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Pittsburgh Chosen as Location for 2021 State Convention

n January 7th, the Board of Directors of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania met via Zoom to choose the site of the 2021 State Convention.

Several county committees had submitted bids to host the convention, including Berks County, Centre County, Erie County, and Allegheny County. Allegheny County submitted two separate bids.

There were many different variables considered by the Board in selecting a convention venue, including: travel accessibility, hotel room price, parking fees, number of hotel rooms, convention hall capacity, meal prices, availability dates, and space for vendor tables. Of particular concern this year was each hotel's cancellation policy, as the governor's Covid-19 shutdown orders have tended to be unpredictable.



The winning bid was from Allegheny County. Allegheny county last hosted the state convention in 2011.

The convention will be held at the Hotel Indigo in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh on the weekend of May 14 to May 16. The complete schedule of events is still being finalized by the LPPA Convention Committee.

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Chairman's Report

Before everyone went home from the 2020 LPPA State Convention, and with about 75% of the entire Board of Directors present, we did something that we haven't done, ever. We passed a motion, put up by our Elections Committee Chairman, Dr. Chuck Moulton, to allocate up to \$10,000 for ballot access.

These motions have been made many times in our history. They generally die, either due to a lack of funds or because the Board wants to wait to see how many signatures volunteers can collect without the help of paid petitioners. However, with a lockdown looming and a presidential election hanging in the balance, the Board understood the gravity of the situation and allocated a large sum of money to ensure our candidates made the ballot. Our Board members made the right decision.

Another challenge we faced this year was having our 2020 National Convention during a pandemic. After a lot of debate among the delegates, we decided on a bifurcated convention. The first part would be held in May, purely online, and we would limit this half to picking our Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. This was the first time in history that a political party had held a national digital convention. The second part of the convention was a hybrid convention, where some members attended in person and others participated online, and this was held in July. During this second half, we chose the executive committee of the Libertarian National Committee.

Another first was the fact that we had more Pennsylvania Libertarians asking to be delegates to the National Convention than we had seats on the convention floor. Normally we have empty seats because we don't have enough people willing to be delegates to the National Convention, but this year we had a full list of delegates, a big list of alternates, and a waiting list beyond that! I take this as a sign that the Party is thriving in ways it never has.

The nomination process was not easy, but all delegates participated, and we all made the nomination process work, together. The second sitting was a bit more complicated than the first since we had five of our delegates sitting in the convention hall in Orlando with the rest of us participating via zoom. We managed to make it work regardless.

Our 2020 ballot access drive would be considered a success in any year, but that it happened despite the pandemic and the legal hurdles is just astounding. Our volunteer effort brought in an astounding 65% of the total signature count. One of our candidates, Liz Terwilliger, collected 900 signatures by herself! Our paid petition drive, managed by Eastern Vice Chair Moore, came through with 35% of our gross signatures, with an unheard-of 70-80% validity rate.

While you no doubt saw Jo Jorgensen on your ballot, you may have noticed that there was no Green Party candidate for president on Pennsylvania's 2020. There's a reason for that. If a political party's petitioning and paperwork isn't perfectly correct and turned in to the state by certain deadlines, a



Steve Scheetz, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, stumps for Jo Jorgensen on the campaign trail in 2020.

candidate can be challenged off the ballot by any competing political party. The Green Party made a minor paperwork error in their filing. The Democrats seized on the opportunity, sued the Green Party in court, and the judge removed their candidate for President over a minor clerical error.

Needless to say, submitting the ballot access paperwork to the state is no small task; it requires a great deal of diligence and attention to detail. First, there's the issue of collecting 934 petition sheets from 220 petitioners who are all over the state. Then, there's the considerable task of cataloguing and scanning all the sheets in accordance with the state's requirements.

I lent my house to a "petition cataloging party" right before the submission deadline. Roughly 15 volunteers were there, scanning pages and entering data into spreadsheets until 5 AM on the day of turn-in.

During the final turn-in, everyone was exhausted. But I was so proud to have been able to stand there on



Chairman Scheetz testifies in federal court on behalf of the LPPA.

the steps of the state capitol building with our presidential candidate, Jo Jorgensen, our Libertarian National Committee chairman, Joe Bishop-Henchman, and long-time volunteer, Richard Schwarz.

For those who don't know, Richard has been doing final turn-in for the Party for three decades. He is an expert at ballot access and nobody knows Pennsylvania's system better. Richard Schwarz is the reason we don't make mistakes in our filings like the Green Party did.

Moving forward, our August 15 board meeting was held in Westmoreland County. The main focus of this meeting was the LPPA's Policy Manual, a document that had last been updated in 2013 and was a neglected, embarrassing, disorganized, often contradictory hodgepodge. At this meeting, the Board completely overhauled the Party's policy manual



Left to right: Joe Bishop Henchman, Chairman of the National Libertarian Party, Jo Jorgensen, 2020 Libertarian Presidential Candidate, and LPPA Chairman Steve Scheetz. Pictured on the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building just before the final signature turn-in to the Department of State.

into a document that is now coherent, streamlined, and relevant.

