikoff (chair@lppa.org) serves as chair of the LPPA. He has informed me that he LPPA will hold its annual state convention in Wilkes-Barre on April 20-22. Region 5S alternate representative Marakay Rogers was recently appointed to the York City Fire Civil Service Board in York on Feb. 28.

Virginia

I offer the following on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Virginia in my capacity as vice chair:

The LPVa held its 2012 state convention in Richmond on Feb. 25, with a reception/hospitality suite on the evening of Feb. 24. The convention was well attended; many participants were attending an LP convention for the first time. Chuck Moulton, former LNC vice chair, was elected LPVa chair. Jim Lark, Marc Montoni, and James Curtis were reelected to their positions as vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

The LPVa has not been able to begin its presidential petition drive due to continuing uncertainty about the congressional redistricting process. Specifically, the petition used to place the LP presidential ticket on the ballot in Virginia must include the names of the LPVa’s electors. Since the congressional redistricting process is not complete, electors representing congressional districts cannot be chosen with certainty. The LPVa may have to take legal action in this matter.

The LPVa recently won a legal victory concerning an aspect of the petitioning process. Unfortunately, while the victory should be helpful to the LPVa, it may not be a major advance.

West Virginia

Tom Thacker (Tom@lpwv.org) serves as the chair of the LPWV. The LPWV executive committee met in Morgantown on Feb. 25. During the meeting, the executive committee nominated David Moran to serve as the LPWV gubernatorial candidate. I have enclosed below the LPWV's announcement concerning Dr. Moran.

The 2012 LPWV convention will take place in Bridgeport on March 31. Speakers will include Dr. Moran and LNC regional representative Jim Lark.

From the LPWV:

The Libertarian Party of West Virginia is pleased and honored to announce the candidacy of David Moran for Governor of West Virginia in 2012. Dr. Moran will be a very strong candidate for the LPWV and its principles of liberty and responsibility.

Dr. Moran owns and operates the Crimson Shamrock Farm, located on 120 acres near Eglon in Preston County. He raises Wensleydale sheep and Suri alpaca for the international fine fiber market. He is a retired engineer; he worked for the U.S. Navy in the fields of oceanography and ship designs for special operations. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds a Ph.D. in Hydrodynamics.

He has served as a professor at the US Naval Academy; in addition, he has taught at the University of Iowa and the George Washington University. He has two children; his son serves as an EA6B Pilot for the US Navy, and his daughter served as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency. He has two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Dr. Moran has chosen to run for Governor as the LPWV's candidate due to his concern about the loss of liberty in the U.S., and his belief that the current political structure and options are not serving the true needs of the citizens of West Virginia. He will address the 2012 LPWV convention, to take place on March 31 at the Day's Inn in Bridgeport. (The price of admission to the convention is \$15; the price of admission for students with school ID is \$5.)

REGION 6 REPORT

By Dianna Visek

Illinois:

Our big news is that Gary Sinawski is now in the process of preparing our ballot access lawsuit to file in Federal Court. Since Mr. Sinawski isn't a member of the Illinois bar, Bill Malan, our 2010 attorney general candidate, will be acting as local counsel. We have identified three issues to litigate: making the petition filing deadline later in the summer, eliminating the full slate requirement, and forcing the Board of Elections to calculate the number of signatures based on votes cast for that particular office rather than in the whole district.

Since we're a challenge state, we're planning to collect at least 44,000 signatures in order to insure having the 25,000 valid signatures required to put our POTUS candidate on the ballot. There are no other statewide offices open this November, and all of our local candidates have their own drives. Our petitioning period is from March 27 to June 25, but we expect that will be extended by winning our lawsuit.

Our other positive news is that we're planning to have a booth at our state fair in August for the second year in a row.

Our great challenge at the moment is finding volunteers. Our 2010 petition drive and challenge process burned out a number of our most experienced workers and we still haven't recovered. We're hoping the LSLA IT project will make it easier for our chapters and state officers to handle the workload.

Iowa: no response

Minnesota: response

Missouri: no response

Nebraska: by Gene Siadek, chair

As of February 24, we have 1727 registered Libertarians in the state. We had 1530 at the beginning of the year so there has been a 14% increase for the year.

We currently have ballot access. The deadline for filing for office was March 1. We have five Libertarians running for office. One office is partisan and four are non-partisan. Randy Eshelman is officially registered as non-partisan because of his job.

Gene Siadek – Papio Missouri Natural Resource District
Mike Knebel – Bellevue City Council
Randy Eshelman – LaVista City Council
Klaus Linder – LaVista Mayor
Jerry Kosch – Board of Supervisors, Butler County

Our District One Coordinator, Mike Knebel, was recently interviewed on one of the largest radio stations in the area, KFAB. He was given about 30 minutes of airtime.

We have a bill in the state legislature that will extend our ballot access time. The bill made it out of committee which is a big step in the process. The bill has a good chance for passage. If passed we will have ballot access to 2014. If it does not pass we will lose ballot access after the 2012 elections.

North Dakota: no response

South Dakota: by Samuel Saunders, chair

The South Dakota Libertarian Party was recognized as a political party in the state on 28 February, after the office of the secretary of state finished review of the submitted petitions, and found sufficient valid signatures.

Technically, the party is a new party by state law, and must file bylaws and a list of officers within 6 weeks to continue legal status. We are in the process of reviewing the previous party bylaws, to determine any revisions which should be made before filing the official document, and are in the process of getting officers to take the positions specified in the bylaws (so bylaw revision needs to be finished first, then officer selection). Once this is done, we will be eligible to run candidates through the 2014 gubernatorial election, when our status will be determined by the votes received by our gubernatorial candidate.

Wisconsin: no response