



**T LIBERTARIAN**  
PARTY OF COLORADO

## **MISSING BOARD REPORTS – 2018**

### **Resolved into the LPCO Standing Rules (2016-05-09):**

*“Monthly Board reports are due by the Wednesday before the regularly scheduled board meeting and shall be published to the Party website by the Communications Director by the Friday prior to any regularly scheduled meeting for viewing by membership and Board members...”*

- The following Board Reports were not submitted in time to be published on the LPCO website, violating the current standing rule:
  - Fundraising
  - Campaigns
  - Regions

Respectfully Submitted,

David Aitken  
Website Volunteer  
Libertarian Party of Colorado



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## Chairs year end Report 2018

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 1, the duties of the State Chair are as follows: The State Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The State Chair may appoint such Party functionaries as a recording and corresponding secretary, an office manager, and an events chair. The State Chair shall compile, maintain and make available to the Board of Directors a publication listing all "Standing rules" and "Special rules" adopted by the Board of Directors. The State Chair shall specify the date and time of the next Convention at least 45 days before it is convened. The State Chair, or his or her designee, including other Board members acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party. The State Chair shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State within fifteen days after such amendments are adopted.

This year has been a great year for the LPCO. We have implemented a business plan model for direction and accountability for the directors and, and I believe that it has been, overall, a success. With a little revision, it will be better this year.

All of the affiliates have grown significantly and we've had several development groups get their start as well. That was my goal when elected, to grow the party through grass root efforts and it is working.

We now have a much more functional database management system and a Database Manager that is doing a fantastic job, and with more time under our belt, we will become more effective reaching the Libertarians of Colorado.

Colorado still has to work on growing National Memberships, as the more National Members that we have from Colorado, the more delegates we will have at the National Convention. We were in the top ten states, when the delegates were allotted, but have slipped to eleventh. We need to put our efforts back into National Membership recruitment.

Our outreach efforts have been quite robust, not only in the State level, but on the local level from the affiliates as well.

Last year there were only about 75 calls for more information, but this year, I have been getting 35-40 inquiries a month and that shows that the party is causing people to want to know more about us and what we stand for.

We also have a great Technology Chair and we now have all of the Board meetings live streamed and recorded, so all the meetings can be reviewed by anyone during the meetings, or at a later date.

This upcoming year will be better yet, with more volunteers and activities to keep us all busy, but we need your help. The State board is made up of only eleven directors and they can't get everything done without your help. Please feel free to reach out to me and I'll put you to work.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Wayne Harlos  
State Chair, LPCO***



Vice Chair Annual Report, March 23-25, 2018

## DUTIES AND POWERS

### Art II Sec 2 of the By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado:

*“The Vice Chair shall assist the State Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the State Chair, develop and support affiliate parties and district caucuses, ensure affiliate compliance with requirements in the Party Constitution and Bylaws, communicate with Affiliate Representatives on a monthly basis, and facilitate resource sharing and cooperation among the affiliates.”*

- This year, the Chair charged each member of the board to come up with a business plan. The goal was to transform the Board into a professionally functioning organization. While not every aspect of my business plan was met, the spirit and primary goal of my business plan, to assist any Director who called on me in meeting their own goals, was certainly met.
- All other duties as outlined by our Constitution and Bylaws were met with minor exception based on the Chair's instruction. Specifically, the Chair instructed me not to follow-up monthly with affiliates. I encouraged resource sharing and cooperation opportunities for local groups, candidates, etc. by offering the following links each month in my report. Each local organization is available to use these resources at no charge and we are always seeking ways to expand our resources and support our local groups.
  - Monthly Data Dumps, see your county contact for more information.
  - Nationbuilder is our database of members and interested parties
  - Facebook Group for Local Groups – [LPCO Affiliates and DGs](#)
  - [Facebook County Pages](#)
  - [County Contact Directory](#)

### Art II Sec 13 of the By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado:

*“...Each Officer shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one Party Affiliate or Development Group each calendar year.”*

- Since the 2017 Convention, the Vice Chair has attended the following Affiliate Party Meetings and has certainly met this requirement in our governing documents.
  - May 18, 2017 – Boulder County Meeting
  - May 18, 2017 – El Paso County Meeting
  - September 7, 2017 – Douglas County Meeting
- Since the 2017 Convention, the Vice Chair has attended the following Development Group Meetings
  - April 9, 2017 – Clear Creek County Development Group

- May 17, 2017 – Larimer County Development Group
- July 12, 2017 – Mesa County Development Group