Perhaps the best thing to come out of 2020 were the volunteers who came to the Party through the Jorgensen Campaign. Unlike previous presidential campaigns, most of

these new folks are sticking around and helping make the Party better. Many have joined the LPPA's working committees, and some have organized their own county committees if one didn't already exist in their area. Because of their excellent organizational efforts, we now have 34 voting members on our Board of Directors. This is nearly double the number we had at the start of my first term.

In closing, life gave us lemons and we made lemonade. We turned a bad year into an amazing one. I am proud to be a Libertarian, and I am very proud to work with the people on our board. Thank you all for the work you do.

Sincerely,

Steve Scheetz LPPA Chairman

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MEET THE CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR THE PA GOVERNOR NOMINATION,

Joe Soloski

Joe has been in Public Accounting since December 1979 and passed the CPA exam in 1985. He managed his own accounting firm in the Pittsburgh area for 27 years.

He has also served as Comptroller for companies in the publication and construction industries as well as serving as the Financial Analyst for companies in the scientific instrument and public transportation industries.

Having moved to Centre County in 2013, Joe now lives with his wife, Sally, in Halfmoon Township. He enjoys golf, community theatre, and classic automobiles.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of Bridge of Hope/Centre County and is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Centre County.

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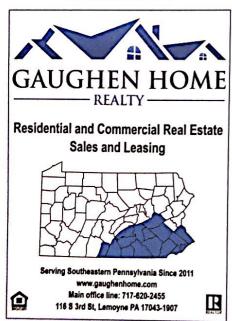
Eastern Vice Chair Report

espite multiple setbacks in 2020, I am incredibly proud of what our team has accomplished. Our party has still met many of the goals that we set before Covid-19 changed the political landscape.

Ballot access has been well covered by my colleagues, but I would like to take a moment to reflect on the Auditor General race. As a statewide candidate, I was overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of media requests that I received. It shows that our message is beginning to get mainstream attention. I want to thank the almost 206,000 Pennsylvanian's who voted for me. Your vote was not wasted. I also want to thank everyone who petitioned for ballot access, handed out literature, put up signs, etc. Your hard work allowed me to represent the Libertarian Party on Election Day. Lastly, I want to thank our other Libertarian candidates. My vote totals were higher

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Eastern Vice Chair Jennifer Moore addresses the delegates of the 2020 Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania State Convention held in Philadelphia

in many areas where down ballot Libertarians were running. We are all part of a team, and our success is linked.

The big news out of the east is the tremendous recent growth in organized counties. As membership has increased, so have our active affiliates. Pike County joined Wayne to create a regional committee this past fall. Shortly thereafter, Lackawanna, Lucerne, Schuylkill, Carbon and Lebanon also organized. Lehigh and Columbia are currently developing and

activists there are interested in being recognized in the near future. This will leave Eastern PA 90% organized.

When I came to the EVC role three years ago, most of the north east did not have an active Libertarian presence. Statewide vote totals in the area however, showed that the region had great potential. Our southeastern counties are seeing membership growth as well. The hard work and stewardship of the activists in our more established committees does not go unnoticed. Welcome to our new county affiliates in the north, and welcome home to all of our new party members all across the east.

Looking forward to 2021, I am incredibly excited about the municipal cycle. Libertarians will have the ability to win a lot of local elections this year. If you are interested in running for office or helping a local campaign, please reach out to your county committee. If you have any questions, or need to be pointed to your local team please always feel free to email me at EVChair@lppa. org.

In Liberty,

Jenn Moore Eastern Vice Chair

Pittsburgh

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Last year's state convention beat all previous attendance records, a testament to the Party's rapid growth. The Board is anticipating a healthy turnout this year as well. Convention-goers are encouraged to buy tickets and book hotel rooms as soon as they become available, before they sell out.

The next edition of this newsletter will contain more details, including instructions on how to purchase event and meal tickets, a schedule of events, and information on how to get discounted room rates.

Executive Director Report

2020 was a long, trying year for many of us. Yet, despite the difficulties, the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania rose to meet those challenges head-on, and we experienced some unprecedented successes.

The current 2020-2021 Board term started with a bang. Our 2020 convention, held March 6-8 in Delaware County, was the best-attended convention in state party history. There were roughly 200 people in attendance, including almost all of the Party's presidential candidates. We were fortunate to have many non-profits tabling the event and many interesting guests from out of state. The business meeting and candidate debates had live TV coverage thanks to PCN, which brought our convention into the homes of hundreds of thousands of people. In total, we raised \$15,000 via ticket sales and after-hours fundraisers.

