

To Start with I apologize for the lateness, been a busy month here for campaigning

Illinois:

For the first time ever in Illinois, the entire Libertarian statewide ticket has been invited to take part in endorsement interviews at the three largest papers in the state – the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and Springfield's State Journal-Register. In a recent NBC poll, Libertarian Governor candidate Kash Jackson was polling at 6%, sitting in third place in the four-candidate race. Jackson will need 5% to guarantee ballot access for Libertarians across the state.

Hundreds of supporters from over 20 active chapters across the state have pitched in to help staff booths, walk neighborhoods, write letters to the editor, march in parades, deliver yard signs, pass out campaign literature, and work on campaigns directly.

In Bloomington, Illinois, a referendum championed by the McLean County Libertarian Party will be on November's ballot. The referendum will allow voters to have the option to eliminate one of two election authorities in the county. McLean County is one of only a handful of counties with multiple election authorities. Petitioners submitted more than 1,350 signatures, and the petitions successfully survived a challenge from Democratic opponents with more than 90% signature validity.

Kash Jackson Candidate for governor polled at 6% at the beginning of August in one of the few polls available. That is up from 4% in June. Kash was invited to participate in a governor candidate forum aired on NBC Chicago in September. Sadly other state NBC affiliates declined to pick up the broad cast. The state party made a wide effort to spread the online broadcast. Kash performed well, and in many polls won the debate. This earned him some national mentions in USA Today and other media, as well as much more willingness for other media in the state to pick up stories and a ground swell of inquiries about him, including several interviews in the past few days. ABC and the League of Women Voters are still holding firm to their 10% polling requirement despite our best efforts, and have declined to invite him to the debate on Oct 3rd. We are still pushing this, and I personally have contacted board members and sponsors regarding the issue, some of which has been published online. Claire Ball for comptroller continues to gain ground. Other state wide candidates are making multiple appearances, and have begun to gain media attention as well. The two local candidates have been making their presence known in local appearances and forums, including my appearance at an environmental forum presenting libertarian ideas in environmentalism and 2a rallies, and Ian Peak working fairs, marches, and 2a activists.

3 Candidates were knocked off the ballot, including myself, due to challenges. 2 did not

turn in enough signatures, I simply ran out of time to fight the challenge as the court date was 24 hours after my return from NOLA, plus limited funds. I immediately filed write in.

Illinois has the following state wide candidates currently on the ballot.

Kash Jackson for Governor

Sanj Mohip for Lt Governor

Mike Leheney for Treasure

Bubba Harsy for Attorney General

Claire Ball for Comptroller

Local candidates

Ian Peak for Jefferson County Board

John Phillips for Macon County Board (Write In)

Iowa:

The Iowa Chair submitted the following;

“Debate access is our biggest challenge, we are waging a PR campaign in Iowa and have been receiving major press on this to the point where Iowa's highest rated news station attacked myself and our gubernatorial nominee, Jake Porter, on air. Progress as four years ago we were ignored, now we are being used by our Democrat opponent to weaken the Republican and attacked by the media and being given print space and air time we never could have imagined.

What we have found is that most, not all, stations have criteria set by their parent companies, this impacts not just Iowa but our top candidates nationally. Unsure what pressure can be taken, hesitate courts unless breach of contract takes place.

As debate access remains a massive hurdle to all of us, what pressure can be taken while still working within Libertarian ideals considering the parent companies own hundreds of local stations?”

I have myself engaged in sending similar emails to the debate hosts, media, and sponsors that I have sent to the Illinois outlets with little response.

Iowa has the following candidates currently running:

Amanda Swanson	Decatur City Council		IA
	Anthony Junk	State House 39	https://www.facebook.com/Junk4Iowa/ (Main)
	Bryan Holder	US House 3	http://holderforiowa.com/ (Main)
	Carl Krambeck	State Senate 37	https://carlkrambeck.com/ (Main)
	Chad Brewbaker	State House 43	https://www.facebook.com/brewbaker201
	Charles Aldrich	US House 4	https://m.facebook.com/Aldrichusrep (Main)
	Dale Roewe	Swan Lake Township Trustee	
	David Melchert	State House 97	https://m.facebook.com/DavidMelchertJrD
	Eric Cooper	State Senate 23	
	Fred Perryman	Auditor of State	
	Gabriel Thomson	State House 44	
	Jake Porter	Governor	https://jakeporter.org/ (Main)
	Jeremy Rodman	Glenwood City Council Ward 1	
	Jocelyn Fry	Polk County Supervisor	https://m.facebook.com/JocelynFryforPolk
	Joe Gleason	Polk County Supervisor	https://www.facebook.com/Joe-Gleason-fc-247943239270807/ (Main)
	John Callahan	State House 35	
	John Evans	State House 49	https://m.facebook.com/johnevans4iowa (Main)
	John George	State House 75	https://george4liberty.org/ (Main)
	Joseph Howe	State House 36	https://howeforliberty.org/ (Main)
	Julia Ofenbakh	Secretary Of State	https://julesofenbakh.org/ (Main)
	Kesha Nelson	Jefferson County Treasurer	
	Lucas Link	State House 57	
	Lynne Gentry	Lt. Governor	https://jakeporter.org/meet-lynne-gentry-lt-gov
	Marco Battaglia	Attorney General	https://www.battagliaforiowa.com/ (Main)
	Marianna	State House 34	https://carlkrambeck.com/ (Main)

	Collins		
	Mark Strauss	US House 2	https://www.straussforhouse.com (Main)
	Matthew Lindberg-Work	Jefferson County Supervisor	
	Myra Matejka	State House 70	http://matejkainthehouse.com/myra/ (Main)
	Nick Ryan	State House 79	https://iowansfornickryan.com/home (Main)
	Patrick Shaw	State House 47	https://m.facebook.com/4iowahouse (Main)
	Rick Stewart	Secretary of Agriculture	rickstewart.com (Main)
	Robert Fairchild	Pottawattamie County Supervisor	https://www.facebook.com/Robert-Fairchild-2265069550200597/ (Main)
	Steve Sechrest	State House 16	https://www.facebook.com/Steve-Sechrest-286757455446912/ (Main)
	Taylor Roewe	Swan Lake Township Trustee	
	Timothy Hird	Treasurer	
	Toya Johnson	State House 32	https://www.facebook.com/ToyA4Iowa-54
	Troy Hageman	US House 1	

Nebraska:

The Nebraska Chair submitted the following:

“We had similar debate problems with Jim Schultz here and had legal counsel draft letters to the Omaha World Herald and Channel 3 News.

Sadly, they responded with legal letters of their own which basically said “we do what we want, and we don’t have to abide by those FEC rules.” At that point we had a choice to do a long legal battle or try to do what you were doing in Iowa.

We’ve had some results with getting Jim in the media, but yes this debate inclusion is still a huge issue. I’d be willing to work on a regional solution with you. Maybe we need to target those media stations harder? I’m not sure of all the solutions just yet, but just know I’m all in on whatever you need to help Jake get on a debate stage.”

Jim Schultz has been working like crazy for debate access, with no success, but no quit and some nice media coverage of his protest. He is still campaigning hard and helping

J.D. Porter promote as well.

J.D. has also leveraged his debate lockout into some press, and is currently pursuing a legal angle regarding the Equal Time rules. The station is fighting it, and claiming it does not apply. At last check was polling 7%, up a bit each time, and is being portrayed as a spoiler candidate. J.D.'s debate war has involved some underhanded tactics by the incumbent, including getting him disinvited from one debate, which the station even admitted. He has done well working the angles though, and seeing more press every week.

In addition of course we have Laura Ebke, who has been working tirelessly. She has debated her opponent, and done well. I reached out to her about the recent death penalty case to see if a statement from us would help her campaign, she responded that at this time not would be a better option her campaign, so I did not submit it to the LNC. She just wrapped up the second debate with Brandt tonight. She has hired staff helping canvass, along with what I hope is still the LNC plan for the General as well as YAL. Members of LPNE have participated in many forums these past months, including city council meetings in Lincoln regarding Safe Storage of firearms. They have five candidates running I believe for 2018-early 2019.

State wide they have an active schedule of events over the weeks until the election

Current Candidates

Jim Schultz for US Senate

Laura Ebke for Nebraska Legislator

Stephanie Petti for Mcpherson Country Treasurer

Matt Maly for Bruno Village Board

John Sterup for Johnson County Treasure

Clint Pettit for Mcpherson School board

Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin party has been very busy. Phillip Anderson and his campaign for governor have been pushing hard. He has been working hard and leveraging some media by taking strong stances, including accepting crypto for campaign donations despite the state raising questions about that (currently unresolved). He is struggling with the same issues as most, getting included in polls. He and his LT are hard at it though and will miss this meeting as alternate due to his campaigning for that office.

