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Conference: Future of the Libertarian Political Movement II

Three years ago, we organized a Conference on the Future of the Libertarian Political Movement. Held in Manchester, New Hampshire in Summer 2011, the Conference covered a wide range of topics.

Perhaps it is time for another conference, say in Summer 2015. Given the prolonged failure to thrive of the Libertarian Party of the United States, perhaps as one topic for discussion it may be timely to discuss alternative organizations or methods.

The 2011 Speaker Schedule included Speakers John Buttrick, Mary Ruwart, and Ernie Hancock, all speaking on "Future of the Libertarian Political Movement; and Invited Speaker Panels: "Future of the Libertarian Political Movement" (Ruwart, Hancock, Buttrick, Keaton); Libertarians and Young People (Alex Peterson); Libertarians and GLBT Outreach (Angela Keaton, Carol McMahan); Electronic Politics in the Age of Anonymous (Bonnie Scott, Dan Reale); Candidate Recruitment (Alwin Hopfmann, Dave Blau, Rich Tomasso); My First Run For Federal Office (Joe Kennedy, Bob Clark, Dan Reale); New Hampshire Politics (Seth Cohn, Joel Winter, Rich Tomasso); Libertarians and the Antiwar Movement (Angela Keaton, Alex Peterson, John Walsh) and a Presidential candidate debate. What might 2015 bring?

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Nationwide

CopBlock and Anonymous Florida are organizing the Million March Against Police Brutality. The target date is December 1. This apparently started as a Florida event, but has spread to other places. For more information:

mmapb.org/
[facebook.com/OfficialAnonymousFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialAnonymousFlorida)

Events announced to date include:

[facebook.com/events/1653012101590814/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1653012101590814/) (Tampa) [facebook.com/events/1450701195191066/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1450701195191066/) (Tallahassee)
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Other Libertarian News

LP-Oregon Censures National LP

The Libertarian party of Oregon has passed a motion of censure and reprisal directed against the National Libertarian Party. The core issue is the National Convention's treatment of the Oregon delegation to the National Convention. In 2012, the National Convention Credentials Committee refused to seat the LPOR's delegation, choosing to seat instead a delegation from the Tim Reeves-Ken Burke group. The National Convention upheld the action of the Credentials Committee. In 2014, the Credentials Committee recommended seating the Oregon Party's two delegates. On the floor, the National Chair ruled that it was in order for the National Convention to change the list of delegates from a state, his ruling was upheld by vote of the National Convention, and the National convention first voted to add three delegates from the Burke-Reeves clique to the Oregon delegation and then allowed those three delegates to chose the Delegation Head.

On August 5, 2014, the Oregon State Committee unanimously passed a resolution of censure and reprisal against the National Committee, reading:

RESOLUTION

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Board of Directors Meeting, Beaverton, Oregon
August 5, 2014

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Alaska

The State Convention was in April. Their candidates include
Mark Fish 2014 U.S. Senate
Jim McDermott 2014 Congressional Candidate
Carolyn Clift 2014 Governor
Andrew C. Lee 2014 Lt. Governor
Cean Stevens House District 19
Dave Lyle Valdez City Council

Arkansas

After many years of relative inactivity, the LP of Arkansas is going great guns, with candidates for Senate, all four Congressional seats, 7 state offices, and more than a dozen seats in the state legislature. In 2012 Johnson-Gray got 1.5% in the state. Their 2016 candidate recruitment effort is already under weigh.

California

The California LP languishes under the burden of the UnAmerican Top-Two system, which excludes Libertarians from the November General Election ballot. They still have elected public officials at the city level. They are still running candidates for more local offices, and make efforts to run candidates at the state legislative level, especially where another party neglected to run a candidate.

Colorado

The LP of Colorado has more than 40 candidates from US Senate on to local offices, including a Senator, four Congressional candidates, and a range of statewide offices. Readers' attentions are drawn to the LPCO platform <https://lpcolorado.org/> issues which contains a long series of concrete proposals. While some of these proposals are Colorado-specific, many would be of practical use for state parties across America.