On the same day our convention ended, the government's pandemic lockdown orders began. One of Governor Wolf's first executive orders explicitly prohibited "political activity." This was followed by his mandatory stay-at-home orders.



Executive Director Gaughen petitions in Harrisburg to get presidential candidate Jo Jorgenson on the 2020 general election ballot.



LPPA Executive Director, Kevin Gaughen, teaches a class at the Party Leader Training Seminar held in Des Moines, Iowa, shortly before the pandemic began.

As you may already be aware, smaller political parties like ours aren't granted automatic ballot access in Pennsylvania. We are required to collect 5,000 signatures from registered voters before the Department of State will allow us to appear on ballots. These signatures cannot be obtained digitally; per state law, they must be ink signatures collected in person.

These conflicting government edicts put the LPPA in a very difficult Catch-22: either we violate the governor's orders by collecting signatures in person, or we forfeit our right to participate in the political process by obeying arguably unconstitutional orders.

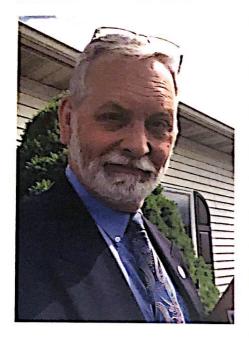
Libertarians never lay down without a fight, so we sued Wolf in federal court.

The LPPA was represented in court by Drew Gray Miller, Esq., one of our party members who was also one of our 2018 Libertarian candidates for US Congress. Taking the witness stand at trial were Chairman Sheetz, Easter Vice Chair Moore, and myself. The trial was quite contentious, but Attorney Miller was thoroughly prepared and made very powerful arguments that highlighted the deliberate unfairness of the Governor's actions. Attorney Miller did a great job of countering the State's attorneys' disingenuous arguments.

Unfortunately, we did not prevail via the legal channels, as the judge felt that we didn't deserve any help because we are a small political party with almost no chance of winning. Believing this to be a flippant decision based on specious legal reasoning, we appealed, but we were ultimately told the same thing by the Third Circuit Court.

An interesting upside to this loss was the reaction from the Libertarian community. Libertarians were so upset by the ruling that they came together and do-

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I'm Joe Soloski, and I'm running for the Libertarian nomination for Governor in 2022.

This past year, in 2020, I had the privilege to be your Libertarian Candidate for State Treasurer. That was my first statewide campaign and I had the honor of representing you, alongside two other great Libertarian candidates, Jennifer Moore for Auditor General and Dan Wassmer for Attorney General. With

those two great people, we were able to secure 'Minor Party Status' for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania; something that we have to reestablish and secure every two years.

I believe that I am the person, to not only secure Minor Party status for us again in 2022 but, to win the race for Governor.

We Libertarians have a great message: Do not use force against others unless threatened and attacked. Minimize the size of government and government spending. Drastically reduce or eliminate taxes. Allow people to work and live their lives in a fashion that only they choose, without government interference. These and other policy points are the issues that I embrace and will be showcasing throughout my campaign.

The time is NOW. Our Country is coming off two of the most pathetic Presidential campaigns in our Country's history, just in the past five years. We Pennsylvanians have had to endure the heavy-handed, overreaching lockdown policies of our current Governor for the past

year. Our message of Liberty is resonating with people across Pennsylvania and across the Country. The time is NOW to strike while the iron is hot. We can attract people to our Liberty Movement at this time of great political discontent. This is the moment for the Libertarian Party to capitalize on the receptiveness of people to our Liberty message.

My goal, along with winning the Governor's office in 2022, is to be instrumental in bringing one million new people to the Libertarian Party by the end of 2022.

A lofty goal? You bet it is. But why have goals if they are not high and challenging? We are Libertarians. We stand for the best, the highest, the loftiest goals that a person can have. The timid, the inconsequential, the waifs, have found their homes within the Republican/Democrat Duopoly.

We are Libertarians. I want to be your first elected Libertarian Governor. Please support me in this quest.

Best regards, and in Liberty, Joe Soloski



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Announced LPPA State and Local Candidates as of 12.28.20

Joel Getz: Mayor of East Stroudsburg (2021)

Tim McMaster: Board of Supervisors for Conewago Twp (2021)

Steve Scheetz: US Senate (2022)

Nicole Schltz: Lieutenant Governor (2022)

Joeseph P. Soloski: Governor (2022)

John Waldenberger: interested in running for either Governor or Lt. Governor (2022)

Liz Terwilliger: US Congress, District 12, (2022)

Marc Bozzaco: State Representative, District 153 (2022)



y name is Tim McMaster, and I am running for a seat on the Conewago Township Board of Supervisors in 2021 as a proud Libertarian. In my 46 years on this earth, I have done many things. I was a semi-touring

heavy metal drummer. I was a professional wrestler on the East Coast independent scene, having worked matches with legends like Terry Funk, Yokozuna and Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka. These days, my day job is as an IT Infrastructure Analyst for a major healthcare company as well as raising integrity-based goats for meat and milk as well as having a small Irish Dexter cattle herd. I share this life with my beautiful wife of 21 years, Ann and our 2 sons, 12 and 15. We also share a 31 year old son, his fiance and 2 grandchildren. I say these things to underscore the journey that I have been on that have lead me to this point. I have been a registered Libertarian since 1998, and, apart from my very first vote in 1992 for Ross Perot, have

voted Libertarian in every election since. I was 18, and couldn't stand either H.W. or Clinton. And it was dissatisfaction with those options that led me to the LP.