They recently had a leadership conference that I got back great reviews on but was unable to attend do to it kid's activities.

Current Candidates:

Phillip Anderson for Governor

Patrick Baird for Lt Governor

Mike Hammond Wisconsin State Assembly District 6

Matthew Bughman Wisconsin State Assembly District 7
Reese Wood State Assembly District 45
Rick Braun State Assembly district 14
Kevin Bauer State Assembly District 2
Brian Corriea State Assembly District 29

Minnesota;

The MN party says they are basically all about elections now. There are six candidates. They are having success with membership drives and starting to see some good number increases, though did not quote an exact figure. They run a [\\$10](#) membership drive if you sign up as a new member at the event. It doesn't translate to national members at this time.

Current Candidates

Josh Welter for Governor

Mary O'connor for Lt. Governor

Chris Dock for State Auditor

Jill Galvan for State House 18a

Matthew Swenson for State House 57A

Missouri:

Missouri is an established party state, this is their 25th anniversary of having achieved that. Despite that they have not have much luck in winning elections other than one Mayor, in one of the few cities that was a partisan race. The party's current mission statement is "Get Libertarians Elected". To achieve this, the chair and executive director are pushing for changing the electoral system to proportional representation. They have had people from Fair Vote come speak to them, and have decided this is the way to go for success in the future. There is still some debate in the state party over it, but that is the current direction they are moving. They ask that National take a look at this as a possible move for the entire party.

Following are the candidates.

Alexander Howell	US House 5	https://alexanderhowell.com/ (Main)	MO
	Andrew Bolin	State House 83	http://andrewbolin.com/

	Ben Brixey	US House 7	https://benbrixey.com/ (M
	Bill Slantz	State House 105	https://billslantz.com/ (M
	Bill Wayne	State House 51	
	Brad Eichstadt	State Rep 30	https://www.missourians.com/ (Main)
	Carl-Herman Freese	State House 63	
	Dan Hogan	US House 6	http://hogan4congress.org/
	Daniel Elder	State House 79	http://electdanelder.com/
	Donald Stolle	US House 3	
	Eric S. Harris	State House 69	
	James Scariot	State House 91	
	Japheth Campbell	US Senate	https://campbell4liberty.com/
	Jeff Coleman	St. Louis County Assessor	
	Jeremy Utterback	State House 28	
	Jim Higgins	State Senate 24	
	Jonathan Shell	US House 8	http://jonshellforcongress.com/
	LaDonna Higgins	State House 71	
	Mark Bliss	US House 4	https://bliss4congress.com/
	Nick Kasoff	St. Louis County Executive	
	Richie Camden	State Senate 22	CamdenForSenate.com (M
	Rick Vandeven	State House 151	
	Robb Cunningham	US House 1	
	Sean O'Toole	State Auditor	https://otoole4mo.com/
	Stephen Johnson	State House 88	
	Steven Wilson	State Senate 6	StevenWilsonLibertarian.com
	Tim Peterman	State House 36	
	Tony Kirk	US House 2	

North Dakota

North Dakota had not responded at the time of writing this, but they have been working some initiatives calling out local governments on fiscal responsibility and spreading the word.

South Dakota.

South Dakota has been working on building, both membership and online presence. They have some candidates running, with some success in getting in debates and media, like George Hendrickson's recent debate on the 2nd, and Aaron Aylward getting some media with his opponents..

Candidates they are running are:

Aaron Aylward for District 6 State House

<https://www.facebook.com/Aaron-Aylward-for-SD-District-6-H.../>
www.aylwarddistrict6.com

Jason Hill for District 28B State House

<https://www.facebook.com/Hill4HouseSD/>

Daryl Root for District 4 State House

www.facebook.com/Root4District4/
sites.google.com/site/dlroot2018

Gideon Oakes for District 30 State Senate

www.facebook.com/electoakes/
www.electoakes.com

Gregory Baldwin for District 17 State House

www.facebook.com/Baldwin4StateHouse/

Twitter @Gregory50563443

Randy "Uriah" Luallin for Fall River County Commissioner

www.facebook.com/UriahLuallinForFallRiverCountyCommissioner/
www.RandyLuallin.com

George D. Hendrickson for US House of Representatives

www.facebook.com/Hendrickson4House/
www.georgehendrickson.com

Richard Shelatz for Lt Governor

https://www.facebook.com/pg/ShelatzforSouthDakota/about/?ref=page_internal

Kurt Evans for Governor

<https://twitter.com/KurtEvans2018>