Connecticut

The Connecticut LP had a contested nomination for US Congress, with Dan Reale (the eventual nominee) facing a Republican candidate who wanted less competition. Their candidate nomination convention therefore had some real interest.

Delaware

The Delaware web pages are under construction. Delaware does however have a slate of state officers, officers for several counties, and a candidate for Congress.

Outright Libertarians Elects:

Outright Libertarians held its election meeting in conjunction with the Libertarian Party National Convention. Their new officers are Mike Shipley — Chair, Steven Rodriguez — Vice Chair, Rob Power — Treasurer, and Brandon de Hoyos — Secretary.

Florida

Libertarian candidate for Attorney General Bill Wohlsifer is operating a weekly internet call in for his campaign. The candidate is thereby available to callers from across Florida without needing media cooperation.

Georgia

The LP of Georgia call for marijuana legalization resulted in a flurry of press attention and a half-dozen press interviews for LP George State Chair Doug Craig.

Hawaii

The LP of Hawaii is running eight candidates this year, including Jeff David for Governor and Joe Kent for Congress.

Idaho

The LP Idaho State Convention was June 21st. The Libertarian Philosophical Brunch occurs on the second Saturday of each month at the Canyon Creek Restaurant at I-84, Exit 36 in Nampa.

Illinois

The LP of Illinois reports that: On June 23, the Libertarian Party of Illinois delivered 43,921 signatures to the State Board of Elections. In an attempt to keep the people of Illinois from having the option of voting Libertarian, Republicans challenged our petition.

UPDATE: The battle to keep Libertarians on the ballot in Illinois continues. Thanks to many wonderful volunteer defenders, we have successfully completed the signature review. The remaining challenges will be dealt with through State Board of Elections hearings. The next one will be August 4 at 9:00 a.m. in Chicago at the Thompson Center.

Independent Political Report advises that the Republicans are now sending people door to door to addresses of people who signed nominating papers in a last desperate effort to knock the Libertarian candidates off the ballot.

The LP of Illinois now has 15 county and multicounty organizations. Their candidate resources page is excellent, though a few of the proposals may work better than others. <http://www.lpillinois.org/campaigns/resources.php#> for details.

The LP Illinois Convention will be September 12 -14 in Bolingbrook.

Indiana

The LPIN has an excellent set of candidate support pages at <http://lpin.org/resources/>. In Indiana, candidates go on the ballot with little more than the stroke of a pen, so nearly 70 Indianan Libertarians are running for Federal, state and local office.

Note also the Libertarian Party of Indiana Candidate Training Center at lpin.org.

Iowa

The Libertarian Party of Iowa is busy collecting signatures. They have until August 15 to finish. Their candidates include Lee Hieb for Governor, Doug Butzier for U.S. Senate, Jake Porter for Secretary of State, and Ed Wright for U.S. House 3rd District.

Kansas

The LP of Kansas campaign to clarify the legality of open carry has met with complete success with the passage of HB2578. The LP of Kansas had previously successfully overturned bans on open carry in Overland Park, Wichita, Lenexa, Gardner, Topeka, and Silver Lake.

Al Terwelp has resigned as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kansas. We quote from their newsletter *Free Kansan*: LPKS Vice Chair and former LPKS Chair Rob Hodgkinson will assume the position of Chair. "Al has been a great asset to the LPKS, even before he was elected Chair, and we are all sorry to see him step down," said Mr. Hodgkinson. "His creativity and energy have been invaluable. I am looking forward to the day he is able to be back in a position of leadership."

Kentucky

All this time, Kentucky Libertarian registration is growing 40% per year, and is on the march to 5000 registered Libertarians in the foreseeable future. Last Fall, Kentucky State Chair Ken Moellman made an extended analysis of Robert Sarvis's performance in the Virginia election, and the vicious attacks that had been made on Sarvis by various Republicans who sometimes affect to have libertarian inclinations. We quote Moellman from a much longer article, speaking of Republican attacks on Sarvis:

"The long-term result of this is that Libertarians have learned who their friends are.

