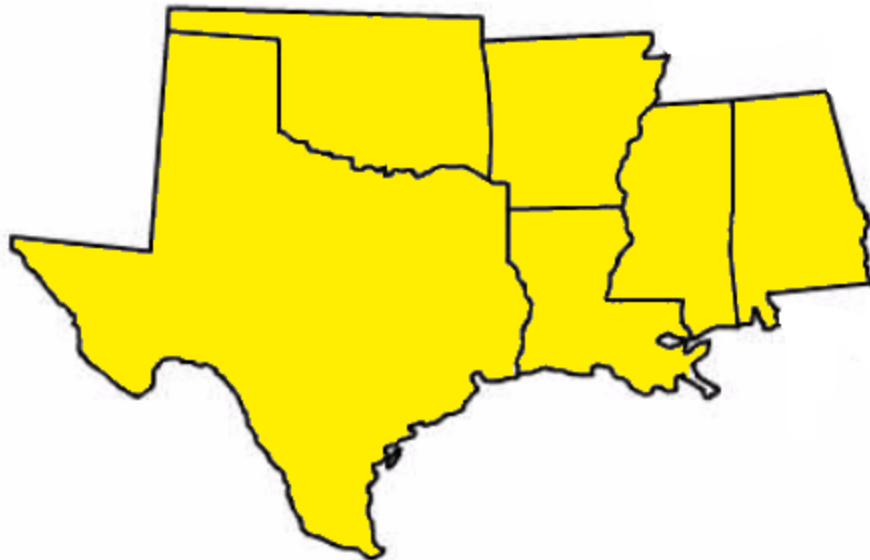


Libertarian National Committee Region 7

Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu
Region Alternate - Erin Adams



DECEMBER 9-10, 2017

NEW ORLEANS, LA

❖ ALABAMA - Leigh Lachine

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - Numbers are declining, but a membership drive is scheduled for December 2017.
- COUNTY NEWS
 - Currently have 5 recognized county affiliates
- ELECTIONS
 - Special US Senate election December 12, 2017
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - LP Alabama needs a realistic plan.
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
 - LP Alabama is co-sponsoring a bill with the Southern Poverty Law Center regarding Civil Asset Forfeiture.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - 2018 Convention March 2-4, 2018
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
 - Ron Bishop, Write-In for US Senate, is getting good media coverage.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - Trying NationBuilder, but will likely switch to CiviCRM in March.
- OTHER

❖ ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - We are presently engaged in candidate-recruiting efforts, as well as conducting a membership renewal drive. Our state convention will be February 24-25, at which time we will be nominating candidates for the 2018 election.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - National LP membership has declined 20% over the past 12 months. State party membership has also been declining, but exact figures are uncertain due to serious database problems. We are presently conducting a November membership push to get renewals back up.

- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
 - An Elections Committee charged with recruiting candidates is actively at work. Including Governor, there are 7 statewide constitutional offices on the ballot this year. We are still seeking possible candidates for 3 to 4 of those offices, along with two out of the four U.S. House seats. Several candidates for state legislature have been identified.
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - Done. Ballot access by petition secured over the summer. Ballot access beyond 2018 depends on getting 3% of the vote in the 2018 Gubernatorial race.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - State Convention: February 24-25, 2017.
We will be nominating candidates, who will then have to file paperwork with the state by March 1.
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
 - Members of the news media are hungry for information about announced candidates for the 2018 elections. Our potential candidates for Governor and 4th District U.S. House have received good coverage in the statewide newspaper as well as local media outlets.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - We are participating in the CRM project being coordinated by Andy Burns. We have great hopes for having improved IT capabilities when implemented.
- OTHER

❖ LOUISIANA - Rufus Craig

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - Approximately 15000 members
 - Actively solicit members to join National - bringing LA number up :)
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
 - LP candidate for State Treasurer received 2% of the vote.
- BALLOT ACCESS
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - Convention either April 8th or 15th

- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER
 - Rufus will testify at the Commission on Voting Rights hearing on December 6th..

❖ **MISSISSIPPI - Denise Cranford**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
- COUNTY NEWS
- ELECTIONS
- BALLOT ACCESS
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
 - 2018 Libertarian Party of Mississippi Convention - Saturday, April 28 @ 9:00am at the Embassy Suites Jackson - North/Ridgeland
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
- MEDIA
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- OTHER

❖ **OKLAHOMA - Tina Kelly**

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - Oklahoma is delighted to announce that Amy Murray has been elected to be our new state treasurer. We welcome her to the team and to the fight for liberty.
 - After much consideration, the OKLP voted to allow only those registered as Libertarian to vote in the 2018 primaries. That decision will stand for two years.
 - A committee to plan the 2018 state convention has been formed and details for a target date of late March will be forthcoming. Keep an eye out for the announcement.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - Current number of registered Libertarians 4,607. Total number of OKLP membership 166.
- COUNTY NEWS
 - We're growing! Oklahoma, Cleveland, Delaware and Carter Counties have begun the process of forming an affiliate party.

- ELECTIONS
 - Our 3-way gubernatorial race has begun to pick up momentum. This past week the University of Central Oklahoma held a debate featuring all three Libertarian candidates and Randall University sponsored a forum featuring 7 candidates of the 12 running in all parties.
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - We need 2.5% of the gubernatorial vote in November 2018 to maintain ballot access. We currently have 3 candidates running.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
 - Christina Wright and Amy Murray have been appointed co-chairs of the new fundraising committee. Activities are being planned and announcements forthcoming.
- MEDIA
 - Libertarian candidates are featured regularly in print and on TV and radio. Our official party status has encouraged curiosity and interest in candidates up and down the ticket, but especially in those running for governor.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - The I.T. committee is pursuing SSL Certification for the OKLP website.
- OTHER

❖ TEXAS - John Wilford

- STATE ORGANIZATION
 - We are currently receiving Applications for Nomination from prospective candidates. We are getting our many new county affiliates and leadership prepared for the convention process, and helping connect candidates and counties to ensure proper preparation of all parties for the task of choosing our nominees.
- STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 - We are receiving a higher than usual influx of new people interested in the party, have affiliated several new counties in the last few months, and our donating membership is growing at a modest rate.
- COUNTY NEWS
 - Since our 2016 conventions, we have grown our number of affiliated counties by approximately 35%.
- ELECTIONS
 - Campaign season has just officially started with the opening of the filing period, so we are receiving an onslaught of Applications for Nomination. We are busy as hell!

- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
- BALLOT ACCESS
 - We're good. We have to get at least 5% in a statewide race to maintain ballot access in each election or 2% in the gubernatorial election, and we are confident that we will have candidates in those races that will be able to reach that threshold.
- ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
- FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
 - We are currently working to raise funds for our 2018 convention. Several members of state leadership have made commitments to each raise \$1,000. We have no details to report at this point on those efforts though.
- MEDIA
 - Several of our announced candidates are already getting press coverage, particularly in some of the more contentious races.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - We're in the middle of making improvements to our website and are constantly working to make more content available to our members, candidates, county leadership, and others available electronically.
- OTHER