

# Political Directors Report

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**Staffing:** Marc Brandl has been spending 30-40% of his time on campus outreach, and the remainder on political affairs. Dennis Daniels has been on board full time for the summer, but is leaving on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Robert Sutton has been full time since spring, but will be leaving August 24. Aaron Biterman from WI, has been full time for the summer, and is leaving the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Steven Damerell has been working principally under Nick, but has assisted the Political Department on numerous occasions. Marc Brandl will report on his Political Department duties and Campus Outreach activities later in this report. The interns also have a report on their activities at the end of this report.

## **Libertarians in Office: 454**

Appointed 218

Elected 247

## **Candidate Recruiting**

We have just completed a major revision of the recruiting manual, and it has been sent to all state chairs, state directors, as well as to the LNC. The manual is now available both as an html and a PDF file on the LP.org site. We added some 16 pages of new material covering our experiences from the 2000 cycle. We have also added sample recruiting letters and phone scripts.

**LP.ORG political section updates.** We are revamping the campaigns section of LP.org, archiving the 2000 information, and updating sections in preparation for the 2002 campaign season. A more detailed report on updates is appended.

**2001 Candidates** We have 300 candidates announced (or have already run) so far for 2001. Our goal for the year was a minimum of 300 (the most we had before in an odd year is 297) candidates, and we have therefore met this goal. I expect to receive information on another couple of dozen candidates in the next few days.

Special thanks to State Chairs Lois Kanashki and Aaron Starr for their great emphasis on candidate recruitment. Together, California and Pennsylvania provided about half of our candidates for the year.

## **2001 Wins**

Libertarian candidates have won 20 races so far this year, as listed below. Our goal for wins this year is at least 45 (the most we have had before in any single year is 44). We appear to be on track to meet this goal for the year.

- Marian Smithson was reelected as the City Treasurer of West Covina, California with a plurality of the vote.
- Randolph Miller of Oregon, who was elected to the Westview High School Local School Committee. Miller got 21.8% of the total vote in a four-way race.
- Mark Vetanen of Oregon, who was elected to the Meadow Park School Local School Committee. Vetanen ran unopposed.
- Chuck Sila of Illinois, who was reelected to the Normal Public Library Board.
- Julie Fox elected to the Dundee Township Library Board, first place in a five-way race for four seats.
- Scott Kohlhaas of Illinois, elected to the Dundee Township Library Board. Fourth, place, in a five-way race for four seats.
- Austin Hough of Illinois was elected to the Fountaindale Public Library Board of Bolingbrook/Romeoville. Hough ran unopposed.
- Doug Kelley of Illinois, was elected to the Rock Valley College Board in Rockford. Kelley came in second in a seven-way race.
- William R. Discipio Sr. of New Hampshire, was elected to the Sandown Budget Committee.
- Kevin Scheunemann, Kewaskum Town Board, ???WI
- David Atkinson, Provincetown Board of Selectmen, MA. Re-elected, places second in a five way race for two seats.
- Jack B. Hirschmann won a three-year term to the MA Dartmouth Town Committee, precinct 9, on April 2. With 8.39% of the vote, he won one of four open positions.
- Laura M. Hirschmann won a three-year term to the MA Dartmouth Town Committee (Precinct 9) with 8.15% of the vote.
- Richard Mardigan won a three-year term to the MA Dartmouth Town Committee (Precinct 9) via a write-in campaign.
- Michael W. Conway won a one-year term to the MA Dartmouth Town Committee (Precinct 9) via a write-in campaign.
- Craig Rosen was elected as chairman of the School Board in Swansea, MA.
- Katie Rosen won a spot on the Swansea Recreation Commission, MA
- Mike Chambers, Polkville City Council, Mississippi.
- Jeff Steinport received 3,551 votes for 14%. Running in a field of eight candidates, Jeff needed to place in the top three to win a seat on the board. He ended up finishing in 3rd place, just 62 votes ahead of the 4th place finisher.
- Richard Freedman, having been elected last year for the final year of a vacated three-year term, was reelected this year to a new three-year term as Town Meeting Member.