## **COMMITTEES:**

- The Vice Chair had the pleasure of serving in several committees, for the Libertarian Party of Colorado and other Libertarian Party organizations. Below is a list of all committees that the Vice Chair was a participant on for Fiscal 2017.
- Libertarian Party of Colorado
  - Policy Committee, Member
  - Style Committee, Member
  - Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Member
  - Convention Standing Rules Committee, Member
- Libertarian National Committee
  - Platform Committee, Colorado's Representative
- Radical Caucus of the Libertarian Party (National Caucus)
  - Bylaws Committee
  - 2017 Endorsements Committee
  - 2018 Endorsements Committee

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

It has been an immense pleasure to serve as the Vice Chair for the Libertarian Party of Colorado for the last year. I look forward to all of our mid-term candidates making local impacts and am excited at our continued growth. I certainly hope to see the Libertarian Party of Colorado continue to transform into the professional organization I know we can be: an organization that has an elaborate network of volunteers and one that runs a candidate in every partisan race they can. Thank you and please volunteer or run for office!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Longstreth  
Vice Chair, Libertarian Party of Colorado  
<https://www.facebook.com/LibertarianLongstreth>



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## **Treasurer, Annual Report, 2018 State Convention**

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 9, the duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses incurred at the regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall also prepare budgets for the other board members or assist them in preparing their own budgets.

As of 18 March 2018, PayPal balance was \$529.89.

As of 18 March 2018, BBVA Compass balance was \$20,070.57

As of 18 March 2018, Stripe balance was \$175.00.

As of 18 March 2018, Federal Election Activity account has been closed by Compass bank, presumably due to inactivity.

Held in reserve:

Standard reserve \$1,500.00

NationBuilder reserve \$3,180.00

Clear Creek Co DG \$40.00

Denver Co DG \$411.00

Larimer Co DG \$15.00

Weld Co DG \$15.00

**As of 18 March 2018, Total accessible (excluding reserved funds) balance was \$15,614.46**

Monthly since 24 May 2017 I have started corralling one twelfth the annual NationBuilder fee in QuickBooks and in this report so that the sudden expense in April doesn't catch us unprepared. Based on the NationBuilder annual fee that I anticipate, the monthly cut is \$318.33, rounded to \$318.00.

Any anticipated large future expenses (> \$1,000 annually), whether one-time or instalment, I propose to budget in the same manner as with NationBuilder, where I reserve funds monthly into a specific sub-account. For clarity for me and subsequent treasurers, the standard reserve of \$1,500 has been placed in a sub-account.

Annual subscription (211 recurring) donations to PayPal, Stripe & Compass Bank: \$7,546.24

Annual Contributions (one-time & event): \$16,254.82

Convention Registrations to 18 March 2018: \$10,930.00

For break down by accounts, refer to Treasurer's Annual Report Part 2.

I request that any Board member who receives cash or check from a donor please email me with the date received, check number, amount, and name & address of the donor. If the check is \$100 or more, then I also need the donor's occupation and employer. See below for a list of TRACER-accepted occupation names. We can't accept cash donations over \$100. We can't accept contributions from corporations or from foreign nationals. The party can accept anonymous donations less than \$20 but if anonymous donations are collected by someone not authorized to accept funds for LPCO (not a board member) then that someone is considered a conduit and the collected aggregate is counted against their personal contribution limit and the funds conveyed to LPCO can't include more than \$100 in cash.

Filed report of contributions and expenses with FEC using fecfile software as follows:

01 Jul 2017

20 Jan 2018.

Next report due 04/15/2018.

Filed report of contributions and expenses with Colorado Secretary of State using TRACER (Transparency in Contribution and Expenditure Reporting) on-line system as follows:

01 Jul 2017

01 Oct 2017

01 Jan 2018

Next report due 05/07/2018.

For supporters who wish to make monthly donations but who don't have or want a PayPal account, I can set up a subscription using Stripe using the donor's credit card information. We now have two such subscriptions.

TRACER-accepted occupation names. Note that these terms refer to trade/vocation names, not job titles.

- Agriculture
- Attorney/Legal
- Automotive Industry
- Clergy/Faith-based
- Construction/Engineering
- Consultant
- Environmental Services
- Financial/Investment

Firefighters/Paramedics  
Food Services  
Gaming Industry  
General Business  
Governmental/Civil  
Healthcare/Medical  
Homemaker  
Insurance Industry  
Law Enforcement  
Lobbyist  
Manufacturing  
Media/Public Relations  
Military  
Mining/Energy  
Not Currently Employed  
Office and Administrative Occupations  
Other  
    Other Occupation Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
Real Estate Professional  
Retail Sales  
Retired  
Science/Technology  
Student  
Teacher/Education  
Unknown

***Respectfully Submitted,  
John Hjersman***



**Libertarian Party of Colorado**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
March 18, 2017 through March 18, 2018