However, it is just in the last few years, and especially the 2020 election cycle, that I have become far more engaged and active in the LP in local, state and federal elections. And I feel that one of the absolute best things that we, as libertarians (lower or capital L) can do for the future and strength of our party and movement is to be actively engaged locally. Thus my decision to seek a seat on the Board of Supervisors for my local township. One of the many things that I will work to accomplish is to show the people of my local

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nated more money to the LPPA than we had paid in legal fees. Despite not winning, we actually made a profit on the lawsuit.

Disappointed but never undeterred, we resolved to get ballot access the usual way, governor's orders be damned. With help from the Jorgensen campaign, I organized 221 volunteers to collect signatures. In addition to the volunteers, Eastern Vice Chair Moore managed a team of professional petitioners, whom we paid with the money we raised at convention. To the surprise of our political opponents who wanted to keep us off the ballot, the LPPA was able to turn in over 10,000 signatures - twice the state's requirement.

Once we had ballot access, our next step was to advertise our candidates. This led to another first in state party history: a mass-media advertising campaign. The LPPA ran radio and billboard ads around Pennsylvania. One of our billboards (pictured) was on South Second Street in Harrisburg. We chose this location deliberately so Governor Wolf and many state legislators would have to see it every day on their way to the state capitol building. An LPPA billboard campaign had been a dream of mine for several years now, and I thank the Board of Directors for voting to make my vision a reality.

We couldn't have hoped for better election results. Every single one of our statewide candidates received enough of the vote to qualify the LPPA for full "minor



The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania's first-ever billboard campaign was launched this year in 2020. The LPPA hopes to continue using mass-market advertising to bypass media censorship.

party" status under state law. This means we will now be granted automatic access to special elections, we will appear as a checkbox option on voter registration forms, and we will have full control over our own nomination process.

If 2020 has shown us anything, it's that Libertarians have the grit to fight through any adversity. We will speak truth to power, we will challenge a wrongheaded governor, and we will risk petitioning in a pandemic to make our voices heard. The ordeals we've faced have only made us stronger. I am proud to call this party home.

Tim McMaster

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community that Libertarianism is something to embrace. That with a strong reliance on one's own self, the freedom to explore your life's passion, some profit incentive and minimal government intrusion, you can be successful.

The ideals of libertarianism here in York County are strong. Even if most citizens aren't fully aware that it is in fact, libertarianism. The idea that no one holds authority of you and your life, so long as you are not infringing on the rights of anyone else, is universal. The idea that no one, especially out of touch politicians or unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats, knows better how to allocate the fruits of your labor is undeniable. The belief that using violence or aggression to get ones way is unnatural. The fact, however, that these ideas are often labeled as either right-wing or left-wing, liberal of conservative is laughable. The natural state of mankind is to be free. Not to be ground down under the boot of authoritarian dictates or oppressive taxation. As we are reminded by the Declaration of Independence; "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." These days, Harrisburg and Washington DC (District of Criminality), have lost that consent due to their unbridled spending, unchecked authoritarianism and utter disregard for the words of our founders. This must change if we are to continue to have a prosperous and free republic.

In closing, I am reminded of words that I first read on a bumper sticker affixed to a blackboard in my 9th grade homeroom... "Think Global. Act Local." And I am doing both.

Tim McMaster
Tim4Conewago.com



John Waldenberger is seeking the LPPA nomination for the gubernatorial race in 2022. John is currently the chair of the Montgomery County committee. He ran for state rep in 2018. "I am seeking either the Governor or Lt. Governor slot," John explained in a recent interview.

The reason this 31-year-old is seeking either position is that "I am tired of the corruption." He cites his main goals, should he win both the endorsement and election, as

Interview with John Waldenberger

(Making sure my Lt. Governor and the rest of the staff is on par with my thinking". As an initial go, John would expunge all non-violent drug offenders and halt the war on drugs in Pennsylvania. Then he would turn his attention to getting spending under control and reducing the state's massive debt.

John is self-employed as a music store owner. "Business was impacted pretty significantly this year, but I haven't taken any assistance from either the state or the Federal government." To support his candidacy, John is seeking support and invites interested LPPA members to join his team.