### **2001 Races to watch.**

Appointed Libertarian officeholder Jason Miller, age 18, ran for the Hudsonville MI school board in a June 11 race, but was defeated.

Incumbent Libertarian Ron Grube, current Vice Mayor of Carlin NV, was defeated in his bid for reelection to the Town Board in a June 5<sup>th</sup> race.

In a near-miss in Massachusetts, Brian Thomas won 46% of the vote in a two-way race for Dartmouth Town Assessor. However, Thomas was appointed to the Dartmouth Municipal Land Committee the week following the election.

Another Libertarian victory occurred in Missouri – sort of. An incumbent Mayor decided to seek reelection on the Libertarian Party ballot line, for strategic reasons. This person has not joined the party, and we do not know as of yet the prospects of him doing so. I have attached more information on this race in appendix II

Two other recent candidates did very well in their campaigns.

Earnest Walker, in a bid to return to his former position of Sparks City Councilman, came in 4<sup>th</sup> in a field of 5 candidates, (top two won).

David Eisenbacher missed becoming the second Libertarian on the Troy City Council by just 393 votes. With 3242 votes, he placed third in a field of nine, with the top two being elected.

Dr. Jennifer Daniels, running for Mayor of Syracuse New York, appears poised to run an aggressive and fairly well funded campaign.

## **2002 Candidates**

We have not set formal goals for the 2002 cycle, but I will certainly be proposing that we go for the 218 for US House again, as well as the goal we missed last time of 2000 candidates.

California, Texas, Ohio, and Mississippi have the earliest filing deadlines for 2002, and will need to recruit candidates this year for their races next year.

Indiana has set a goal of 250 candidates for 2002. They have 20 already announced.

North Carolina is committed to a full slate of congressional candidates, and will set a goal of at least 55 candidates overall (probably significantly more.)

Texas is again committed to a full slate of Congressional candidates, but will pull its candidate for Ron Paul's district, assuming Paul makes it through the primary stage again.

Iowa will run a full slate of Congressional cand.

## **Ballot Access**

### ***Completed drives***

**Alabama** will be on for 2002 due to a good decision from the Attorney General's office. The retention requirement is 20% for a statewide office. The Sec of State's office had contended that the law said that you must get 20% of the entire turnout for the election (usually top of ticket). We had contended that the law said you had to get 20% in any individual race, and the Attorney General, with some persuasion from Richard Winger, agreed.

**Alaska** had slipped below the number of registrations needed to maintain ballot status. Scott Kohlhaas returned to AK and collected enough to hopefully keep them in compliance for the next few years. The state party paid for Scott's work.

**Nebraska** is complete and certified. We spent a \$15,348 on this drive, to collect 10,232 sigs, at a cost of \$1.50 each. I expect these to be the only sigs we pay much over \$1.00 for this year. Having to collect in Nebraska in January is not a petitioners dream assignment, so the cost was higher here than it will be elsewhere this year.

The other minor parties in Nebraska have already been decertified.

**North Carolina** is complete, and will turn in August 14. The LNC spent \$57,000 on this drive. The state party raised the rest of the funds, and collected more than 10,000 volunteer sigs. The price per sig was just over \$1, not including the volunteer sigs. More than 93,092 raw sigs will be turned in to meet a 58,892 valid sig requirement. This is probably the highest ballot access burden that any third party will meet for the 2002 elections. It will also get us on the ballot for 2004 as well.

**Virginia** petitioned for the first 2 statewide candidates in its history. They needed 10,000 valid sigs per candidate, and turned in over 20,000 per candidate. We assisted with some staff time from interns and employees from the office in the final days of the drive, and a token amount of financial support, primarily for logistical reasons.

### ***Current Drives***

**Arizona**, will need additional registrations to stay qualified. State Chair Peter Schmerl is organizing a registration drive based around a local candidate.

**Arkansas** has 2,500 sigs so far for their drive for status in 2002. They are attempting to challenge both the legal start date for the petition, and the signature requirement, through a court case.