"Some groups that I've personally endorsed and sent people toward can be quite certain that I won't be doing that anymore. These groups know who they are. See, the whole reason I'm not a Democrat or a Republican is because I refuse to give political capital to my political opponents. I believe in liberty -- not just economic liberty or social liberty -- but liberty, in total.

"Libertarian candidates need to watch their backs. I told this to a newer libertarian campaign team just this week. If we're somehow perceived to be threatening Rand Paul's chances for the 2016 presidential nod, he might do to us in Kentucky, like he did to Sarvis in Virginia -- drag Ron into Kentucky and have him spread half-truths.

"Now understand, it pains me to say such things; Ron Paul is the reason I got back into politics in 2005. However, it's obvious that Ron has switched long-term goals with the short-term goal of getting Rand elected president in 2016. However, I would say that such a goal is futile if we don't continue to

change the hearts and minds of Americans and Kentuckians. So, while Rand may have bought some points within the GOP (and I'd venture to say that it didn't), it certainly hurt the overall libertarian movement; tearing it into two pieces. And certainly, he shouldn't expect support from the people he just threw under the bus."

Louisiana

Louisiana rightfully boasts of an electoral record: "Brannon McMorris is running for US Senate. For the first time in Louisiana history we will have a full slate of Congressional candidates: Jeffry Sanford for Congressional District 1, Samuel Davenport for Congressional District 2, David Chance for Congressional District 3, Randall Lord for Congressional District 4, Clay Grant for Congressional District 5, and Rufus Craig for Congressional District 6. Also Jennifer Werther is running for Sheriff of St Tammany Parish!"

Maryland

Maryland reports having more than 13,000 registered voters and multiple candidates for their 2014 elections. Through a novel feature of state law, they also have something available no place else: Libertarian Party vanity automobile license plates.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Libertarians have six candidates for State Representative, one candidate for State Senate, and a candidate for sheriff of Suffolk County. The possibility of running a slate for US Senate and the six statewide offices foundered on the unavailability of a candidate willing to spend \$35,000 or so for ballot access. Rumor suggests that 2018 will be different.

Michigan

Michigan candidates for statewide and Federal Office include:

US Senate: Jim Fulner

Governor of Michigan: Mary Buzuma

Lieutenant Governor: Scotty Boman

Attorney General: Justin Altman

Secretary of State: Jamie Lewis

Supreme Court Justice: Kerry Morgan

and for Congress District 1: Loel Gnad, District 2: Kipp Welch II, District 3: NOTA, District 4: Will Tyler White, District 5: Hal Jones, District 6: Erwin Haas, District 7: Ken Proctor, District 8: James Weeks II, District 9: Greg Creswell, District 11: John Tatar, District 12: Bob Dhsyhria, District 13: Chris Sharer, and District 14: Leonard Schwartz.

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Minnesota

The LPMN web pages discuss their party organization, showing how key activities have been broken into different divisions. We quote from their web pages, which implicitly offer sound advice to Libertarians across America. For much more, see lpmn.org/divisions/ We quote from their pages:

Political Division

The Political Division is responsible for recruiting and training Libertarian candidates for public office. This includes working with volunteers and maintaining a list of all elected and appointed offices. The Political Division provides support to candidates such as assistance with filing the proper paperwork and assisting campaign strategy. The Political Division will support the Libertarian Party Presidential nominees.

Communications Division

The Communications Division is responsible for communicating the policies, positions, and opinions of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota to the public at large. This responsibility includes maintaining the content of our web site at www.lpmn.org, establishing and maintaining our social media presence, managing relationships with all media and press and communicating with the party members.

IT Division

The Informational Technology (IT) division is responsible for implementing all aspects of technology within the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

Outreach Division

The Outreach Division is responsible for grassroots-level contact between the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and the public at large. These responsibilities include maintaining useful contacts and coordination with student organizations, recruiting key demographics into the party, building coalitions with like-minded groups, and coordinating outreach events.

Field Development Division

The Field Development Division is responsible for establishing, developing, and maintaining Congressional District-level affiliates (CD), which shall mirror and augment existing Libertarian Party of Minnesota Divisions at the CD level. This includes training CD's on best practices, and providing necessary logistical support. Additionally, they will assist in training and supporting CD affiliates on successful event planning techniques and strategies.