	Unclassified	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Convention Donations	1,070.00	1,070.00
Convention Registration Donations	11,175.00	11,175.00
In-Kind Contributions	427.68	427.68
Donations - Other	14,746.73	14,746.73
Total Donations	15,174.41	15,174.41
Stripe Returns	-35.00	-35.00
Stripe Sales	775.36	775.36
Total Income	28,159.77	28,159.77
Gross Profit	28,159.77	28,159.77
Expense		
Advertising/Promotional Computer	3,333.51	3,333.51
Services	131.88	131.88
Software	3,100.92	3,100.92
Total Computer	3,232.80	3,232.80
Convention Expense	18,682.36	18,682.36
Credit Card Fees	590.99	590.99
Licenses and Permits	20.00	20.00
Mail boxes	240.00	240.00
Stripe Payment Processing Fees	406.93	406.93
Telephone		
Internet	38.44	38.44
Telephone - Other	119.40	119.40
Total Telephone	157.84	157.84
Total Expense	26,664.43	26,664.43
Net Ordinary Income	1,495.34	1,495.34
Net Income	<b>1,495.34</b>	<b>1,495.34</b>



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## OUTREACH DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT – 2018 LPCO STATE CONVENTION

### **Article II, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado:**

*“The Outreach Director shall be responsible for recruiting members, having speakers, conducting recruiting events, organizing and supporting student clubs and organizations at high schools, colleges, and universities and setting up and operating a speakers bureau.”*

### **Libertarian Party of Colorado – Outreach Year in Review.**

Colorado Libertarian Outreach hit the ground running after you selected me as your Outreach Director at last year’s state convention. I was nominated and selected to fill a vacancy in that position. One of the primary responsibilities that I was charged with as Outreach Director was to plan, organize and work as many Outreach Events as possible throughout the year. We already had three events on the schedule for the coming months which would give me some serious on the job training (AKA trial by fire), those being Cinco de Mayo, Peoples Fair and Denver PrideFest. All of these events took place in Denver’s Civic Center Park.

Outreach events give us the opportunity to reach and speak to thousands of politically disenfranchised or politically homeless Coloradans with the message of Liberty and a more thorough explanation of Libertarian Principles. There are many festivals, fairs and other events around the state where we can take our message. This requires quite a bit of effort and resources. We typically walk attendees through the World’s Smallest Political Quiz and use the results to show them, much to their surprise, that they are much more libertarian in their thinking than they would have believed. We use much of the format recommended by The Advocates for Self-Government’s Operation Politically Homeless Mini-Manual for Operating an OPH Booth. I make this manual available to volunteers as a training aid for working our Outreach booths.

We must make sure that we have the financial resources to pay for the space. This usually amounts to an expenditure of \$350 to \$450 per event to cover application fees, cost of space and required liability insurance.

We must make sure that we have sufficient materials to stock our booth and make available to political seekers to help communicate our message. These include brochures, t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, etc. These along with the event fees all cost money which is a limited resource in our party. Consider this a shameless plug for fundraising – WE NEED YOU!

Finally, we need to make sure that we have sufficient human resources to adequately staff our booth to accommodate the crowds that we are trying to reach. Events can run anywhere from one 8-hour day to three or more days with hours going from 7:00 am to midnight plus setup and teardown. Again – WE NEED YOU!!!

### **Online and Social Media**

In addition to Outreach Events, I was charged by the Communications Director with certain responsibilities around our online and social media presence. I maintained a regular schedule of Tuesday and Thursday posts at 7:00 pm on our LPCO Facebook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/lpcolorado> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/187934748061850>) to communicate opportunities for Libertarians and libertarians around the state in support of scheduled Outreach Events, local LP affiliate meetings and events, and other liberty-oriented events and news.

In addition to Facebook, of which I had a fairly good working knowledge of, I was assigned to assist in maintaining news of Libertarian Events on our LPCO website ([www.LPColorado.org](http://www.LPColorado.org)). This required that I learn to navigate and work with our backend web software, Nation Builder, which I must confess continues to be a challenge for me.

I also assisted in creating and maintaining certain Libertarian meeting announcements on our Meetup pages (<https://www.meetup.com/lpcolorado>) which again required a bit of a learning curve.

### **LP Outreach Trailer**

My very first job after accepting the position as Outreach Direct at last year's Convention following a brief Board Meeting lunch with our newly seated LPCO board was to take possession and responsibility of for lack of a better description, the LP Outreach Trailer. This trailer is on loan to your party from our current State Board Treasurer, John Hersman, and contains essentially all physical assets of the party including tents, banners, chairs, tables, signs, tripods, coffee

pots/urns, etc., etc. Our former Chair, Jay North was anxious to pass this on and had it waiting for me out in the parking lot of our Convention hotel. After loading it up with all the Convention materials from tearing down last year's Convention, I brought this to it's new home in our driveway.