In an earlier case involving the Reform Party, a court had ruled that if the requirement was 10,000 sigs for an independent statewide non-presidential candidate, then anything over 10,000 sigs for a new party was unconstitutional. Despite the 10,000 sig requirement appearing in the annotation of the court case, the State's Attorney General is saying the law requiring 3% (about 23,000 sigs) is still in effect. Richard Winger thinks the suit against the 23,000 requirement is almost a slam dunk case, and also thinks the start date part of the case has a reasonable chance of succeeding.

As chair Gerhard Languth put it: "As you are well aware the start date and window requirements of ballot access laws place a significant burden on the process. A win here could rip open those requirements in many states. My proposal is to complete the petition outside of the window and file in as soon as we have enough."

This case, if successful, and if applied as precedent elsewhere, has the potential to **dramatically** lower our petitioning cost long term.

Winger's comments: "There has been almost no litigation over the constitutionality of start dates for party petitioning. We were going to attempt this against North Dakota's start date, but we never found an attorney in North Dakota who was willing to be the cooperating attorney for only a token fee.

Also, there's never been a lawsuit over the constitutionality of a party start date, in a case when the party simply ignored the law and completed the petition "too early". Languth proposes to be the first such instance. In other words, show that we are so sure we are right about the unconstitutionality, that we took the chance and did the petition before the lawsuit.

Finally, our case would be especially strong because Arkansas does provide for partisan special elections, to fill vacancies in the legislature and US House. It can't be constitutional for the

state to literally make it impossible for a new party to ever participate in those elections. Yet, the start date in Arkansas does that, for any special elections in odd years.”

For the start date part of the suit to be successful, we must turn in before the start date in early December.

We currently do not have LNC funds budgeted for assistance with this project, although I was able to locate one donor for them of a matching pledge of \$1,000. Their State fair is 10 days in the beginning of October, and provides an opportunity to finish the drive then, if enough petitioner funds can be put together by then. They have 1500 sigs on their Ax the Tax initiative to remove sales taxes on food and drugs.

**Hawaii** has 200 sigs so far. They need just 638 valid to requalify. This drive appears hopelessly stalled, and I will be flying out there for a few weeks to take care of it personally :-)  
Just kidding, unfortunately. I certainly expect them to finish the drive without help from us.

**Maryland** needs 27,000 Libertarian registrations by 2002 to stay qualified. I do not anticipate our funding this at this time. Marc Brandl is assisting them with registration efforts on Campus. As of now, the Maryland party has largely abandoned its efforts toward the registration drive, and is attempting to petition its gubernatorial candidate onto the 2002 ballot. Unfortunately, they got off to a very bad start with an incorrect petition. They needed to have the Lt. Governor candidates name on the petition as well as the gov candidate. They collected about 2,500 sigs which will apparently have to be thrown out.

**Michigan** needs 30,272 valid sigs by November 6. They have over 15,000 sigs, mainly volunteer, toward a goal of about 43,000 raw sigs.

**New Mexico** needs 2,494 valid sigs. They have been going very slowly, despite the nomination of Means for Governor. I expect them to complete this drive with out LNC help.

**Ohio** has 10,000+ raw signatures. They need 45,753 valid, and if we can maintain our current validity rate of 75%+, we will need 61,004 raw sigs. The deadline is Jan 7 2002.

It is possible that we may be able to stop this drive soon, as a result of getting on for 2002 via court order. Our reading of the law said there was a one-day window to file our 2000 petition that would have placed us on the ballot not only for 2000, but for 2002 as well. The Sec of State disagreed with our reading, so we attempted to file a candidate for a local office just as if we were indeed still qualified. The county board seems very interested in our case, and if they rule in our favor, we could have compelling precedent toward being qualified statewide.

### **2002 Ballot Access**

In **2002**, we can do the following:

**DC** Given last year’s results, we should attempt to gain and retain here again, as long as we get good candidates lined up again.

**Illinois** Assistance here will depend on their having recruited a quality candidate for governor. Jim Tobin is considering running again.