Public Policy Division

The Public Policy Influence & Advocacy (PPIA) Division is responsible for developing and maintaining interactions between the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and elected government officials, as well as tracking the results of interactions to help shape candidacy strategy. The PPIA Division is also responsible for ensuring that the Libertarian Party input is provided for key legislation and initiatives when and where possible.

Each of these division descriptions have subpages with more detailed job descriptions.

Mississippi

After a long period of near-total inactivity, the Mississippi LP has returned to vibrant activity, with candidates for Congress, County affiliate formations, and a new web page. The controversial Republican Senate primary has been cleverly exploited by the MSLP state chair Mario Barnes, who said "We have witnessed first-hand Democratic Party members showing up in droves to choose the Republican nominee. While this seems a simple issue, the underlying tones are tyrannical. The big boys in Washington have shown a state political party in Mississippi that they will not let them choose their own candidate unless he gets the stamp of approval from the National Party."

New Hampshire

Unfortunately, the LPNH campaign to run Max Abramson for Governor and Gardner Goldsmith for US Senate failed to get them on the general election ballot. The signature requirement was significant; somewhat more money at a somewhat earlier date for professional petitioners, or somewhat more structured volunteer efforts, might have made a difference.

Pennsylvania

Unfortunately, Ken Krawchuk's 2014 campaign for Governor did not collect enough signatures to put Krawchuk on the November ballot.

Tennessee

Libertarian Wallace Redd is now a newly elected County Commissioner in Montgomery County.

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Amplifications

We had previously reported on findings from the LNC audit and related events.

Paul Frankel writes us:

George:

As always, thanks for the newsletter. I just read the whole issue and recommend others to do so as well. One major nit, although it is not your fault:

You reproduce erroneous information which I had previously written LNC to correct and which has not been corrected.

“Alabama limited liability company owned by Board member Ballot access petitioning services gathering 7,590 signatures in Alabama, Maryland, North Dakota and West Virginia \$30,523. Readers will note that the number is about \$4 per signature.”

The corporation in question is a Wyoming corporation owned by non-board member Andrew Jacobs, and the sums reported above were the totals paid to Andy, myself and several other subcontractors through this corporation. Much of the pay was reimbursement for travel expenses, only some of it was pay per signature.

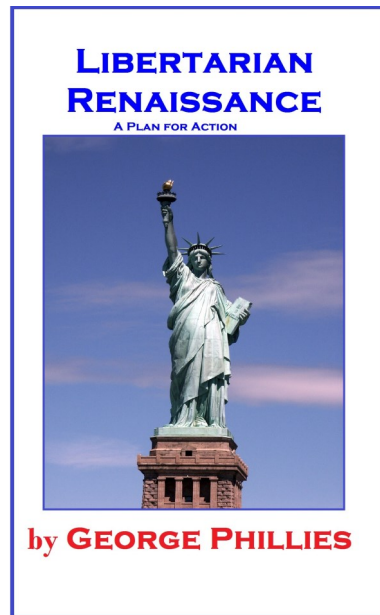
In none of the states listed did the pay rate approach anywhere near \$4 unless you count expense reimbursements as pay, except for the very short term emergency petitioning in WV. The North Dakota job ended before I was elected to the LNC.

“Board member - Ballot access petitioning services - gathering 2,461 signatures in Illinois for \$5,903. Readers will note that the number is not quite \$2.50 per signature” Naturally, Ms. Visek’s pay was a lower “per signature” cost since she had no travel expenses (motels, gas between states) to reimburse, given that she petitioned only in Illinois where she lives full time. We were not paid at a higher rate than Dianna was, although the above may be taken to mean that we were.

Ironically, I was drummed off the Ballot Access Committee because I am a petition contractor, however as we see above Ms. Visek, the committee chair, has also been a petition contractor as well.

