

Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (3/22/2015)

Coming up on Sunday, May 31st will be the Libertarian Party of California's annual state convention (tinyurl.com/kdg6wvx). The admission fee is \$50. This year it will be held in Las Vegas at the Tropicana Hotel, in conjunction with the Libertarian Political Expo (see LPEX.org for details and fees and hotel information). Since LPEX will provide a wealth of speakers and events on Friday and Saturday, the Sunday state convention will be devoted to LPC business. New state officers and Executive Committee members will be elected, and potential amendments to the Platform and Bylaws will be considered. (Proposed changes which have already been submitted to the Bylaws Committee can be found at tinyurl.com/o2vdx2.) The Libertarian Party of Nevada will also hold its state convention on May 31st.

LPC Southern Vice-Chair Jonathan Jaech is trying to organize a ride-sharing cooperative to go between Southern California and Las Vegas (rs2015.info). Similarly, the Libertarian Party of Sacramento County is facilitating travel arrangements from Northern California (tinyurl.com/oqwonyk) by chartering a bus.

The 6th Annual Southern California LP regional conference, hosted by San Bernardino and Los Angeles County Libertarian Parties, was held on January 31st. It had a great line-up of speakers, including 2012 VP candidate Judge Jim Gray, author/activist Norma Jean Almodovar, Craig Beresh of the California Cannabis Coalition, author/activist Leon Weinstein, women's rights activist Alexandra Goldburt, and national LP Chair Nicholas Sarwark. Nick's speech is available on YouTube (tinyurl.com/ma68kso).

The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC) has started an on-line newsletter (lanewsrag.com). Regarding LPLAC upcoming events, there will be a mixer/supper club meeting in Downey on April 4th (tinyurl.com/lnwpgdk); a mixer/supper club meeting in Pasadena on April 8th (tinyurl.com/ltj9kc8); a dinner meeting in San Pedro on April 16th (tinyurl.com/lxjrhf); and a supper club meeting in downtown L.A. on April 22nd (tinyurl.com/l5ahmcy). Libertarian Jay Beeber, a local folk hero for leading the successful fight to abolish red-light cameras in Los Angeles, ran for City Council (jay4la.com) and on March 3rd received just under 5% of the vote in a crowded field of 14 candidates.

The San Diego Libertarian Party Supper Club meets regularly, with the most recent one being on the topic of how to pay less taxes (tinyurl.com/kvdgtoh). Kern County LP is getting organized, with Maximus Sallam being appointed Chair Pro Tem. The Libertarian Party of Ventura County continues to hold monthly meetings, rotating around different cities within the county (lpvc.org).

A half-hour Libertarian Counterpoint discussion, hosted by Richard Fields and focused on LPC current news, was broadcast on YouTube (tinyurl.com/pqw2cky) on February 16th, with a panel consisting of Jarret Tilford, Brian Thiemer, and Janine Kloss. The Libertarian Party of Sacramento (LPSac) reports that there will be a mixer in Folsom on April 9th, another mixer in Sacramento on April 17th, and LPSac elections on April 22nd (tinyurl.com/nge5lx7). The LP of San Francisco continues to hold monthly meetings (lpsf.org).

Libertarian National Committee

Region 4 Report -- Nevada and New Mexico

For the March 28-29, 2015 LNC Session

by Scott Lieberman Region 4 Alternate

Nevada:

1. LPNV has 6 to 10 people in their HQ making calls to media, potential sponsors, and local libertarians in an effort to get them to participate in LPEX. In fact, LPEX might end up being the largest libertarian event ever held in Nevada, with the exception of FreedomFest. Mr. Pojunis has lined up some of the best political trainers in the country, and they will reveal their secrets at LPEX.

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2. LP Nevada has been targeting very successful entrepreneurs to run for offices on their Executive Committee.
3. Nevada is starting state caucuses for blacks, Hispanics, Jews, LGBT, and other groups. They are hoping this concept can be duplicated by other state affiliates.
4. LPNV has set up a Legal Committee consisting of 3 very experienced attorneys. This committee is trying to recruit lawyers in Nevada to serve on 3 LPNV sub-committees that will deal with various legal issues.

New Mexico:

1. Elisheva Levin, LPNM Secretary, is helping to get NM to pass an Article V Convention of the States resolution. HJR 19 passed the House, but did not get through the Senate. (The Majority Leader of the Senate is a Democrat, and he is suppressing most bills, because he is not happy that the Republicans just gained a majority in the NM House for the first time in 60 years). Ms. Levin's area, Catron County and District 49, generated the largest number of phone calls, e-mails and letters on this issue of any area in the state.
2. Sherry Heim, LPNM Central Committee Member, has been working on commercial hemp. There was a bill in the NM House, but likely it did not get through the Senate. We are not sure because the Senate session ended the day this report was sent to me by the LPNM Secretary.
3. The LP of Catron County is working on developing a neighborhood protection plan for the Red Hill, NM area. This neighborhood protection group would focus on protecting and assisting neighbors and fellow citizens in the event of a disaster or other serious event.