I found that the trailer was a bit disorganized and decided that if I was going to make any kind of efficient use of this asset that I had a lot of work to do. With the help of my loving partner in life, Michele Poague, we removed all contents of the trailer and worked to sort through them, organize them, dispose of some of the outdated materials and create a plan for shelving and filing the contents back in the trailer. A future project would be to create a catalog of items available including photographs and quantities and maintain an ongoing perpetual inventory system to ensure that we

will have availability of what we need when we need it.

This trailer will be parked in the parking lot of this year's Convention ready for any who would challenge for the position of Outreach Director for the next two years to take possession of – in much better condition than when I found it.

## **Libertarian Meetings**

I attended all LPCO Board meetings throughout the year which take place on the second Monday of every month at the Independence Institute in Downtown Denver at 727 E. 16th Ave. from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This event is open to the public and we encourage any and all to attend. You will be given a voice in the agenda to bring up any issues or concerns that you may have on the operation of your state party or anything else that you may feel would be of interest to your State Board.

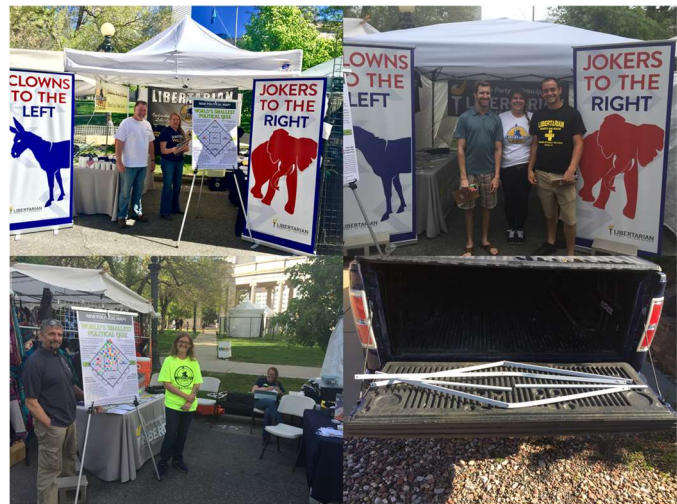
I have been very involved in my local LP County affiliate, the Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County, and a regular attendee of all meetups and official board meetings throughout the year. I was also a regular attendee and supporter of the effort to rebirth the Libertarian Party of Denver County Development Group. Many thanks to the efforts of Victoria Reynolds for working tirelessly to get this going.

I was a frequent attendee and supporter of the Libertarian Party of Douglas County monthly meetups in Parker. I also attended meetings with Libertarian affiliates in Jefferson County and Weld county over the course of the year as well as some regular meetup events sponsored by Liberty on the Rocks Denver. I encourage all of you to attend as many of these meetings as possible. There is much to be learned and shared with other Liberty minded individuals.

I had hoped to get out and about in the outer reaches of the state to attend more Libertarian functions but sometimes time is not your friend. Maybe next year.

## Events Summary

Cinco de Mayo – May 6-7, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm both days, Denver Civic Center Park, Booth Space #545. This was a great event with steady traffic throughout until interrupted by a brief wind and rain event Saturday afternoon that lifted our tent totally off the ground depositing it upside down about 20 feet behind us. When the weather settled back down, we reset everything back up to the best of our ability and continued without our tent as it was no longer in usable condition. We scrambled to procure a replacement tent overnight so that we could resume the following morning with a complete booth, tent and all. Sunday afternoon at about 3:00, we were once again hit with a significant rain event that pretty much closed up the fair for the balance of the day. Unfortunately, the event producers would not allow us to drive in and load our stuff out until after 7:00 pm so Michele and I carried everything two and a half blocks to where our truck was parked. This only took about 10 trips.





People's Fair Art and Music Festival – June 3 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. June 4 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Denver Civic Center Park, Booth Space N06, N07. Non-profit groups are segregated in an interior part of the park for this event and we noticed significantly less traffic past our booth as opposed to our normal placement on the



perimeter drives of Civic Center park. The weather pretty much cooperated however and I would consider the event to be a success overall. We had paid for two spaces allowing us to spread out a bit more, but I don't believe that any benefit was worth the double cost, so we have decided to stick with a single booth space for this event in 2018.

Denver PrideFest 2017 – June 17 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, June 18 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Denver Civic Center Park, Booth Space #K11.



