

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 New Orleans meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Denver 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).

Delaware

Sean Goward (sean.goward@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware. He indicated that the LPD held its annual convention in Dover on Mar. 24. The officers elected are:

Chair: Sean Goward
Vice Chair: Brad Thomas
Secretary: Will McVay
Treasurer: Mary Pat McVay

Nadine Frost was nominated for the U.S. Senate.

(Note by Jim Lark: I had the pleasure of attending the LPD convention. I greatly appreciate the hospitality I received during the convention.)

District of Columbia

John LaBeaume (jvlab@electiondissection.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. He provided the following report:

Hello!

Here's an item from Ballot Access News summing up the strong position of the DC LP pre our Libertarian primary election in June:

<http://ballot-access.org/2018/02/17/so-far-no-republicans-have-filed-in-district-of-columbia-for-citywide-office/>

For the record DC Libertarians have filed for DC Council Member At-Large, Delegate to Congress, Mayor and DC LP chair (which we'll elect by a vote of the 1,049 registered DC Libertarian voters in the primary).

Further, a candidate has let us know he'll be a write in for the nomination for DC "Shadow" US Representative on the June DCLP primary ballot.

Maryland

Bob Johnston (bob.johnston@lp.org), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report:

The Maryland Libertarian Party has nominated 20 candidates for the 2018 elections. This is the third time the state party has nominated a full slate of candidates for federal office in the last six general elections.

17 of the 20 candidates are running for the first time. The party has until July 2 to nominate candidates and have them file with the Board of Elections.

The MDLP held its annual convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, MD on March 10. LNC chair Nicholas Sarwark was the banquet speaker.

The MDLP has 21,152 registered voters as of March, 2018, which is 0.5% of the registered voters in the state. Four years ago at this time, the MDLP had 13,049 registered voters. We have increased over 7,000 voters.

The MDLP will be holding its annual summer picnic on Saturday, 18 August in North East, MD.

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North Carolina

Susan Hogarth (hogarth@gmail.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. She reports that after heavy recruiting, the LPNC has 50 candidates (including four primaries). She also noted that the LPNC convention will take place on May 18-20.

Pennsylvania

Drew Bingaman (chair@susquehannavalleylp.org) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. I have not received a report from him as of this moment.

Virginia

Bo Brown (bocbrown@yahoo.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. The LPVA held its state convention on Mar. 10 in Richmond. Mr. Brown was reelected as chair; Bill Redpath was reelected as vice chair. Jim Lark was elected as secretary; he was elected to the position in December 2017 following the resignation of the previous secretary. Mark Lewis was elected as treasurer.

The convention nominated Matt Waters to run for the U.S. Senate. Among other requirements, he must submit at least 10,000 signatures of registered Virginia voters to the State Board of Elections by June 12.

West Virginia

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

There isn't much of an update on my end, but our convention is coming up on April 28th. It will be in Clarksburg, WV.

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