Candidate: Joel Getz

Office:

Mayor of East Stroudsburg (Monroe County)

Website: Getz4Mayor.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ getz4mayor



Joel is currently the Vice Chair of the Monroe County Libertarian Party, as well as a member of the Media Relations Committee for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. He has been involved with a number of

campaigns, including the most recent LP presidential race of Jorgensen/Cohen.

Joel's passion is helping others and he wants to make positive changes for the residents of East Stroudsburg.

Platform Committee Completes 2020 Work

his year's LPPa platform committee includes Minet, Gus Tatlas, Al Meckley, John Robinson, and myself as chair. We have recently completed our work and we are making recommendations for changes to the state platform. We began in September and spent about a month on each of the three major sections of the platform - "Free and Open Society," "Free and Open Markets," and "Free and Open Government." We will be submitting our report to the secretary in order that it can be posted to the LPPa website for review and commentary by our members. It will then be presented for adoption at our 2021 convention.

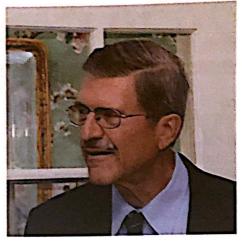
While past platform committees have recommended minor changes to keep the document current, this time we have done what I would consider a major overhaul of the platform. In addition to improving the language in a number of planks, we are recommending adding brand new planks covering issues including labor markets, occupational licensing, sex workers' rights, gerrymandering, and (long overdue) elimination of the Pa. Liquor Control Board.

Our work was conducted entirely by email, but nonetheless we were able to reach consensus on most of the major issues we discussed. However, there was one glaring exception; it occurred when we were considering drafting a new plank on voting rights. Two of our members felt that the right to actually cast a vote is the predominant issue, and so proposed a plank such as:

"Our right to vote is a sacred right. Accessibility to voting shall be promoted, expanded and the integrity of our methods shall be secured. We support "no excuse" absentee voting; however we believe every Pennsylvanian must submit a request for an absentee ballot to receive one. We support in-person early voting as well to ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote in-person should they choose to and that the votes can be collected and counted correctly and efficiently. We also support a prisoner's right to vote. For those that committed true crimes, being incarcerated is an adequate punishment for that crime. We do preserve some rights of the incarcerated; the right to vote should be among those.

Another two members felt that the right to vote is degraded if it is not possible to assure a secure election. Since an in-person vote is clearly more secure than a mailed in vote, they proposed this plank:

"Ensuring the integrity of elec-



Henry Haller, chairman of the LPPA Platform Committee

tions is critically important. Without elections that citizens can implicitly trust there is no democracy. Volume use of mail-in ballots must cease as it provides too many opportunities for hard-to-detect fraud. Substantially all voters must vote with their neighbors at their local polling place on election day; the only exceptions should be absentee ballots for which voters have applied at least two weeks in advance, stating a compelling reason for their absence. We also oppose same day registration, as that also opens up opportunities for fraud in that election officials do not have the time to properly assess the eligibility of the prospective voter to be qualified to vote in the district."

Unable to resolve this impasse, our fifth member advocated dropping the issue entirely, which is what we did. However, we recommend having a conversation on this issue among our members, perhaps at the 2021 convention, to see if there is any consensus among the membership.

This disagreement notwithstanding, we believe that we are offering a much improved platform for our party, and we hope that the delegates at the convention will vote to approve it.

2020 Candidate Interviews

arc Bozzacco: Marc had to take over the Libertarian race for state rep in the 153rd district from someone who needed to drop out, meaning that Marc could not even begin gathering signatures until June. On top of the Covid restrictions, getting the 474 signatures required for ballot access in Montgomery County was a challenge. "I must have knocked on 4,000 doors" estimates Marc.

One of the hottest summers on record, coupled with a lockdown and health concerns led to plenty of doors being slammed in Marc's face, and being chased off of many a lawn. In the end, 626 signatures were collected with the help of volunteers. Despite the many obstacles, Marc was able to garner 23% of the vote against the Democratic incumbent.

"I learned that most people don't know who their state rep is," explained Marc. "I met people with a Sanchez (incumbent) sign on their lawn because they were asked to show it, without knowing who the guy was."

"I wasn't notified that I was officially on the ballot until August, giving me little time to organize and raise funds. We had to do logos, literature, everything at the last minute. I would never have done this well if I didn't have the support of so many volunteers who made this result happen."

Marc estimates that while he received about 5% of the mail-in ballots, he pulled in close to 38% at the polls. "We also found that we get about 20% of the poll vote where we had no literature table compared to 40% of the vote where we were handing out cards."

What about the future? "I'm starting to run right now," said Marc, "I intend to be on the ballot in two years. We collected about \$12,000 and spent only \$10,000 so I have a head start for 2022."



Marc Bozzacco ran for Pennsylvania House District 153 and earned an incredible 23% of the vote.

