

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.

Affiliate	Libertarians	How Determined	Register as Libertarian	Registered Voters	% Libertarian	Ballot Access
AK	7,486	Registered Voters	Yes	514,162	1.46%	3% of Registered Voters
AZ	25,807	Registered Voters	Yes	3,254,397	0.79%	0.65% of active registered voters
CO	32,151	Registered Voters	Yes	3,541,748	0.91%	1,000 Registered voters
HI	56	National Membership BSM	No	706,890	N/A	10% of statewide race, or ~750 sigs
KS	13,181	Registered Voters	Yes	1,705,537	0.77%	1% statewide race
MT	54	National Membership BSM	No	626,300	N/A	3% of statewide race
UT	9,288	Registered Voters	Yes	1,422,789	0.65%	2% of statewide congressional vote
WA	333	National Membership BSM	No	3,956,905	N/A	1,000 signatures
WY	1,004	Registered Voters	Yes	199,759	0.50%	2% of statewide race
	89,360		6 of 9	15,928,487		

Affiliate	Candidates 2014	Qualified 2016	Web Site Current	BSM	Cash Flow
AK	7	Yes	Yes	56	\$3,000
AZ	15	Yes	No	271	N/A
CO	46	Yes	Yes	359	\$10,000
HI	18	Yes	No	50	\$12,500
KS	10	Yes	Yes	127	\$2,603
MT	7	Yes	FB only	43	\$900
UT	11	Yes	Yes	78	\$17,000
WA	13	Not yet	Yes	310	\$10,000
WY	4	Yes	No	28	N/A
	131	8 of 9	4 of 9	1,322	\$55,103

Alaska

Rob Clift, State Chair

Arizona

Michael Kielsky, State Chair

Colorado

Nathan Grabau, State Chair

LPCO 2016 Convention March 11-13, 2016, Double Tree by Hilton, Colorado Springs, CO]

Hawaii

Tracy Ryan, State Chair

Kansas

Rob Hodgkinson, State Chair

Annual convention to be held on May 1 thru 2, 2016 in Salina, KS.

Montana

Mike Fellows, State Chair

Our filing season is open and getting folks to run for office is a chore. Candidates can still just pay the filing fees and run as a Libertarian, but since we don't have that government sponsored primary people can't sure about running. Filing fees can be expensive for statewide candidates. Ronformontana.com has indicated he might run for governor again. But he'll need more donations for the filing fee and to choose a running mate. I had another person interested in the congressional seat, so I better call that person and see what he wants to do. I'm sure I'll run for something. I wouldn't want to have to collect signatures 2 years from now. So I hope we can get 3 or 4 statewide candidates and a number of legislative candidates

Utah

Andrew McCollough, State Chair

Candidate nominating convention will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Salt Lake County Complex. Please note, that's at the County Complex.

Washington

Steven Nielson, State Chair

2016 Annual Convention: April 8-10, 2016, Embassy Suites, Sea-Tac, WA

Wyoming

Lawrence Struempf, State Chair

Annual Meeting: May 1, 2016 in Casper WY.