



Region 3 Report

(Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

Indiana

Larry Walters was elected to the Dublin Town Council in a partisan race. Susan Bell was elected to another term as judge in Hagerstown. Dennis Denney retained his seat on the Shirley, Indiana Town Council - North Ward. Elizabeth J. Brewer won the position of clerk-treasurer for the city of Claypool. Brewer ran as a Libertarian and defeated incumbent clerk-treasurer Connie Morgan, Democrat. Libertarian Candidate Melinda Bradley Mitchell came close enough in her campaign for Newburgh Town Council that she MAY have actually won. The vote totals on Tuesday were only 6 votes apart, 310 to 304. Melinda has been raising funds for a recount attempt.

Kentucky

In 2014, the Libertarian Party nominee for U.S. Senate, David Patterson, was barred from all debate. A federal lawsuit on September 28, 2014, charged that after it appeared Patterson would qualify for inclusion, the rules were changed, to provide that no one could be in the debate who had not raised at least \$100,000 for the campaign. The lawsuit, Libertarian National Committee v Holiday, e.d., 3:14cv-63, had no activity between December 16, 2014, until September 11, 2015. Judge Gregory Van Tatenhove then finally said there will be a trial. On September 28, 2015, the defendants finally answered the Complaint.

Michigan

Andy LeCureaux was re-elected to city council of Hazel Park. We also have 3 state representative special elections in Michigan set for March 8th that we have candidates for 2 of the districts. Liberty Fest will recognize 3 people for outstanding service to Liberty and the Party over the last year. Taking place November 14, 2015. Currently we are working on a few technical updates including updating our website and our membership database. I'm looking forward to working with the national party on the number of delegates we can send and if we have any special seats on the platform committee.

Ohio

Bob Bridges was elected LPO Executive Committee Chairman. Ohio voters rejected Issue 3 for marijuana legalization. "We understand why many people decided that a significant rollback of marijuana prohibition was more important than stopping crony capitalism, and we're already working on bringing together everyone who is fighting marijuana prohibition to find a better way to accomplish it as soon as possible." LPO Field Development Director Chris Armstrong, of Jackson County has recruited Libertarian volunteers to lead or form county Libertarian parties across Ohio, and is assisting Political Director Tricia Sprankle in organizing the LPO's Voter Freedom Drive, the signature-gathering effort to ensure Ohioans can vote Libertarian in 2016.