

Convention Oversight Committee

When Mr. Sarwark asked me to be a member of the Oversight committee I was under the mistaken impression I would be part of the group that double-checks the convention committee's work. After I came on board, I learned the committees are one and the same. Unfortunately family and other issues will prevent me from attending the convention in May. However, I intend to make sure the COC does the best job it can. To that end, the committee has made the following assignments:

Mr. McCurry has been appointed as Vice Chairman and will be point at the convention itself. He is currently working on arranging cheaper transportation for our attendees. He is also creating our written material for the LP News and other written needs. He is also helping to draft the convention agenda for activities outside the business sessions..

Ms. Kirkland is in charge of the volunteers. She will make arrangements for the volunteers and coordinate with staff to cover the convention's needs.

Mr. Hayes is in charge of speakers and within budget will fill our speaker slots for the convention. He has brought Adam Kokesh in to help find speakers.

Ms. Mattson is performing our secretarial duties and arranging our meeting. She is working diligently on finding our hotel for the 2018 convention. She is working on the agenda for the business session for the 2016 convention.

Ms. Capozzi is assisting Ms. Mattson with the agenda for the 2016 convention.

Mr. Marsh is working on building the agenda for the events outside the business portion of the convention.

I am working on the site selection for 2018 and on the money issues of the 2016 convention:

Overall budget	Ticket prices	Sponsorships	Suite sales
Menus / pricing	Bags / badges	Ribbons	

Yet to be determined are the following areas of responsibility:

A/V, media, CSpan, and staging

Advertising

Candidate coordinator

Special events planning and execution

LSLA coordinator

Convention notebook inserts

What we have done to date.

Site selection is down to 7 hotels and may be further reduced for a final vote by the LNC. I have visited six sites and will visit one more before returning home.

We are using the Legalize Freedom theme voted on by the donors to the LP.

A working budget has been completed.

A sponsorship list has been completed and is ready for publication.

The suite price list is completed and ready for publication.

The committee has assigned most of the tasks needed to create a successful convention.

Our budget is set and we need 650 tickets for a breakeven. With the \$1300 from the theme vote, we can consider a breakeven of 641 OR as we are currently doing, apply the money towards bags, badges, and other items. I ask the LNC to give input on how they would like to see extra money applied until we make our budget numbers. Mr. Hagen has worked out a spreadsheet that will keep us up to date on how close we are coming to our budget numbers.

There is a budget line for advertising of \$4000. I suggest the LNC and the office consider using \$1,000 toward advertising, in specific advertising the suites, the sponsorships, and the vendor space. The sooner we get money in from those items, the sooner we make our budget.

Many feelers have been put out for main speakers. Walter Block may be willing to come for airfare, a vendor table, a room, and a convention ticket. Vince Vaughn has not return calls as of yet. Penn Gillette's manger is asking what our budget is. The LNC must decide if they want to go out on a limb and offer a SUBSTANTIAL amount of money in hopes of making it back somehow if we want to make an offer to Penn. Tom Woods wants \$4000. Daniel is also working on a possible video chat with Julian Assange or Ed Snowden though this may be out of our price range. Please forward any possible speakers to Daniel Hayes.

Outright Libertarians are offering a small sponsorship. They will decide what they want to do soon. They are also asking for the price of a vendor table, which I still need to get from the LSLA.

Mr. McCurry is looking into a Libertarian comic for the reception.

What we need from the LNC now.

We need clarification on the policy of speakers not running for office. We suspect this means no one running for anything that will be voted on at the convention. Therefore, any candidate may speak at the convention, even if they are running in a primary at home. Please clarify this.

Secondly, can a person who is an elected official and who may run for something voted on at the convention be allowed to give a three to five minute showcasing him as an elected official without violating our policy?

How do you wish to add in extra money brought in from convention 'extras' such as the theme vote, a suite sale, or a non-directed sponsorship? My suggestion would be to lower our breakeven to less than 600 first and then apply the extra money, divided evenly toward convention necessities (bags, books, badges), speakers, advertising, and A/V.

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Meeting Dates and Attendance Roster for November 14-15, 2015 LNC Meeting

	Capozzi	Hayes	Kirkland	Marsh	Mattson	McCurry	Ryan
07/23/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
08/04/15	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
08/20/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
09/02/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
09/17/15	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/01/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/15/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
10/29/15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Committee Chair BetteRose Ryan will be present at the meeting to deliver a report.