

# Board Reports

## Legislative Director

### Overview:

This month, my focus has been on strengthening our relationships with liberty-minded legislators and advancing policy goals that align with core libertarian principles. Building and maintaining these connections is critical for ensuring that our ideas have a voice within the state legislature and that the Libertarian Party of Colorado is viewed as a credible, values-driven participant in policy discussions.

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### Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform:

I've been collaborating with **Representative Ken DeGraaf (R-CO)** on efforts to promote a **Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Bill** for the upcoming legislative session. This bill aims to strengthen due process protections for Coloradans by limiting the ability of law enforcement agencies to seize property without a criminal conviction.

This issue represents a clear and tangible defense of individual rights and private property—core tenets of our platform. By engaging early in the legislative process, we can help ensure that the final version of the bill reflects strong libertarian principles and reduces government overreach.

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### Building Alliances with Liberty-Focused Legislators:

Our ongoing engagement with legislators like Rep. DeGraaf is part of a broader strategy to develop relationships with lawmakers who are sympathetic to libertarian values, even if they are not formally part of our party. These relationships create opportunities to:

- **Advance libertarian policy priorities** through bipartisan or cross-partisan collaboration.
- **Increase our credibility** as a principled voice in legislative discussions.
- **Build trust** that can open doors for future cooperation on issues such as taxation, government transparency, and personal freedom.

By maintaining a professional and cooperative presence at the Capitol, we position the Libertarian Party of Colorado as a consistent advocate for liberty, rather than a distant critic of the political process.

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#### **Next Steps:**

- Continue working with Rep. DeGraaf and other allies to finalize and promote the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Bill.
  - Identify additional legislative opportunities for partnership on issues like school choice, occupational licensing reform, and privacy rights.
  - Explore ways for LPCO members to engage in public testimony or grassroots advocacy to support these legislative efforts.
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#### **Closing:**

Our long-term success depends not only on running candidates but also on **showing results for liberty** through meaningful legislative influence. By building strong, trust-based relationships with like-minded legislators, we can help ensure that libertarian principles are represented where laws are written.

Michael Vance

Legislative Director

LPCO

## Campaigns Director

November 10, 2025

2026 candidates as of this writing are James Wiley for Secretary of State (I have not yet spoken with Mr Wiley to determine if he has officially declared, or if he is still considered 'exploratory'). No other known candidates as of the writing of this report.

Per my Campaigns Director campaign material, I plan to develop the Campaigns Department by 'Divisions'. Those Divisions are: 1) State and Statewide Partisan Campaigns 2) County Campaigns 3) Municipal Campaigns 4) Vacant Offices, 5) Elected/Appointed Officeholder Support

The aforementioned is my primary focus. I am seeking division directors for each division, as well as volunteers reporting to each. I have just begun these efforts, and so there is not much yet to report. I have appointed Norm Olsen to the role of Division Director of Vacant Offices. I am in current discussions with a longtime Libertarian for forensic research under Mr Olsen in that division, as well as one other volunteer to work on that team. Additionally I have another LPCO member interested in working in the State/Statewide Partisan Division. I will reveal the names of these potential volunteers once they have been appointed to their roles within their respective divisions/teams.

No active candidate recruitment has yet taken place.

There are currently no candidates seeking 'statewide' office (Governor/Lt Governor, etc..) other than Mr Wiley for SOS.

I believe that it is important for me to manage the expectations of this board and the membership of the LPCO at large. I WILL NOT be actively recruiting for a "full slate" of candidates for the election year 2026. As mentioned in my campaign for this directorship, I believe that I/we MUST take a long-term approach to building this party. As such, it is imperative that I build a strong team, headed by the aforementioned Division Directors to achieve this goal. My legacy in this role will be a 'turn-key' Department that any motivated Director can step into and run. It is here that I shall be focusing my efforts. This should not be construed to mean that I will not be working with any and all candidates who announce their intention to seek the LPCO nomination. Quite the contrary, supporting these candidates WILL be a priority. I do however feel that my efforts must be spent building 'the machine' that can insure future success. These efforts will take years, not weeks or months.

I mention the above because I have received many phone calls, texts and emails from people who are anxious to see miracles, and I cannot deliver miracles. I will however work to build a Campaigns Department of which every member of the LPCO can be proud, and whom non-libertarians can feel confident will run candidates for whom they can be comfortable voting.

Joe Johnson

Campaigns Director

## Fundraising Director

11/8/2025

Wayne Harlos was able to secure a \$1000 donation directly after the convention. He is reaching out to another possible donor but has not heard back from him.

I have two pledges of \$1000 each but the donors only want the funds used to find more donors. They are hesitant to give the money until we have our footing securely under us.