Received some additional materials courtesy of Richard Longstreth specific to the LGBT agenda – The Outright Libertarians take on The Advocates World's Smallest Political Quiz entitled World's Gayest Political Quiz and an eight page booklet entitled GAY RIGHTS: A LIBERTARIAN APPROACH by Ralph Raico. This booklet highlights the fact that the Libertarian Party has been a supporter and advocate for Gay Rights since its founding in 1971. Thank you, Caryn Ann Harlos for

the supply of Rainbow buttons for distribution in the booth. These were gobbled up quite quickly.

This was by far our busiest event of the season as we had constant traffic throughout the event both days open to close. Our audience was pleased to learn that the Libertarian Party has been leading the fight for the right to live life as one pleases so long as it does no harm to another for over 45 years.

We gathered contact info through the World's Smallest Political Quiz on 112 additional people and collected \$141 in donations for buttons, coffee cups, t-shirts, etc.

August - We proved this month that we can support multiple events on the same weekend – even the same day – in different parts of the state.

1<sup>st</sup> event – Douglas County Fair – Castle Rock, CO, Friday, August 4 through Sunday August 6 in partnership with the Libertarian Party of Douglas County. It was quite a challenge to get volunteer staff coverage for a three day event but the Douglas County Libertarians came through and managed to get us through the entire weekend. I set up the booth Friday morning and stayed to work the booth the first couple hours of the event Friday afternoon. It was nice to work an event indoors in climate-controlled comfort. Traffic was light at first but picked up gradually throughout the weekend. We gathered about 50 contacts and added about \$60 to the LPCO treasury through t-shirt donations. Douglas county kept any additional donations through the weekend as their share. I came back Sunday afternoon to work the last couple hours of the event and then tear down and pack up the booth.



2<sup>nd</sup> event – Carbon Valley Music & Spirits Festival – Dacono, CO, Saturday, August 5 in partnership with the Libertarian Party of Weld County Development Group. Special thanks to Matthew DiGi and Bruce Griffith for helping to staff the booth. We had excellent position just to the right of the main stage with great visibility of our Libertarian banners from everywhere in the venue. That was the good news. The bad news was that we were pretty close to the speaker array making meaningful conversation a challenge but had quite a few good conversations as we walked through the food and spirits areas wearing our Libertarian t-shirts and political



buttons. BTW-Taxation is Theft! The booth cost was \$30 which was borne by two



anonymous contributors and within the first hour we had already taken in more than \$40 in cash donations. It was a beautiful day with some great music until the downpour hit around 7:30 cancelling the remainder of the event including the headline act, Cracker, and the scheduled fireworks display. Taking down the booth in the pouring rain was challenging enough but someone with the event forgot to turn off the irrigation system and along with the rain we were showered from sprinkler heads on both sides of the tent about 5 minutes in to the down pour. The soaked contents of the booth were taken home and spread out in my garage with fans running trying to dry out so we could be ready to do this again.

Pueblo Chili and Frijoles Festival – Details as follows:

Friday, 9/22 – 3:00 pm to midnight (Load in and set-up beginning at 8:00 am)

Saturday, 9/23 – 10:00 am to midnight

Sunday, 9/24 – 10:00 am to 6 pm (Tear down after 6:00 pm)

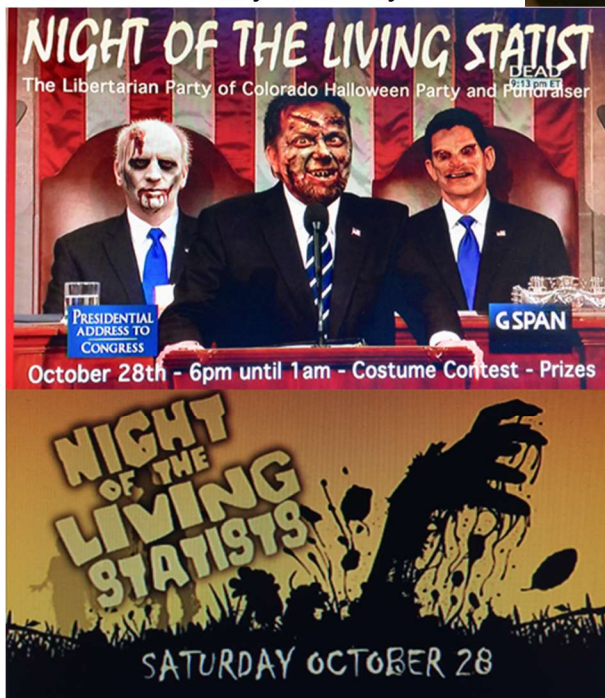
Participation for this was a last-minute decision. Deadline for registration was July 28 which we missed. In late August, an email vote was taken amongst the Board deciding to submit a late application to attempt to be accepted for participation. Application was submitted, and we were informed that we were on a waiting list. We were finally advised that our late application for this event was accepted the week of the event. A huge thank you to Michael Stapleton for taking the lead on staffing the booth for this event. Staffing was difficult as the event hours were to midnight on both Friday and Saturday nights of this three-day event. Weather was a bit threatening at times with high winds on Friday and chances of rain throughout Saturday and Sunday. The booth survived, and event was well attended and in fact



crowded for most of the time. Contacts gathered were uploaded into Nation Builder – special thank you to Dee Hower and David Aitken for capturing contact info for all of our events. Organizers claim over 100,000 attendees over three days of the festival.

