

# *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.
- 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 statistic update appears on the next page in landscape orientation.

Affiliate	Libertrandians	How Determined	Register as Libertarian	Ballot Access	Candidates 2014	Qualified 2015	web Site Current	BSM	Cash Flow	Comment
AK	7,358 Registered Voters	Yes	3% of Registered Voters	7 Yes	7 Yes	No	60	\$3,000	1,460%	
AZ	26,651 Registered Voters	Yes	0.65% of active registered voters	15 Yes	Yes	292	\$10,000	0.823%		
CO	32,189 Registered Voters	Yes	1,000 Registered voters	46 Yes	Yes	377	\$6,000			
HI	56 National Membership BSM	No	10% of statewide race, or ~750 signatures	18 Yes	Yes	56	\$10,000			
KS	12,656 Registered Voters	Yes	1% statewide race	10 Yes	Yes	128	\$5,000			
MT	54 National Membership BSM	No	3% of statewide race	7 Yes	No	54	N/A			
UT	8,754 Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide congressional vote	11 Yes	No	79	\$5,000	1.547%		
WA	333 National Membership BSM	No	1,000 signatures	13 Not yet	Yes	333	\$80,000			
WY	946 Registered Voters	Yes	2% of statewide race	4 Yes	No	25	\$400			
	88,997	6 of 9		131 8 of 9	5 of 9	1,404	\$119,400			
				16.88%		11.95%				

## **Alaska**

Rob Clift, State Chair

## **Arizona**

Michael Kielsky, State Chair

## **Colorado**

Lily Tang Williams, State Chair

## **Hawaii**

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

## **Kansas**

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

## **Montana**

Mike Fellows, State Chair

On the 4th of July we traveled up north to the Kalispell 4th parade. Next week we'll have a booth at the Gallatin County fair in Bozeman. Other events include the Missoula Gun Show, the Western Montana Fair and the Ravalli County Fair. Along the way we'll do some parades and such. Parades, for the most part don't cost much except transportation costs and do give us some PR. We just need a better parade vehicle.

One of the concerns we have as a state is getting liability or event insurance. These fairs asking for liability insurance even for non-profits. I haven't found a policy cheap enough to afford. Have you run across this problem? This effects all state groups and it would be nice if we had a reasonable place to go to purchase this insurance for these events.

## **Utah**

Mark Hilgenberg, State Chair

## **Washington**

Steven Nielson, State Chair

## **Wyoming**

Lawrence Strumpf, State Chair