Liz Terwilliger: Liz Terwilliger lives in Warren Center, Pa. located on the edge of Bradford and Susquehanna Counties. Running for congress in the 12th district, Liz explained that she lives in a rural area. "I love it here. We have thirty acres of land, and most of our neighbors are cabins that are only occupied during Deer Season."

Liz decided to run after repeatedly trying to get her Republican incumbent to give her a straight answer to her questions. "I kept complaining to my husband until he asked me why I don't just run for the position myself, so I did."

Liz feels that she was really a Libertarian since high school days but was registered as a Democrat until she officially joined the LP in 2016. Running in a rural county during Covid was a big challenge for the first-time candidate. She needed 1800 signatures to get on the bal-

lot, and nearly got there (Liz was one of the canvassers of the 2020 campaign). In the end she got 1780 signers – 20 signatures short of the ballot access requirement.

Undaunted, Liz decided to continue as a write in. "In the process of collecting signatures, we were able to help a lot of other down-ballot candidates collect signatures, which was worthwhile".



Liz Terwilliger ran for Congress in PA-12. She collected nearly 900 petition signatures by herself, a truly amazing feat.

Asked about the views of the largely Republican voters in the district, Liz explained that many people are single-issue voters, being opposed to abortion, for example. "I was also disappointed to see voters

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Pennsylvania Libertarians have lots to be proud of in 2020. Coming off of the 2019 campaign cycle, we all believed that things were going to go extremely well for us! However, Covid-19 had other plans.

During the shutdown, it was impossible to petition, and when we asked the governor for relief, he never responded. When we asked the courts to grant us relief, the PADEMS motioned to intervene despite the fact that the case had nothing to do with them. When the courts ruled against us, everyone put their efforts into high gear! We had roughly 3.5 weeks to do our petition drive if we were to achieve ballot access. Starting with a bit over 1000 signatures, we turned in over 10,300 at the end of the drive!

Volunteers came out of the woodwork to help us gather enough signatures to obtain ballot access, and our own Jennifer Moore ran the paid petition drive. For those who do not know, this is a monumental undertaking! Our paid petitioners were responsible for a significant portion of our signatures, and Jennifer's efforts gained her the notice of the Libertarian Party (National) who recruited her for the Ballot Access Committee. A special thank you to Richard Schwarz whose work and knowledge has been absolutely crucial, every petition drive. He was there to meet with the Pa State Department and turn in our signatures. His knowledge of organizing and of the people involved ensured that everything went smoothly.

Once our candidates were safely on the ballot, we were unprepared for how many press requests our statewide Row Candidates received, but there was a sizable amount of interest in our candidates this election cycle!

Now that the Election is done, we can say that the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania has regained Minor Party Status, and while we only needed one Statewide Candidate to achieve this, I am excited to say that ALL of our Statewide Candidates have achieved this! We needed 2% of the votes cast for the winner of just one of the statewide elections and here are our results:

Auditor General	Jennifer Moore	6.13%
Treasurer	Joseph Soloski	4.46%
Attorney General	Daniel Wassmer	3.48%
President of the United States	Jo Jorgensen	2.31%

The results are still unofficial, and while the numbers may change a smidge up or down, mathematically, it is impossible for us to not have minor party status from every campaign we ran! In addition to many of our down ballot candidates doing very well in their respective races. One of those being Marc Bozzacco who achieved 23% in his race for State Representative in the 153rd District in Montgomery County!

Special Thanks to all of our candidates and to more than 200 volunteer petitioners. Our party lives and breathes as a direct result of the effort our volunteers put forth. The success resulting from all of that work truly made this year one to remember! Many of you have heard about Liz Terwilliger's congressional campaign and about how she was thrown off of the ballot being just 20 signatures short after the Republicans successfully challenged her signatures. This is a special shout out for her efforts in obtaining nearly 900 signatures, during a pandemic, by herself!

Top Signature Gatherers for the 2020 LPPA Petition Drive

LPPA Petition Drive				
Top Volunteer Petitioners	Top Candidate Petitioners			
1 Kristine Cousler-	1 Elizabeth			
Womack	Terwilliger			
2 Phillip Reinhardt	2 Marc Bozzacco			
3 Adam Reinhardt	3 Noyes Lawton			
4 Stephen Wahrhaftig	4 Jared Martin			
5 Susan Feese	5 Steve Scheetz			
6 Amanda Perry	6 John Waldenberger			
7 Chris Terwilliger	7 Ryan Bourinski			
8 Joseph Van Wagner	8 Nicole Golden			
9 John Burd	9 Marlin Bressi			
10 Marie Snyder	10 Joseph Soloski			
11 Matt	Top Professional (Paid)			
Schutter	Petitioners			
12 Sam Robb	1 Darrel Bonner			
13 Bonnie Flaherty	2 Kevin Jacobs			
14 Clayton Brasend	3 Renaldo Duncan			
15 David Womack	4 Kevin Gaughen			
16 Elijah Gizzarelli	5 Daryl Brooks			
17 Kaitlyn Crosby	6 Alexander Schlegel			
18 Roy A Minet	7 Jeff Douglas			
19 Travis Moul	8 Derek Jackson			
20 Chad DeSantis	9 Josiah Strickland			

These folks made ballot access possible. Thank you!