The committee then changed its focus, which was supposed to have included institutionalizing ballot access management knowledge and optimizing practices, to solely the litigation and perhaps lobbying aspect of ballot access. It then proceeded to do nothing. I had plans to do actual work on the committee, which I was asked to join (not my idea) but no one wanted to work with me, it appears.

I have renewed my offer to the new LNC to serve on this committee as well as Outreach and Affiliate Support, both of which I unsuccessfully offered to serve on last term. Hopefully the new LNC will take me up on my offer to serve on this committee and/or the two others I have once again volunteered for.



Libertarian Renaissance

George Phillies has created and published a new edition of the New Path Plan for saving our party.

Libertarian Renaissance is an update of the 2010 edition with new information.

The volume is available on

Amazon Kindle
[amazon.com/Libertarian-Renaissance-Essays-Liberty-ebook/dp/B00E1SVGAK](https://www.amazon.com/Libertarian-Renaissance-Essays-Liberty-ebook/dp/B00E1SVGAK) and

Smashwords
[smashwords.com/books/view/339159](https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/339159)

for ninety-nine cents.

Oregon Censures National Party — Continued

SUBJECT: 2014 Libertarian Party National Convention

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of Oregon also solicited delegates via a sign-up form in our 2014 primary ballot materials, mailed to every person registered to vote as a Libertarian in Oregon,

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of Oregon also solicited delegates via announcements on our website and other social media,

WHEREAS the National Libertarian Party bylaws direct that “[a] list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee” and that “[a]mendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee” (NLP bylaws §11(5)(c), emphasis added),

WHEREAS there is no suggestion anywhere in the National Libertarian Party bylaws that any body other than the state affiliate party is ever granted the authority to determine its delegation,

WHEREAS the procedure used to modify the Libertarian Party of Oregon’s delegation – amending the Credentials Committee report – is not permitted by the National Libertarian Party bylaws,

WHEREAS the exclusive means to modify a delegation during the Convention is provided by §11(5)(e) of the National Libertarian Party bylaws,

WHEREAS the purpose of the §11(5)(e) provision is to enable the state affiliate to submit additional members of its delegation to the Credentials Committee during the convention,

WHEREAS the fact that §11(5)(e) is silent regarding who may make submissions to the Credentials Committee is not an implicit grant of authority for any other body to make submissions on the state affiliate party’s behalf, or over its objection,

WHEREAS even if others could make submissions,

the application of §11(5)(e) requires a seven-eighths vote, which was not obtained,

WHEREAS “[m]otions that conflict with the corporate charter, constitution, or bylaws of a society ... are out of order, and if any motion of this kind is adopted, it is null and void” (RONR (11th ed.), p. 343, ll. 14-17),

WHEREAS the convention did not act to modify or suspend the National Libertarian Party bylaws in the course of modifying the Libertarian Party of Oregon’s delegation,

WHEREAS the Libertarian National Committee, aware of these facts, has failed to apologize to the Libertarian Party of Oregon for violating the autonomy guaranteed to it under the National Libertarian Party bylaws §6(5), invoking either an erroneous reading of §11(5)(e) or erroneously believing that its parliamentary authority binds it to defend actions of the convention even when they are void,

AND WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of Oregon, as one of the founding affiliates of the National Libertarian Party, is hurt and saddened by the National Libertarian Party’s failure to adhere to its own bylaws and by its apparent disrespect of this state affiliate party; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Oregon repudiates the modification of its convention delegation and CENSURES the National Libertarian Party for that act.

RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Oregon invites other Libertarian state parties to join in this censure to support us, to defend the integrity of their future convention delegations, and to defend their own autonomy,

RESOLVED, that the topic of the Libertarian Party of Oregon’s relationship with the National Libertarian Party shall be placed on the agenda of our next state convention by our Convention Committee.

RESOLVED, that the long history of the National Libertarian Party’s unacceptable conduct toward the Libertarian Party of Oregon will be discussed at our convention, with consequences as may be chosen by our members.

RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Oregon will welcome a representative or a statement from the National Libertarian Party at our convention concerning this matter.