**Iowa** should complete their drive on their own. They need 1500 valid sigs to qualify a statewide candidate. They are researching the possibility of having multiple candidates on the same petition.

**Kentucky** will need 5,000 valid sigs by August 6, 2002 for a statewide candidate. They need only 400 sigs each for US House candidates.

**Minnesota** will need 2,000 valid sigs by June 1

**Nevada** will have to decide if they want to go for full party or individual petitions. I have been attempting to persuade them to go for full party.

**New Hampshire** will need 9827 valid sigs to requalify, and 4% for either Gov or Senate in 2002 to retain for 2004. They should get the bulk of the drive done on their own. I do not anticipate any LNC funding here, at least not this year.

**New York** Should not require financial assistance. They need 15,000 valid sigs – less than 25 valid sigs per member.

**North Dakota** We will probably not do this state for 2002

**Oklahoma** We will probably not do this state for 2002

**Rhode Island** should complete its drive on its own.

**Pennsylvania** should be able to do its drive on its own. 21,739 sigs needed – less than 25 valid sigs per member for them to do.

**Tennessee** should complete petitioning for 2002 on its own.

**West Virginia:** It is unlikely that we will go for this drive in 2002, as there is no way to retain status for 2004. Retention is based on the % for Governor, and governor is not up until 2004.

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**Appendix I**  
**Report by Marc Brandl**  
**Political Department Services**

- Added candidates & elected/appointed office holders to the website and database. Send candidates their campaign packets.
- Managed summer interns working in the Political Department. Set up and oversaw tasks and projects they worked on ranging from the banal (envelope stuffing) to the more engaging such as writing projects, responding to inquiry questions via the 1-800 number, talking to high school students in DC for the summer, etc.
- I'm starting to work more and more closely and becoming a primary contact with candidates, state Chairs, and Campaign Coordinators on the state and local level in answering their questions and concerns. I also follow up with them on candidate/office holder listings on the website and getting Election Day results.
- Insuring that Thank-you letters go out promptly to our big donors
- Working with Ron and others to develop a plan to revamp and update the Campaign section of the website as well as part of the webpage editing software and features. The major features of this include:
  - Syncing our Access database with the website database from our lists of candidates, elected and appointed office holders.
  - Changing the "US Congress" "State & Local" and "Presidential Campaign" to reflect information and happenings in 2001 and 2002.
  - Slightly new language for the "Ballot Access" section as well as updating the "Run for Office" and "Resources" texts.
  - Other updates and additions include new text for the Volunteer AutoReply people receive when they sign up as a Volunteer on the site and creating text for a Run for Office AutoReply that is being created for people who sign up via the web to run for office in the same fashion as the AutoReply for Volunteers currently works.
- I attended a 2 day Campaigns and Elections magazine Campaign Seminar. The seminar was very informative and I got to meet and talk with Al Anders of Alaska and Sue Fischer from Wisconsin who were also in attendance.

My work with Ron is currently about 50-60% of my workload.

# *Campus Outreach*

Here is an update on projects from the last report.

1. Complete a college-orientated brochure. The brochure text is in the final phases before being submitted to the APRC. Other issues include working on finding free graphic design work, preferably from a student, also, should brochure be available for sale from national office or simply available on website as a .PDF format for download and printing.

2. Distributing a monthly e-newsletter to students. Have found many talented college writers that have or will be submitting articles to me for publication in mid-September. In addition, working out final details of including an article from a writer from Reason magazine. Link to Reason will be included in the article. They want to reach out to a younger readership more and we get the prestige of Reason that will help us to stand out among a crowded field of libertarian e-newsletters currently floating around. Currently working out final technical details with KIA.net. Will be able to send out first issue of e-newsletter to the Institute for Humane Studies student e-mail list in addition to our own lists.

3. Work with Prof. Lark to develop a speaker's bureau for campus groups. I have drawn up a list of possible speakers. Will be working with Prof. Lark to develop this further through August and September.

4. Revise the Campus Organizing Manual. I am not as far on this project as I had planned. The current Manual plus other materials I send to students is adequate for now, I have fallen behind on priorities due to work on the website and ESS campaign (see below). Plan to have it done and up for review by the end of August.