The LPPA is proud of what we accomplished this year, and we are grateful for having the privilege of working with the most amazing team of LPPA members this past year.

York County Update

just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our members in York County. In this past year, they have gone beyond expectations to make the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania better.

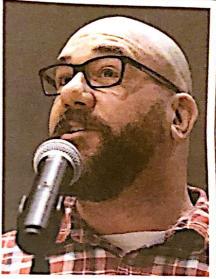
First, I want to recognize our York County Vice Chair, Kristine Cousler-Womack for volunteering as a coordinator for the Jorgensen Campaign. She organized our volunteers, set up events for our candidates and, as a result, drew in more members to the party. Kristine leads by example and continues to find opportunities to contribute. Most recently, she volunteered as campaign coordinator for Statewide and local candidates in York County. Thank you, Kristine, for all that you do. We are absolutely a better organization because of your tireless commit-

Next, I want the recognize Al Meckley our York County Secretary/Treasurer. Al has volunteered to represent Pennsylvania on the national Platform Pommittee and the LPPA Platform Committee. He

has spent countless hours collaborating to help develop quality submissions to our members. I personally look forward to the LPPA 2021 State Convention and I believe membership will be happy with the work they'll consider for adoption. Thank you, Al, for your patience and dedication to helping our party answer the question others ask, "What do Libertarians stand for"?

Travis Moul joined the York County committee in the beginning of the Jorgenson signature drive, and he hit the ground running. Travis has answered the call at every opportunity to participle in campaign drives and help to spread our message of Liberty in York County. He participated in sign waves, events, and recruitment drives. He was also recently accepted as a member of the LPPA Elections Committee. Thank you, Travis, for stepping up. The Elections Committee is going to have a lot of work to do in 2021 and it needs the help.

I want to thank Tim McMaster. Not just for being one of the most



Gust Tatlas, chairman of the Libertarian Party of York County

vocal members on the Jorgensen campaign trail last year but for being the first Libertarian in York County to announce a candidacy for local office in 2021. Tim is running for Conewago Township Board of Supervisors. Thank you for putting yourself out there, Tim, and I hope it inspires others to run as well.

There are many others to thank for their hard work, and I look forward to highlighting each of you. Keep pushing forward and keep seeking opportunities. I am so very proud of you all.

Gus Tatlas Chairman Libertarian Party of York County

Candidate Interviews

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constantly looking for government solutions to problems that could easily be solved by local individuals".

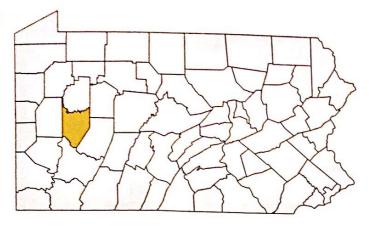
The greatest resonance she had with the voters was the idea of 'taking the house back" in order to give locals a voice, "People want their representatives to actually represent them." says Liz.

In the end, Liz received less than one percent of the vote. She was a late-entry write-in, and the winning in-

cumbent spent over a million dollars while Liz used less than \$6,000. "Several major media opportunities were canceled because I did not make the official ballot," Liz

The 2020 census may change her district a bit, but she is determined to start earlier and run a successful campaign in two years for that congressional seat. When asked how she manages to cover the huge rural district with voters spread so far apart she responds, "It's a beautiful district to cover, and I enjoy driving".

New County Committee: Armstrong



Andrew Hreha is the chairman of the newly-formed Armstrong County Libertarian Committee. Started this past summer with Vice Chair Ben Seevers. Andrew, 22, is a senior at Waynesburg University, majoring in Communications (Journalism) and taking minor in Political Science.

Armstrong County in a large rural county located in the western part of the state. Like other such counties, Armstrong is heavily Republican. Andrew pointed out that it was not unusual for a Republican candidate to run for office unopposed in his area. "We'd like to give them some competition," said Andrew.

Armstrong County has not had a Libertarian committee for about ten years, so Ben and Andrew are starting from scratch. They have a big advantage, however, with being able to communicate with local college age voters. Andrew explained. "they are pretty receptive to our message". In fact, while canvassing

for ballot access in the last election, Andrew found that many voters in his area were willing to hear more about the Libertarian message, which bodes well for the growth the committee is expecting.

LPPA Secretary Kathleen Smith is helping Andrew and Ben by providing a list of registered Libertarians than can be reached, most of them are yet unaware that a committee has been re-formed.