The convention team is working on the details of the upcoming 2026 convention. They have secured a number of bids but have not chosen one yet. They are working out the details of how long the convention should be given that we MUST adjourn sin die on Saturday to avoid any question about the legality of the convention per state law. This might mean starting on Friday and going through Sunday or having business on Saturday with seminars and the board meeting on Sunday. Beatriz Sutton is the chairman of this committee.

My goal is to have a fundraising letter ready to be approved by November 16th. We can discuss the possible recipients but my first thought is to reach out to anyone who has given to the party in the last 10 years.

I am currently asking people to start up their monthly pledge again or to begin one, even if it is only \$10 per month. The board should lead the way on this. My goal is to double the number of pledgers by Christmas.

I will be meeting with Allison to determine what our actual funds are.

## Membership Director

**From:** Mark Nilson <mark.nilson@lpcolorado.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 6:42:13 PM  
**To:** LPCO Board <LPCOBoard@lpcolorado.org>  
**Subject:** report

Hello all,

This last couple weeks I have met with a few of the members on this board to establish ongoing strategy as well as relevant libertarian leaders and activists who can bring support to our cause to discuss more ideas for our growth and professionalism, however I cannot provide a full report as my login does not appear to work for our system. This is a problem common to a couple other of our leaders, and I will do what I can for now but am limited in capacity until I can actually see our membership and interact with them from my official capacity.

Mark Nilson

Membership Director - Libertarian Party of Colorado

State Chair - Young Americans for Liberty

State Coordinator - Students for Liberty

## Vice Chair

Date:	11/5/2025	Name:	Doug Jones
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Leadership Training Activities

<b>Activities</b>
Conducted interview with Mark Nilson to aid Affiliates Director Janet Turner with her transition into the role.

#### Succession Planning and Continuity Binder Activities

<b>Position</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Roadblocks</b>
<b>Unable to locate legacy continuity binders.</b>		

#### Affiliate Compliance

<b>Affiliate</b>	<b>Signed SOPs</b>	<b>Has Chair</b>	<b>Has Treas</b>	<b>Posted Bylaws</b>	<b>FCPA Filings</b>	<b>Candidates/ Policies/ Positions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviewed Mark Nilson to get a general sense of the health of affiliates.</li> <li>Prepared short questionnaire to send to Affiliate Chairs.</li> </ul>						

#### Other Activities and Issues

Found a young person to develop videos for L-Train (Precinct Organizing) project. Filming will begin within the week.
<b>NEED: developer to query/write to databases, make online forms, produce reports, generate emails. This will be required to create infrastructure for L-Train.</b>

#### Affiliate/Development Group Meetings Attended

<b>Date</b>	<b>Affiliate/Development Group</b>	<b>Comments</b>
10/16/2025	El Paso County	I showed up but no meeting was held. Per Kurt Wildforster (Affiliate Vice Chair) reason was that Affiliate Secretary Taylor Triggs was absent. Oddly, the Affiliate posted minutes for a meeting held that evening.



**Libertarian Party of Colorado**

**Treasurer's Report**

*November 2025*

*Prepared by: Allison Spink*

*Submitted: 11/7/25*

**Transition Status**

- ISPolitical: Access confirmed
- Banking: Signature cards updated; online access and debit cards pending
- Tracer: Access confirmed for Allison and Doug
- FEC: Credentials still needed. I will work with Ashley B to obtain.

**Financial Overview**

- Bank visibility remains limited pending completion of online access.
- Profit & Loss statement will need to be restructured to separate out RFK-related transactions to reveal true financial trends.
- Stripe contributions for FY2025 trend less than 1K per month.

<b><u>Period</u></b>	<b><u>Contribution</u></b>
1/2025	958.75
2/2025	780.05
3/2025	2,872.25
4/2025	862.30
5/2025	705.30
6/2025	1,322.80
7/2025	2,098.30
8/2025	540.50
9/2025	577.50
10/2025	881.00



- A high-level review of Q3 expenses, excluding non-recurring items (e.g., convention, legal fees), indicates that current spending exceeds income.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Q3 Total</u>
Amazon Web Services			2	2
Anedot	89	53	43	185
City and County of Denver			125	125
CiviCRM			129	129
Clover App	65	65	65	195
FDMS	30	30	30	91
ISPolitical	350	350	350	700
Merch Bnkcd SD Fee	50	50	65	165
Microsoft	151	151	151	454
Office Depot			56	56
Pinnacol	310			310
Secura Insurance			528	528
Smart Space	67	67	67	201
Staples		2		2
The Denver Gazette	30			30
TMobile	50	50	50	150
VistaPrint	269	311	232	813
X (Twitter)		125		125
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>4,260</b>

#### Outstanding Compliance Items

- The next Tracer report is due January 15, 2026.
- Secretary of State: Total open penalties = 18,400
- I will reach out to Gavin before the next board meeting to discuss potential reimbursement to the Party for these fees. If reimbursement is not feasible, we plan to pursue negotiations with the Secretary of State's office to reduce or resolve the penalties.