

## **REGION 5 REPORT**

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This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the Kansas City meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in New Orleans should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I continue to serve at least once a month as a guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM/98.9 FM in Charlottesville, Virginia). I also served as a guest on the Nora Firestone program on Oct. 12 on WKQA radio (1110 AM in Norfolk, Virginia).

### **Delaware**

Sean Goward ([sean.goward@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.goward@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. I have not received a report from him.

### **District of Columbia**

John LaBeaume ([jvlab@electiondissection.com](mailto:jvlab@electiondissection.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. He served as campaign manager for the Cliff Hyra for Governor campaign in Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

### **Maryland**

Bob Johnston ([bob.johnston@live.com](mailto:bob.johnston@live.com)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report:

Voter registration is 20,834, which is .53% of the total registration.

Membership is 113 as of October 31.

The MDLP has candidates nominated for the 2018 elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, the US Senate, the US House 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and state house seats 30 and 35-B.

The MDLP will hold its annual holiday party on December 2, and there will also be a special Central Committee meeting to nominate more candidates.

The MDLP has until July 1 to nominate candidates and get them on the ballot. My goal is to run a full slate for the federal offices, and run as many candidates as possible for the state senate in the DC area, where the Republicans generally are unable to field candidates.

The Maryland General Assembly session will begin on January 17, 2018, and last for 90 days. Legislative Director Eric Blitz will continue to participate in crafting legislation and testifying to the General Assembly, as he has done for the past three years.

On Dec. 2, the Maryland LP nominated five more candidates for the 2018 elections:

Jenica Martin	US House 1 <sup>st</sup>
David Bishop	US House 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Pulcher	US House 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jasen Wunder	US House 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Ashwell	Harford County Circuit Court Judge

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## **North Carolina**

Susan Hogarth ([hogarth@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth@gmail.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. I have not received a report from her.

## **Pennsylvania**

Drew Bingaman ([chair@susquehannavalleylp.org](mailto:chair@susquehannavalleylp.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, provided the following report:

The biggest news going around the LP circles in PA is of our electoral success, we added quite a few newly elected Libertarians to the role of public officials this election. We are still getting reports of all of the write in winners as well and will provide National with a full list of 2017 elected officials very soon.

Progress continues on our transition to Nationbuilder as our new platform. We hope to have this up and running and contacting prospects and donors very soon. We are working to make our volunteers as productive as possible in their precious spare time they donate to the LPPA.

We have a new Western Vice chair, David Vesley was elected WVC at our last board meeting to fill the vacancy left by Jessica Santiago who left for personal reasons. Jessica is still active in the LPPA but not in the same role.

The western contingent of the LPPA is coming up on a very important opportunity and are preparing to convene a caucus in order to nominate a candidate for the Special Election in congressional district 18. The election is scheduled for March 13.

The LPPA annual convention will be held in Shippensburg over the weekend of March 3rd and 4th. Our business meeting will be held on the 4th and we will have speakers and workshops on the 3rd. The event has been added to our Facebook page and more details are coming soon. Any questions regarding the convention can be directed to Steven Brenize via email (stevend.brenize@gmail.com).

That covers the major goings on in PA at the moment. Best wishes to all for the holidays and a happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Drew Bingaman  
Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

## **Virginia**

Bo Brown ([bocbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:bocbrown@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

## **West Virginia**

Luke Brumfield ([luke.brumfield@lpwv.org](mailto:luke.brumfield@lpwv.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia, provided the following report:

WV is still gaining Libertarian voters every month and have since last year's election. We have identified some counties that we have had success in and have serious candidates recruited. We will have a series of kickoff events in these areas to organize our volunteers, reach out to those who have interest, and to generate some media coverage.

We are getting the last parts of setting up our website with the national party team, and will have a date for our convention soon. We have decided to have it in March or April, before the primary in May, so we may have our candidates able to take advantage of bump in interest in elections during the primary season.

We had many candidates start their campaigns in any serious way right after the convention, and people came out of the woodwork right after the convention so we want that increase in interest to occur as soon as possible in the year. We have 4 candidates already filed with our Secretary of State, and a few who are ready to jump in, myself included.