"It's a large county," Andrew explained, "so it's hard to find a good place to hold meetings, especially under current conditions". The committee plans to meet virtually at first and move to in-person meetings eventually.

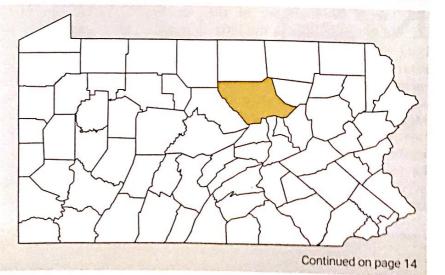
Unlike many other schools in the state, Waynesburg University has maintained in-person classes with virtually no problems. This gives Andrew more opportunities to engage fellow students in Libertarian discussions.

The Armstrong committee is excited by the prospects of finding candidates to run for local office. "I've found that some people seem to be cut out to be Candidate material," observed Andrew, "while others are better being activists that support those candidates." Which one is Andrew? "I've always thought about running for office," admits Andrew. "But I don't have the time or capacity to do that yet. I think I am better off supporting a candidate. But someday.".

Someday, no doubt, Andrew may find himself running for local office, supported by the Libertarian committee that he and Ben started up un the summer of 2020.

New County Committee: Lycoming

ycoming County was once so large it was split into seventeen separate counties, and it is still the largest county in Pennsylvania. Lycoming, located in North Central Pa. is also one of our



LPPA Officer Spotlight Kathleen Smith Interview



Kathleen Smith of Washington County has served as LPPA Secretary since 2019

athleen is in her second term as Secretary of the LPPA. She lives in the Pittsburg vicinity, and has been a Libertarian for about 30 years, but a member of the LP for eight years. Kathleen's husband joined a local Mensa group at the time, and they discovered that about 70% of the members were Libertarians. "Maybe Libertarians are smarter than average," Kathleen thought. (We know the answer).

Her area of the state is the ideal spawning ground for Liberty, Kathleen maintains, "after all, we are the reason behind the Whiskey Rebellion!"

Kathleen started her career as an educator for special needs children, but found that was not her calling. A friend talked her into joining her at B. Dalton Books. This led to a 35-year career in the book business, where Kathleen met many famous writers and editors, ending her career at Borders Books.

Kathleen feels that her stint as secretary of the LPPA has been rewarding. "I have a better understanding now of the wide variety of people that we have in the LP," explained Kathleen. "But more importantly, even with our differences, we share a common commitment to Liberty."

"Watching the LPPA and local counties become organized and growing has been really amazing," she said. When asked what is next after she finishes with being our secretary, Kathleen said, "I'd like to spend time on community outreach in my area and help the Libertarian Party continue to grow."

Lycoming County

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newest LPPA affiliates, being formed in October 2020. We spoke with Luke Moyer, chairman, and member Sally Ann Combs about Lycoming.

"Lycoming is mostly rural," Luke explained, "and heavily Republican"

Despite their recent start, they already have more than twelve members.

"The size of the county is one of our challenges", said Sally, "finding a meeting place convenient to all members is not easy".

Like some other counties, Lycoming is currently doing their meetings both in person and on Zoom.

The immediate goal for the Lycoming group is to look at available positions to elect candidates to and find Libertarians to run for these offices. When asked what the LPPA could do to support Lycoming, both Sally and Luke responded that support has been great so far, with Steve Scheetz and Dan Wasserman attending their first meeting. They have also received a lot of encouragement from recent LP candidate Liz Terwilliger

"The LPPA CRM is a great resource", noted Sally, "although it takes time to navigate the process". Both Luke and Sally feel that a County Starter Package containing information about launching a new affiliate would be a good idea.

The Lycoming County Libertarian Party is off to a terrific start, and are a welcome resource for growing the Liberty movement in Pennsylvania.

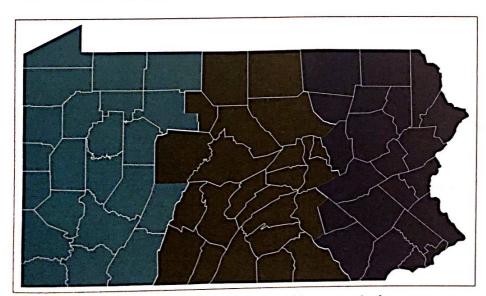
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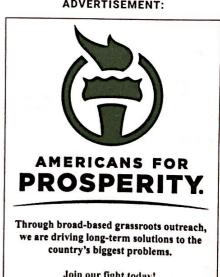
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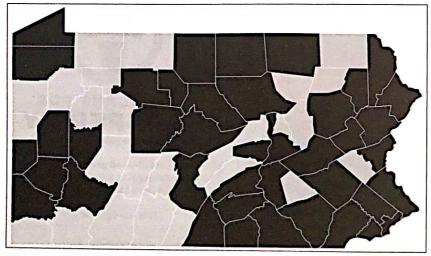
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