*Other Campus items:*

## ***Ending Draft Registration***

- Launched the EndSelectiveService.org campaign in conjunction with the introduction of a bill by Ron Paul to eliminate draft registration. 3000+ people have signed the petition as of writing this, and I will soon be sending a letter to the DYP list to ask them to sign the petition because the Selective Service is mainly used today to invade young men's privacy. I have been meeting monthly with staff from Ron Paul's office, Don Ernsberger from Rep. Dana Rorbacher's office, the ACLU, Center on Conscience and War, and other organizations working to end draft registration to coordinate our efforts, target individual Congressman, etc. Have done three radio interviews at this time about the EndSelectiveService campaign. This campaign will continue most likely until Congress is out of session next Fall 2002.
- Attended a meeting and spoke with student leaders from Western Maryland College Libertarians and Students for Sensible Drug Policy, registered several new Libertarian voters.
- I organized a benefit concert on Washington DC, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Two local bands agreed to play for free, the venue was free as well, and 75+ people showed up. I received a lot of



positive feedback from people who showed up, encouraged me to make it an annual event and to hold it on a better date. (The reason I got the venue for free was that it was a Wednesday, the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; will look into actually renting a venue on a better date next year.)

- Lobbied local area student libertarians to help MDLP/VALP petition and registration drive at HFStival concert (huge stadium concert held by local rock radio station). Our efforts were very successful – hundreds of petition signatures were gathered, the MDLP registered dozens of new voters as Libertarians, and thousands of pieces of literature were distributed on both days of the event. The Drug War issue was extremely popular, almost no negative feedback except one fellow with a huge marijuana necklace on (go figure).
- I was the primary organizer of the Libertarian counter-protest of the FTAA and the leftist protestors in Quebec City, Quebec on the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 student libertarians from the U.S. and Canada showed up. The leftist protestors knew of our presence and the media, various Canadian and US radio and TV stations, interviewed us but once the violence and teargas started our coverage inevitably hit the cutting room floor and our outreach and protest efforts were severely hampered to say the least. One member of our group was arrested before we even met up with him. On the good side I did one radio interview with the DC IndyMedia Center upon returning from Quebec on our efforts. I also made great connections with our Canadian counterparts and have become an official advisor the Student4Liberty a new student libertarian organization formed by Peter Jaworski of Queens University in Ontario.

Campus work, including the End Selective Service campaign currently takes up about 25-35% of my time.

## **Customer Service work**

Customer Service work currently is about 20-25% of my workload.

- I continue to be the prime person to answer all e-mail questions concerning libertarian policy and internal LP workings (i.e. who's my state Chair? Why did you write this press release? Etc.) I average roughly 10-15 customer service related e-mails per day that deserve a personal response.
- I split answering the 1-800 number with Dianne Pilcher and, for another week, Aaron Biterman. I answer the 1-800 number about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the time.
- When we don't have interns working in the office I answer all snail mail letters from people who have questions about libertarian policy and internal LP workings.

# Intern Activity Reports

LNC Report for intern Rob Sutton  
By Marc Brandl

Rob Sutton, a student from Dartmouth, has been interning with us since late March. He is out of the office this week on family business so I am including a write up of the work he has completed for us. I have been the primary manager of Rob's activity during his stay with us. Rob has good writing skills and has helped myself and several other people lessen their workload.

Rob's biggest project has been the EndSelectiveService.org site. He is the primary writer and researcher of the text you now see on the site. In addition, he has proficiency in HTML and has completed all the up-dates needed for the site, as well as teaching me to do the same.

He has also greatly aided me in updating the text of the Campaign section of the website as well as the text of the Volunteer AutoReply.

He has answered several dozen customer service letters both myself, Ron Crickenberger and Dianne Pilcher have handed him quickly and competently.

He has completed or partially completed several research projects for me such as finding the ad rates and contact info. at hundreds of campus newspapers, and researched the congressmen on drug war related issues.

Finally he has helped stuff envelopes on several different occasions, completed Db corrections, performed some telemarketing work, as well as some filing work.