—

Wes Wagner

Chairperson, Libertarian Party of Oregon

We understand that the Libertarian Party of Oregon is in touch with other party State Committees seeking their support on this situation. It is noteworthy that it was Alicia Mattson who had the courtesy to forward the above Oregon resolution from the State Chairs list to the LNC.

The Oregon resolution followed two resolutions from the National Committee. The first, from LNC Chair Nick Sarwark, read : “Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party” (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.” (Article 6, 3), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not

be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party...” (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas the Chair of the National Convention incorrectly ruled that it was in order for the convention to vote to seat three delegates in the Oregon delegation over the objection of the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the motion made did not challenge the report of the Credentials Committee as to who was the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the convention delegates subsequently voted to seat those delegates over the objection of the delegate chair,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee apologizes to the Libertarian Party of Oregon for the erroneous ruling of the National Convention Chair.”

The Sarwark motion was defeated 5-11. Voting Yes were Feldman, Katz, Olsen, Sarwark, and Vohra. Voting No were Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahan, Oates, and Wiener. Redpath abstained.

The second resolution, which was not quite an apology to the LP of Oregon, had as Co-Sponsors Dan Wiener, Vicki Kirkland, Tim Hagan, and Guy McLendon. Voting Yes were Feldman, Hagan, Kirkland, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra, and Wiener. Voting No were Estrada, Goldstein, Johnson, Katz, Mattson, McMahan, and Oates. Lark abstained. The motion passed 9-7. The Resolution read

“Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party” (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

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Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party...” (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas, a dispute over the Oregon delegation was placed before the Credentials Committee, which subsequently presented a report to the Libertarian Party National Convention on June 27, 2014 which did not describe the details of that dispute, and

Whereas, a motion was made to amend the Credentials Committee report to include three individuals as delegates within the Oregon delegation, and

Whereas, in response to a Point of Order the Chair of the National Convention ruled that the proposed amendment was in order, the Chair’s ruling was appealed, the Chair’s ruling was sustained by a vote of the assembly, and the assembly subsequently approved the amendment, and

Whereas, the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, which is the Parliamentary Authority for the Libertarian Party as stated in Article 16 of its Bylaws, states (p. 483) that “In any event, no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society, and any such action of the board is null and void (see p. 577, II. 23-33).” and

Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee never-

theless regrets the situation wherein some delegates believe the above decision was incorrectly decided, therefore

Be it resolved that it is the sense of the Libertarian National Committee that it wishes to convey those regrets to the Libertarian Party of Oregon.”

Following the Oregon Resolution, Alicia Mattson has offered a motion up for consideration by the National Committee. Mattson’s motion reads:

“WHEREAS, the national Libertarian Party’s Judicial Committee ruling dated August 25, 2011 is inoperable;

RESOLVED, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) Secretary is directed to send a letter to the Oregon Secretary of State:

1) Asking her office to correct their records because after May 21, 2011, the outgoing chair of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (Wes Wagner) failed to notify them of the expiration of his term; and

2) Reminding her that the LNC has several times acknowledged the legitimacy of the Tim Reeves group of officers who were selected on May 21, 2011 to replace them (and by implication, any subsequent successor officers);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LNC hereby directs staff to update their records to reflect that the Tim Reeves group of officers are – and have been since May 21, 2011 – the leadership of the Libertarian Party of Oregon and that they are entitled to the same rights and privileges as that of any other affiliate, including being listed on our party’s website, subscribed to the state chairs’ email list, and sent monthly data files required by LNC policy.”

As of this writing, Mattson’s motion has only just been made and is in search of co-sponsors. Rob Oates has co-sponsored. Sam Goldstein and Vicki Kirkland have opposed the approach. LNC Alternate Ron Windeler supported the motion, saying:

I told you so. Passing either motion would not appease Mr. Wagner. I admire the man's amazing talent for turning people against him every time he opens his mouth. But this time, he shot himself in the foot with a nuclear weapon. His opening statement clearly and unambiguously declares that his rogue organization is not affiliated with us.

"WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of Oregon, founded under Oregon law prior to the founding of the National Libertarian Party, is an independent organization neither subordinate nor bound by any contract to the National Libertarian Party,"

Why are we still listening to this megalomaniac? He has no respect for us. He lies while calling us liars. He even insults those among us who champion his cause. He has deliberately violated the bylaws of the LPO and defrauded Oregon by making false statements to their officials. He gloats publically that he was able to hijack the LPO because of badly written and incorrectly applied Oregon statutes. He has drastically reduced the effective membership of the LPO. He is now endangering his 56 candidates (some who may not be legitimate) by deliberately antagonizing the Republican Party of Oregon. He is acting like the posterchild of our opponents who want people to believe that all libertarians are wackos.

The Reeves group recognizes and admits their contractual obligations as our affiliate. We have never disaffiliated with

them. They were elected by delegates to a properly run convention that achieved a quorum and followed the bylaws. The judicial committee also properly elected at that same convention, confirmed that the Wagner group's terms expired at the adjournment of the 2011 convention, and that they had formed a new organization not in compliance with the LPO bylaws. Still, they are working to get as many of Wagner's candidates as possible plus many more properly nominated at their upcoming (August 17th) nominating convention. (8/26 is the filing deadline)

It appears that most of us are still reluctantly dealing with Mr. Wagner because, by fraud, he does have control of ballot access. That is why the current motion focusses on correcting that issue.

But some of us apparently can't get past the flawed decision of our Judicial Committee. So let's examine that for a moment. The proposed motion states that it is "inoperable", meaning that it can't be carried out under the real conditions that exist.

I think that a more important consideration is that it is mute, because it has been replaced by at least three subsequent motions by the LNC, decisions of the Oregon Judicial Committee, and most importantly, by two votes of the convention delegates. (none of which have been appealed to the JC)

But let's go back to the JC decision anyway. It is inoperable for several reasons:

1. Mr. Wagner had no standing before the JC. His group has never been affiliated with us, so he couldn't rightfully claim that our action had disaffiliated them.
2. The JC had no jurisdiction in the matter actually before them. They are prohibited by our bylaws from adjudicating disputes about which group is recognized.
3. The opinion of the JC was just that, an opinion. They didn't issue any orders to enforce their opinion.
4. Their opinion was mostly false and only partially true. The group that has ballot access is the one recognized by the Secretary of State. The group that follows the bylaws, fulfills their commitments under the affiliation agreement, and is recognized by the delegates in convention is the one that is affiliated with us.
5. Everyone tried to carry out that decision as if it had been ordered, but were unable to do so. The SOS refused to decide the issue and sent the LPO to the courts, where a judge refused to decide the issue and instructed them to settle it internally. When their JC settled it, the SOS refused to change. But they did indicate that they would accept an unambiguous statement from the LNC. That is what we are attempting to accomplish with the proposed motion.

However, Wes Wagner has already sent out a responder to State Chairs, saying

“The LNC Secretary is again trying to use the power of the LNC to dictate who a State Party Leadership is for the benefit of her own personal political alliances. http://hq.lp.org/pipermail/lnc-business_hq.lp.org/2014/001552.html Please consider the resolution we recently passed and why you should pass your own resolutions of Censure. This is not a Libertarian organization we are all a part of and has not been for quite some time.

Sincerely, Wes Wagner

LNC In Action

The new National Committee is off to a somewhat positive start. It has actually completed some business already.

The National Convention cost \$123,000. Total income including the fundraising banquet was likely appreciably larger than expenses.

The Executive Committee authorized spending up to \$9900 for petitioning to put Gardner Goldsmith on the New Hampshire ballot for U.S. Senate. Goldsmith had received almost no support from the LPNH; only a few hundred of the 5000 needed signatures had been collected. The estimated total cost was \$15,000. The LNC offer was \$9900 because no more money was available. In the end, the contractor indicated that he could not guarantee success, given the short time frame, so no money was spent.

Of significant note is the statement from one Alternate Representative, Mr. Windeler "The only reason that I am not currently a member of both the LNC and the Central Committee of the Republican Party of Alaska is that they excommunicated me for being in the inner circle of the Ron Paul for President campaign." Mr. Windeler also attacked the Oregon State Chair for antagonizing the Oregon Republican State Chair. If you were wondering about Republican infiltration of our national party, here is a starting point.

