

Libertarian National Committee

Region I Report

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Overview

- The nine affiliates which comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Aggressive election activity has produced continued ballot access for the 2016 general election in eight (AK, AZ, CO, HI, KS, MT, UT, WY) of the nine states in the region are currently ballot qualified for 2016.
- Ballot access in Washington State requires 1,000 valid signatures; a rather reasonable threshold compared to other states. Over the years, the Washington State affiliate has routinely obtained ballot access without assistance from the national committee.
- “Pseudo Top Two” is again alive and well in Arizona. HB-2128 includes many of the same provisions which were passed in a midnight special session in 2013. This measure would make it very difficult for any minor party to get on the general election ballot.
- Significant increases in voters registering as Libertarian have been experienced in several of the states in the Region. This trend of several years remains strong in the region.
- Due to the geographic nature of this region, which spans five time zones and extends from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), personal contact between the Regional and Alternate Representatives and the individual affiliates is quite rare.

Region statistics update appear on the next page in landscape orientation.

Affiliate	Libertarians	How Determined	Register as Libertarian	Ballot Access	Candidates 2014	Qualified 2015	Web Site Current	BSM	Cash Flow
AK	6,811	Registered Voters	Yes	3% of Registered Voters	7	Yes	Yes	65	\$3,000
AZ	27,806	Registered Voters	Yes	0.65% of active registered voters	15	Yes	Yes	288	\$10,000
CO	24,576	Registered Voters	Yes	1,000 Registered voters	46	Yes	Yes	385	\$6,000
HI	55	National Membership BSM	No	10% of statewide race, or ~750 signatures	18	Yes	Yes	55	\$10,000
KS	12,993	Registered Voters	Yes	1% statewide race	10	Yes	Yes	148	\$5,000
MT	55	National Membership BSM	No	3% of statewide race	7	Yes	No	55	N/A
UT	8,594	Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide congressional vote	11	Yes	No	83	\$5,000
WA	341	National Membership BSM	No	1,000 signatures	13	Not yet	Yes	359	\$80,000
WY	934	Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide race	4	Yes	No	27	\$400
	82,165		6 of 9		131	8 of 9	6 of 9	1,465	\$119,400
					16.88%			11.95%	

Alaska

Michael Chambers, State Chair

2015 Convention: May 9, 2015; 9AM to 5PM; Location to be announced.

Arizona

Michael Kielsky, State Chair

Received January 24, 2015:

AZLP held its biennial organizing meeting today. As a result there is a new board. Membership:

- Chairman – Michael Kielsky
- Treasurer – Marge Tendler
- Secretary – Emily Goldberg
- First Vice Chairman – Jim Iannuzo
- Second Vice Chairman – Bill Barker
- Assistant Treasurer – Joe Cobb
- Assistant Secretary – Micah Black

Colorado

Jeffery Orrok, State Chair

2015 Convention: Friday, April 24th thru Sunday April 26th; Double Tree Hilton, Aurora, Colorado

Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

2015 Convention: April 17th thru April 18th; Country Inns & Suites, 2760 S 9th St, Salina KS 67401.

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

On Saturday we had an entry in the Missoula St Pats Parade. We were the only political entry. Nothing fancy. On Monday Mike Fellows spoke to the Senate Local Government Committee on HB 289. In 2008 Ravalli County voters repealed the County Growth Policy. land use regulations are tied to those growth policies. Ravalli County would like to do some of TFD taxing Financing Districts and HB 289 was introduced to get around the voters of Ravalli County. HB 289 was tabled after passing the House. We have been to Helena on several trips. Our last trip was opposing a bill to take motorcycles off the exempted list for insurance. We plan on getting to Helena a few more times on bills. In Montana the legislature is broadcast on 11.5 in most major cities with public broadcasting. Although most hearings are recorded, some make it to a statewide audience via public broadcasting. Another good way to get our message out if we get to the hearing to say a few words in support or opposition. It's a two hour drive from Missoula to Helena.

Utah

Mark Hilgenberg, State Chair

Washington

C. Michael Pickens, State Chair

2015 State Convention: May 29th thru May 31; Red Lion Hotel, Vancouver, WA.

Wyoming

Richard Brubaker, State Chair