### Night of the Living Statist.

Saturday October 28 from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. This fund-raising event was hosted by yours truly and Michele Poague at our home on Halloween weekend. It was a fun time with costumes, food, beverage and camaraderie and a few hundred dollars was added to the Party Treasury.



October FUNdraiser  
21079 East Mineral Drive  
Aurora, CO 80016

### **A Libertarian FUNdraiser** Because nothing is scarier than the "Cult of the Omnipotent State."

Bring your FUNds and enjoy a dinner buffet featuring "Plenty of Pork" and "Chicken on a stick" with a full bar of specialty cocktails like "The Long Bill" and the "Filibuster."

Silent Auction, Costume Contest, Killer Karaoke

No Cover Charge but donations to the Libertarian Party of CO are encouraged.

RSVP so we know how much "Pork" to load in.  
Visit [www.Facebook.com/LPColorado](http://www.Facebook.com/LPColorado) OR  
Text name and # of guests to 303-358-6047

Can't make it? Please consider a donation.  
Visit [www.LPColorado.org/donate](http://www.LPColorado.org/donate)

Kokesh for Not President 2020 – November 11. Although not an official LPCO sanctioned event, Michele and I hosted Adam Kokesh and about 50 of his closest Colorado friends for the Colorado stop on his 2018 Kokesh for Not President 2020 tour. Again, we had great fellowship, fun, food, beverages, karaoke, and an inspiring presentation by Mr. Kokesh of his plan to substantially shrink the size of the

federal government in the interest and support of individual liberty and libertarian principles.



### Upcoming Events:

#### 2018 Libertarian Party of Colorado State Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Thornton  
83 E 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Thornton, CO

Friday, March 23

Saturday, March 24

Sunday, March 25

#### Cinco de Mayo –

Saturday, May 5 and

Sunday, May 6

#### People's Fair –

Saturday, June 2 from 10AM - 9PM

Sunday, June 3 from 10AM - 8PM

#### PrideFest Denver –

Saturday, June 16 and

Sunday, June 17



We are always looking for your recommendations on events in your area and throughout the state that we should consider supporting and/or partnering with your local organizations. Please communicate these at anytime to [OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org](mailto:OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org).

Any help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated.

## **Call to Action LPCO Libertarian Outreach Army**

**Want to get out and make a difference for the cause of Liberty in Colorado? Join our Libertarian Outreach Army!!**

**As the 2018 Outreach season approaches, we need a few good people to volunteer and sign up to help us staff our Libertarian Party of Colorado Outreach booths at fairs and festivals across the state.**

**Please contact [OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org](mailto:OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org) to get your name on our special list.**

**We want you...!!!**

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

I want to offer a word of thanks and acknowledgement to the many volunteers who participated in the set-up, tear-down, and staffing of our events throughout the course of the year. We could not possibly attend these events throughout the year and reach so many Coloradans with the message and hope of Individual Liberty without your support and sacrifice of time.

A special thank you and acknowledgement goes to my life partner, best friend, and love of my life, Michele Poague. Without her support and sacrifice I would not have been able to do any of this.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Gulbranson  
Outreach Director, LPCO



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## **Legislative Director Annual 2018**

As of the annual Libertarian Party of Colorado Legislative Report, we are at day 68 of the 120 day Colorado General Assembly. To date, 298 pieces of legislation have been proposed in the Colorado House, 205 pieces of legislation have been proposed in the Colorado Senate. 57 Pieces of Legislation have been signed into law so far in 2018 By Governor Hickenlooper.

In 2017 the Libertarian Party of Colorado started our weekly e-mail legislative lobby efforts. Sending out a weekly e-mail to Libertarian Party member, registered as activist on the Libertarian Party of Colorado web site. We have asked them to contact the members of Senate committees to support or oppose legislation up for hearing in the committees. We utilized the weekly ratings and positions from Principles of Liberty Colorado. We have received notification that our efforts were not going unnoticed, that elected Legislators were hearing from our members and talking about those efforts to others.