There were two motions of transparency of LNC business, from Mr. Sarwark and from Mr. Wiener. The Sarwark motion, which passed, read "The LNC-Discuss email list archives will be made available from June 30, 2014 forward and a Google group established, similar to the procedure for LNC-Business."

In the end, there were technical electronic issues, so instead the LNC-Discuss list was merged into the LNC-business list, which is available by subscription at LP.org.

The Wiener motion read "4) EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST. Copies of LNC-Discuss emails from June 30, 2014 forward, shall be made publicly viewable with the following limitations: The Chair shall appoint, and may replace at any time, a moderator who will pre-screen and exclude any email with the word CONFIDENTIAL in the subject line or which quotes or references or copies any other email with the word CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line. Furthermore, any such email shall not be transmitted to anyone who is not a member of the LNC-Discuss list without the explicit approval of that email's author." The Wiener motion had the effect of negating the useful effect of the Sarwark motion. The Wiener motion was rejected by the LNC.

The LNC will probably meet December 13-14 in the New Orleans area. According to a source on the LNC, the average LNC meeting not in DC costs \$6182. From June to July, Party membership increased from 14136 to 14260. This increase corresponds almost entirely to persuading donors to sign the pledge; the number of donors fell by one fewer than the number of members increased.

As we have noted previously, LNC finances have been lagging. One issue is that the hypothetical savings on buying the building part were already spent last year, when the LNC hired Carla Howell as its political director. The savings cut in well after Howell was hired. We quote from a missive apparently from Robert Kraus and Alicia Mattson "Current unrestricted cash on hand is \$110k. We are looking at the following upcoming expenses: \$26k in ballot access obligations for LPIL and LPKY, Payroll \$18k, Hyatt Columbus (estimated) \$90k, Credit Card \$21k (mostly convention related). That's a total of \$155. That would be a cash shortfall of -\$45k. I think if funds come in as they've been the last week or so we can cover this over a period of a couple weeks and I can delay some of the payment to Hyatt. Also NY has generously agreed to spread their obligation over a 6 week period but that still doesn't leave us any wiggle room for any additional expenses until at least Sept/Oct.

We're currently in a financial hole. In June of 2010 (a comparable point in our 4-year financial cycle), we were approximately \$200k better off in terms of cash flow. I believe some contributing factors to be the fact that we hired a political director with "savings" from buying a building, but we hired the position a year before we actually bought a building and moved in so as to achieve any savings. The building fundraising efforts seriously cannibalized our general fundraising efforts. We have a political director and own a building now, but we left ourselves in bad financial shape."

Joshua Katz first proposed borrowing money. He has now offered three motions for dealing with the LNC's financial exigencies: "1. The LNC shall authorize no expenditures other than those necessary for activities already authorized by vote or bylaws to be undertaken (to include votes which closed before the effective date but which have not yet been reported on the effective date, if any.) No money shall be expended by the party until November 1, 2014, other than that which has already been authorized or encumbered, exempting expenditures from restricted funds. No additional expenses shall be undertaken, and no agreements with vendors entered into requiring payment before November 1, 2014. In addition, the LNC shall direct the Secretary to write official notices of apology to all vendors whose payments are delayed via negotiations by staff, or via non-payment or extension of terms, on behalf of the LNC.

2. Prior to the December meeting in New Orleans, staff shall be requested to issue all necessary reports in written form, to be presented at the meeting (as specifically required, or traditional.) Staff presence at the LNC meeting shall be restricted to the Executive Director and one additional staff member, to be chosen by the Executive Director following consultation with the Chair.

3. The LNC directs the Executive Director to issue a report with all specific staff responsibilities, estimated hours required per week, and skills needed to perform staff functions. The Executive Director then shall issue a report indicating potential to replace staff functions with volunteer efforts, after conducting a member survey for skills and willingness to volunteer. The LNC requests that the Chair, after consulting said report, reconsider all staff arrangements and contracts.

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