**Summer 2001 at the LP HQ  
Steve Damerell – Jobs completed**

## **Political Work Completed:**

- Working with Al Anders, I witnessed around 2,000 of the signatures for the Redpath/Reams ballot drive.
- I assisted Dennis Daniels with House of Delegates petitioning on two occasions, gathering another 100 signatures between the two of us.
- I prepared a standardized handout for our 2002 Congressional campaigns, listing the requirements of becoming a treasurer for one of those campaigns.
- I also worked with Marc Brandl towards the end of my tenure with the party regarding how to best start a campus affiliate upon returning to school. I spent the bulk of my last week researching strategies and data to help with those strategies.

## **Membership/Office Work Completed:**

The bulk of my summer was spent on fairly standard office work, as Nick Dunbar had told me it would be. The breakdown of my tasks is as follows:

- **Envelopes.** I prepared every week's batch of Info Packs, probably around 2,000 for the summer. Each week, I also prepared a batch of membership card packs and the envelopes for the sets of weekly labels that Ananda Creager ran off (i.e., new pledger letters, employer info requests, etc.)
- **Database work.** I did a great deal of address correcting over the course of the summer, cleaning up both the inquiry and member databases as Nick Dunbar provided me with the lists of fixes needed. I also completed about half of a project Dianne Pilcher gave me to enter E-mail and phone information that we were missing from state newsletters. The remaining states had no recent newsletters on file in the office.
- **Telemarketing.** I assisted on several occasions with telemarketing, primarily as a follow-up to our Info Packs from March 2001. I also took data from Nick and Steve and compiled them into concise reports listing either the comments of those called or the real return rates of mail and credit card pledges from Erin Hollinden's renewal calls.
- **FEC Reports.** Over the course of two days, I Xeroxed, recompiled and replaced every FEC report from 1998 to 2000 and organized them all for shipping.
- **Computers.** I assisted with the office computers on several occasions, either by placing calls to Technical Support when needed or assisting people with things they couldn't do, such as mail merges and editing spreadsheets they were working with.
- **Letters.** I prepared a set of 27 personalized letters that were to go out from Jim Lark regarding the Perry Willis Inquiry.

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**Activities Report for Aaron Biterman  
What I Did At LP HQ**

**Completed Tasks**

**Communications Assistance**

I have assisted the Communications Director several times, including story ideas or research on the following topics:

- Bill Maher, the non-Libertarian
- Odd drug arrests
- Toilet taxation in Maine
- DMCA and Sklyarov arrest

*Membership Recruitment*

I have completed four membership growth projects since June. They include:

- **Inquiry Calling:** I called prospective LP members who received packets of information earlier in 2001.
- **Youth Letter Campaign:** I wrote personal letters to an estimated 100 to 200 young people asking them to join the LP.
- **Past State Chair Campaign:** I wrote personal letters to an estimated 100 past state officers who were heavily involved stemming back to the 1980s, but who were not LP members at the time I wrote them.
- **Massachusetts Outreach Campaign:** I wrote personal letters to an estimated 20 Carla Howell supporters who were not LP members.

### *Membership Services*

I assisted the Membership Services Director through:

- **Letter writing:** Wrote letters to an estimated 20 people in response to their membership service inquiries.
- **Phone Answering:** Answered the 1-800-ELECT-US phone inquiry number on a regular basis.
- **Database updates:** Updated member and inquiry databases.
- **Statistics compilation:** Compiled statistics regarding one LP lawsuit.
- **Miscellaneous:** I filed telemarketing information from Erin Hollinden regarding her 1998 to 2001 phone calls of prospective members.

### *News Headlines*

Almost every day I assisted LP HQ Staff by putting the latest Libertarian News in their mailboxes. I also filed this material in their appropriate issue folders. This was specifically helpful to the Communications department, as they used several of the articles I gave them for story ideas, press releases, and op-eds.