In 2018 we continued the weekly e-mails however with the help of the Libertarian Party of Colorado Database Manager, a page was built on the LPCO webpage, updated weekly, with all of the legislation the Libertarian Party of Colorado was actively lobbying, through my efforts in reach out to the members of the Senate Committee, but more importantly the efforts of our Libertarian Activist in the Senate Districts of the Committee members where the proposed legislation is being heard.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is the only Political Party and its members actively organizing lobby efforts, to help hold the elected legislators accountable and messaging our principles of Individual Liberty, Limited Government and Free markets.

We will continue in our efforts, direct activism, engaging with the elected to be effective in upholding Liberty and returning to the principles of Limited Government.

***Respectfully Submitted,***  
***Michael Stapleton***  
***Legislative Director, Libertarian Party of Colorado***





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## **Membership Director Annual Report 2018**

Unfortunately, I did not achieve the objectives I set forth. However, if I might make a suggestion, the newsletter should be returned to its more appropriate home, as part of Communications, where it resided prior to the 2017 state convention. This would allow the next Membership director to maximize NationBuilder to improve contact with LPCO members.

***Respectfully Submitted,***  
**Steven Gallant**



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## **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

As per our Bylaws Article II, Section 6, the duties of the Communications Director are as follows:

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all communications, web sites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries.

I was appointed to this position in January 2016 and confirmed at the 2016 State Convention. In May 2017, I was also elected at the National Convention as the Region 1 Representative representing Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. My time in this position was focused on continuing to expand our social media, traditional media, and web presences to increase the visibility of our Party and principles.

It is with great sadness that I am resigning this position as of the close of the 2018 convention (one year prior to natural term expiration) in order to focus on my run for LNC Secretary as it would be impossible to adequately concentrate on both items. I have recruited a very qualified replacement if the Convention delegates approve. In the event that I win the LNC Secretary position, I will be less involved at the state level as National Party officers should not have state-level potential conflicts. If I do not succeed, I will be back volunteering full-steam with the LPCO.

This report is broken down into various areas of focus for this position as well as additional accomplishments.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook has remained at rank number 4 in affiliate national rankings, totalling 24,763, with that number expected to rise significantly in 2018. We have a set posting schedule and volunteer team.

Robert Bentley continues to manage Twitter which now has 1,800 followers, and he has begun an Instagram page for the Party.

### **WEBSITE**

The new website has been expanded, and David Aitken has taken over the critical aspect of data management. Greater transparency and interface with membership is made possible by links to streams and reports. Additionally, I implemented the open email list so that nearly all communications with the board are publicly viewable to the membership.

## **BRANDING AND MATERIALS**

I had a goal to create a Style Guide prior to my term expiration in 2019 which I will pass on to my successor though I am still willing to serve on such a team as well as the team creating the Policy Manual.

## **PRESS AND MEDIA**

The Media Action Team headed by Jay Stooksberry put out fantastic work product.

Press Releases included:

- Gun Rights
- Civil Asset Forfeiture
- Douglas County Shooting
- Denver Kratom Ban
- Costs of Ballot Selfie Lawsuit

Op Eds included:

- Healthcare and the State
- Amendment 71

Media Interviews and Articles (and other appearances):

- Colorado Public Radio on Historical Preservation Project
- Colorado Independent on Historical Preservation Project
- Westword on Kratom ban
- “Abortion and the Libertarian Conscience” at the Flathead (MT) Libertarians
- AMA with “Ask a Libertarian”
- Several new member orientation calls with the National Party
- Reason magazine

## **MAILERS**

Engagement with the membership has taken place routinely with the NationBuilder and MailChimp platforms.

## Organizational Positions

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### Libertarian Party

- National Social Media Team (August 2015- present)
- [Region 1 Representative](#) (May 2016- present)
- Advertising and Publication Review Committee (May 2016- present)
- Historical Preservation Committee- Chair (January 2017-present)
- Candidate Support Committee (August 2017-present)
- Bylaws and Rules Committee (2017-2018)
- Platform Committee-Chair (2018)

### Libertarian Party of Colorado

- Social Media Chair (January 2015-March 2018)
- Historical Committee (2016)
- Standing Rules Committee (2016-2017)
- Credentialing Committee- Chair (2016-2017)
- Bylaws Committee (October 2016-March 2017)
- [2017](#) Convention Planning Committee- Party Business Subcommittee Chair (2016-2017)
- **Communications Director** (January 2016-March 2018)
- Platform Committee- Chair (2015-2016)
- Bylaws Committee (2015-2016)
- Platform Committee- Chair (2016-2017)
- Bylaws Committee (2016-2017)
- Policy Manual Committee (August 2017- March 2018)
- Platform Committee (2017-2018)
- Bylaws Committee (2017-2018)
- Standing Rules Committee (2018)

