

CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

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This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Orlando should additional information become available.

1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am pleased to note that it is now unusual when I do not respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.

2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates. In addition, Region 3 alternate representative Brett Bittner serves as the executive director of the Advocates.)

3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. In particular, I anticipate working with the North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia affiliates this fall to help build campus organizations in those states.

Earlier this month I contacted Andy Burns to volunteer to provide training in the area of campus organizing via the lpaction.org website.

4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL’s 501c(3) status. I have already been invited to address the annual SFL campus coordinators’ retreat this summer.

I gave an invited address at the ninth International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, DC on Feb. 26-28; Carla Howell conducted a workshop at the event. In addition, the LP conducted a very successful outreach booth at the event. The following people were instrumental in that success (listed in alphabetical order of surname): Andy Bakker, Wes Benedict, Carla Howell, Bob Johnston, Martin Moulton, Kirby Myers, Arvin Vohra, Ruth Witt. (I apologize if I have omitted the name of someone who deserves mention.)

On Mar. 12 I gave an address to the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. During my participation in the conference I met with members of various libertarian party organizations in Europe. I have been invited to speak at several ESFL regional conferences during the fall. I have already accepted the invitation to address the ESFL conference in Sofia,

Bulgaria, and I anticipate accepting invitations to address conferences in Ljubljana (Slovenia), Brno (Czech Republic), and Heidelberg (Germany).

5) On Apr. 30 I gave a keynote address to the second party congress of Liberalistene (the Libertarian Party of Norway) in Oslo. Subsequently I was invited to return to Norway to help build the youth wing of the party. In addition, I have been invited to address a libertarian youth summer camp in Sweden. I shall endeavor to arrange my schedule to visit Norway and Sweden in August.

6) I continue to receive invitations to speak at high schools, colleges, and universities. I gave an address at the University of Maryland (College Park, Maryland) on Apr. 8, at the Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Virginia) on Apr. 21, and at the 2016 Adam Smith Gala at Campbell University (Buies Creek, North Carolina) on Apr. 23. (The Gala is an annual event sponsored by several institutions based at Campbell University.)

7) In my previous report I noted that I had accepted an appointment to serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I anticipate that I shall have the opportunity to serve as a faculty member at FEE seminars later this year.

8) I anticipate working with the 2016 LP presidential ticket on outreach to young voters (especially college students). I shall contact the campaign organizations of the presidential and vice presidential candidates shortly after nomination to inquire in what ways I can be of assistance.

9) I am pleased to report that several high school students have started organizations to assist in promoting the Libertarian Party among young people, with special emphasis upon high school students. Specifically, I am working with Trent Somes (Pennsylvania) of the Libertarian Youth Caucus and Michael Hess (West Virginia) of High School Libertarians to assist their efforts.