### *Outside Activities*

In addition to my in-the-office activities, I also completed the following activities outside of the office:

- **Operation Politically Homeless:** Participation in three OPH booths in Montgomery County, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.
- **Leadership Institute:** Participation in the Leadership Institute's Youth Leadership School on July 7-8, 2001.
- **LP Meetings:** I attended LP meetings in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland.
- **LP Events:** I attended a Libertarian Forum sponsored by the America's Future Foundation and a Libertarian-themed movie about the drug war sponsored by the DC Independent Media. I also attended a student "free-market" social event.
- **Signature Gathering:** I gathered signatures for Spear Lancaster's 2002 Maryland Gubernatorial bid.

### *Political Organization*

I have assisted the Political Director by:

- Creation of candidate 2001 and 2002 file folders.
- Re-organizing issue-based file folders from A to Z with sub-headings.
- Assisting in elected officials filing/updating.

### *Special Projects*

Two known special projects:

- Guns & Drugs report
- Initiative & Referendum report

### **Student Organization**

I have assisted the Campus Coordinator by:

- The creation of Libertarian Student Organizations listing categorized as: Democracy Reform/Human Rights organizations, Libertarian organizations, and Single-issue organizations.
- The creation of a partial list of where Libertarian students can get their articles printed.
- Completing database work with regards to new/old campus contact information.
- Encouraging campus productivity and growth.

### **Incomplete Tasks**

1. Guns & Drugs Report for Ron Crickenberger.
2. Initiative & Referendum Report for Ron Crickenberger.
3. Where LP students can get their articles published Report for Marc Brandl.
4. LP Elected Officials Report for Ron Crickenberger.



## **Dennis Daniels**

**Jobs completed at the LP HQ**

### **Virginia Candidate Recruiting**

- The Project

I have spent the majority of my time coordinating an effort to recruit candidates to run in the upcoming elections in Virginia. This project required me to work with party leaders in Virginia, local affiliates, and the Virginia State Board of Elections.

- Recruiting potential Candidates

I created an outreach letter and return card to send to Libertarian Party members. I sent out these letters to a few Congressional districts at a time and succeeded in raising several hundreds of dollars from the return cards.

I called members who had received letters (at least three times) and those who were interested in running for office sent Candidate Bulletins. I also raised several hundreds of dollars from those who were not interested in running.

I compiled a database and traced who was interested in running or volunteering.

- Coordinated

Coordinated an effort between the potential candidates, their LP Congressional District Representatives, the LPVA Ballot Access Coordinator and volunteers to get their names on the ballot. I phoned, emailed and wrote letters to the potential candidates so that they would be up to date on deadlines, required forms, volunteers and new candidates who might need advice.

Midway into the recruitment process, the district boundaries were redrawn by the Virginia state government and I placed potential candidates into their new districts. There were four districts that contained more than one candidate who wanted to run for the House of Delegates.

- Turning potentials into reality

I helped ensure that candidates did everything necessary to get their names on the ballot. I petitioned for three candidates a multiple of times, and collected a total of a few hundred signatures. In addition, I created several mailings for party member in candidate's districts, which included such things as: personalized letters requesting volunteers, petitions, instructions on how to petition, maps of the candidates district, and contact information.

- Ten Libertarians were successfully recruited and should have their name on the ballot for the Virginia House of Delegates.

## **Political Activities**

- I created a recruiting letter and return card, targeted at opponents of the drug war, which is used to recruit people who have attended pro-legalization conventions.
- Helped collect several hundred signatures for the Redpath/Reams ballot drive.
- Managed an Operation Politically Homeless outreach booth at a NORML convention.
- Verified petition signatures for the Nebraska ballot access drive.
- Completed a statistical analysis of whether running more candidates has proved beneficial to the LP.
- Proof read articles and essays for LP News and the National Political Director.
- Created a first draft of an Urgent Action Item press release.
- I attended the National Campaigns and Elections Convention and learned a lot from the seminars held at the convention.

## **Customer Service**

- I assisted with telemarketing, and successfully recruited several new members.
- I answered several (50-75) customer service letters.
- On several occasions I prepared Information Packets that are sent out to potential members every week. I also have prepared and sent out membership card packs.