### Libertarian Party of Douglas County

- Libertarian Party of Colorado Constitution and Bylaws Committee- Douglas County Representative (2017-2018)

### Libertarian Party of Douglas County (Development Group)

- Bylaws Committee- Chair (October 2016)

### Libertarian Party Radical Caucus

- Convention Committee (October 2017- present)
- Bylaws Committee (October 2017- present)
- Platform Committee (October 2017- present)
- Branding Committee (October 2016- present)
- **Colorado State Coordinator** (April 2016- August 2017)
- Platform Committee- Chair (October 2016- May 2017)
- Bylaws Committee (2016)
- Platform Committee (October 2015- March 2016)
- Platform Committee (September 2017- present)
- Policy Manual Committee (August 2017- present)
- Standing Rules Committee (January 2018-March 2018)

### 2016 [Gary Johnson](#) Campaign

- Libertarian Advisory Committee (July 2016- November 2016)

### [National Convention](#) Delegate



- 2016 in [Orlando](#)

### **MISC INVOLVEMENT**

I believe it is vital for the growth of our message and Party to be involved as we can in other areas outside of State Party duties. I have undertaken a major project to preserve the National Libertarian Party history. I also am a prolific recruiter for national party memberships. I have also been honoured with the position of National Platform Committee Chair.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
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**Communications Director, Libertarian Party of Colorado**



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## **Annual Convention Report Records Director March 2018**

In addition to recording minutes and other duties of my office, I worked on a number of liberty actions supported by the Colorado Libertarian Party.

### **Ballot Initiatives**

Along with Frank Atwood and Marty Neilson (the president of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers) shepherded 4 ballot initiatives (Politician Recall, Petitioning Rules, Criminal Justice Reform and Income Tax Reduction) through the Legislative Review and Comment process and through the Title Board single subject and ballot language requirements.

After dozens of meetings with the Secretary of State lawyers and a hearing with the Colorado Supreme Court, one of these survived. The FairTax 2018 ballot initiative is currently in the signature gathering phase.

Working with Natalie Menten I've been soliciting petitioners at various liberty oriented organizations. Via the party's database I sent an email to solicit more petitioners. I am currently producing petitions and working with some of the over 100 petitioners to gather enough signatures.

I set up the financial accounts and documents for the FairTax2018 ballot initiative.

### **Approval Voting**

Along with several other board members, I testified for Approval Voting at a house committee meeting.

I worked with Frank Atwood and Blake Huber to establish a Qualified Political Organization as a precursor to creating an Approval Voting Party

With Frank Atwood, I demonstrated Approval Voting to over 100 folks at the Independence Institute's Founder's Night fundraiser.

I set up the financial accounts and documents for the new Approval Voting Party.

**Various Liberty Activities**

I worked with Mike Krause to develop a group for small office holders. Hopefully this will support Libertarians who start by holding more local political offices.

I worked with Natalie Menten and talked with Steve Gallant to ensure that our Libertarian candidate for the Golden City Council was supported.

I recruited a candidate for the RTD board.

I joined Wayne and John on a conference call with Matt Fergunson and another lawyer to discuss the lawsuit, our options and our future course.

**Duties of Office**

I continued to maintain the motion tracking, small office, and password databases. I compiled and posted the two days of 2017 convention minutes and worked with others to ensure the our founding documents were correctly updated with the results of the convention. And I cleaned up or eliminated several unused websites and Facebook pages.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Spalding  
Records Director***



## **Database Manager Report for 2018**

The Database Manager position was created in April, 2017.

Did an email blast for the fair tax proposal.

Did email blasts for the lobbying project when the legislature is in session. (5 hours/wk)

A Nationbuilder User Manual was created and is updated whenever procedures change.

During the past year more than 14,000 duplicate records were merged.

The processes of importing records from the Secretary of State and LP National were documented. These are complex procedures.

Several times per year we share data with county affiliates who request it. (1 hour each time)  
Exported Delta city records for Jay Stooksberry's city council race.

Records were imported from the Secretary of State several times. (4 hours each time)  
Records were imported from LP National several times, usually monthly. (6 hours each time)  
Records were imported from several outreach events.

Distributed new volunteer lists to board members monthly. (1 hour/monthly)

Combine board reports and publish on website. (1 hour/monthly)

Backups of the Nationbuilder member file are created every Sunday afternoon and are saved on our google drive. (2 hours/wk)

I regularly check NB for new signups, fix obvious address errors, and check for duplicates.

We can give you voter lists for all state level districts, city, county, and precinct.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Aitken  
Database Manager  
Libertarian Party of Colorado