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Evan McMahon Elected Chair at 2026 Libertarian National Convention

The 2026 Libertarian National Convention, which took place in Grand Rapids, MI, May 21st-25th, ushered in a new era of leadership as Evan McMahon was elected as Chair of the Libertarian Party. Outgoing interim Chair Steven Nekhaila did not seek reelection, and Evan McMahon was elected with a tally of 320 in favor of 598 ballots cast, defeating other candidates for Chair including Jim Ostrowski, Wes Benedict, Rob Yates and Jeremy Kauffman.

Mr. McMahon has served as Secretary for the Libertarian National Committee since 2025, and has chaired the Libertarian Party of Indiana since 2021. Evan McMahon has a depth of experience in the political arena, having worked for numerous high profile campaigns, ballot drives, and advocacy campaigns before joining the Libertarian Party in 2010. His record as Chair in Indiana speaks to the effectiveness of his tactics for party growth, posting an increase in membership elevating the Libertarian Party of Indiana from 13th nationally to 7th.

As one of the core missions

of McMahon's chairmanship, he will seek to drastically increase membership to 66,000 dues-paying members by 2028.

"We will have people going out to support the candidates by door-knocking, phone banking, putting out signs, donating to the effort, working with their county parties, running their state parties — and that is how we will elect people to office and change this country," said Evan McMahon. "We will end the bureaucracy through the next generation of our membership. I want us to change the policy so that the next generation is freer. But that starts at membership. That starts by having an LNC that functions well and isn't embarrassing or alienating us from other people. Let's be proud Libertarians again."

Other Libertarian National Committee officers newly elected at the 2026 convention include Amanda Griffiths as Vice Chair, Jonathan McGee as Secretary, and Doug Knebel as Treasurer. All were endorsed by McMahon.

Griffiths has an extensive

background in entertainment, academia, journalism, media, and libertarian policy. As Vice-Chair, Griffiths intends to concentrate on increasing member voice and agency within the Party while directing the products of those efforts outward through greater issue and policy advocacy. "Our Party needs a plurality of faces and voices for our cause," she says, "and not merely a small board tasked with making big decisions absent member input."

McGee served as Region 2 Representative (2024-26). He was chair of the Ethics Committee and author of the LNC's Behavioral Standards policy. He helped Alabama secure statewide ballot status for the first time in 20 years and assisted in recruiting more than 60 candidates statewide. "I pledge to bring professionalism, consistency, and accountability to the LNC," said McGee. "Our members deserve accurate, transparent, timely, and organized record-keeping, which I intend to deliver."

Knebel has served as an At Large Director since 2025 after

previously serving on the Audit Committee and the Special Investigatory Committee. He also served on the Financial Standards Committee. "My primary mission is delivering accurate and timely financial reporting both to the LNC and to the party's membership every month" Knebel said. "Party leadership needs to be armed with all of the financial data for sound decision-making in order to achieve Evan McMahon's bold vision for increasing membership to 66,000 by 2028."

Elected At-Large members include outgoing Treasurer and Ballot Access Coordinator Bill Redpath (OH), Louisiana State Chair Keith Thompson, Hawaii activist Kelly Nguyen, outgoing National Chair Steven Nekhaila (FL), and former LNC member Richard Longstreth (TN).

Regions caucused independently to elect Regional Representatives and Alternates. (see page 8 for a complete list).

Chair debate, plus nomination/acceptance speeches can be viewed at www.youtube.com/@libertarianparty



From the Chair

The last time a printed copy of LP News reached your mailbox, it was the fall of 2021. Four and a half years is a long time to go quiet, and I know some of you spent those years frustrated with the national party, or stepped back from it entirely. I'm not going to pretend otherwise. I'm writing to ask you to take another look, because the party you're holding in your hands today is getting back to work.

On May 24th, at our national convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, you, through your delegates, elected me Chair of the Libertarian National Committee. You didn't just hand me a title; you trusted me with a plan and a vision for where this party goes next, and I intend to earn that trust line by line.

For those I haven't met: I joined this party in 2010 and never slowed down. I've served as a delegate at seven national conventions, ran the Libertarian

National Campaign Committee as its Executive Director from 2012 to 2016, was elected At-Large to the LNC in 2014, have chaired the Libertarian Party of Indiana since March 2021, and served as your LNC Secretary this past year. I've worked campaigns up and down the ballot, in states all across the country. I tell you this so you know the work is in the hands of someone who has done it.

Now to the road ahead. We are roughly 8,900 dues-paying, pledge-signed members today. Our best year was 2000, when 33,000 of us were on the rolls. I don't want to match that number. I want to double it, to 66,000. And I'll tell you exactly how we get there: *more than 730,000 Americans are already registered as Libertarians across this country, and for too long we've talked past them.* We're going to talk to them about the issues that actually keep them up at night, and invite them home.

We'll work with our affiliates and allies like Ballots Without Barriers to win back ballot access in all 50 states for our 2028 presidential ticket. We'll have the 2028 convention website live by the end of September, with super-early-bird tickets and hotel booking ready. I'll host monthly roundtables with our state chairs so we stop solving the same problem fifty times over. We'll relaunch regional

trainings, with affiliates picking the topics they most want to hear. And we'll grow annual revenue from under \$1 million to \$4 million, every dollar of it accountable to you.

On that last point, stewardship of your money is not optional. The LNC is now pursuing civil litigation against a former LNC Chair not just to recover funds that belonged to our members and our mission, but to seek restitution and justice. I won't try the matter in these pages, but I will make you a promise: *the dollars you entrust to this party will be guarded.*

Which is why I recruited Doug Knebel to run for LNC Treasurer. I knew that he would fill the role and tack on the extra duties that I envisioned. I asked for complete and accurate financial reports within the first week of the month, auditing spending and projects to alert the board and members of problems, and to take an active role in the analysis of all expenditure requests. And in the first two weeks in the role he has already delivered on each of these.

I didn't want to wait until the next issue to prove the rest is already in motion. At our very first LNC meeting, the Monday after the gavel fell, we voted 15-2-1 to disaffiliate and sever all ties with the New Hampshire affiliate, exactly as I pledged on the campaign trail. We secured and reactivated the party's

longtime 1-800-ELECT-US line. Days after Grand Rapids, I drove to Kentucky to gather petition signatures for Jeremy Todd, our candidate for the U.S. House seat in the 4th District, the very seat Thomas Massie was just primaried out of. At the convention Gala, I had the honor of personally pinning five new Lifetime members. And, of course, we brought back this newsletter.

So here is my ask, and it's a specific one. If you've been on the sidelines, get back in the game: contact your state affiliate, work a fair booth, help put a candidate on the ballot near you. And if you believe in where we're headed, become a monthly donor. A few thousand of us at \$10 a month is the difference between a Libertarian on every ballot in 2028 and another missed chance.

Four and a half years ago, this page went silent. It isn't silent anymore, and neither are we. You're holding the proof in your hands. Let's get to work.

In Liberty,

Evan McMahon
Chair

Libertarian National Committee

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Freedom is Calling. Let Us Answer Boldly.



by Matthew Hudson

As a dedicated and enthusiastic lifetime member of the Libertarian Party, my eye was on Michigan over Memorial Day weekend as the National Convention unfolded in Grand Rapids. While there was an abundance of wonderful speakers lined up to rally the raucous crowd, my heart was set on hearing former Congressman Justin Amash deliver the keynote address to an overflowing room of delegates and liberty enthusiasts like me. You see, I was looking to him for hope – for the movement, for the party, for the country. I'm happy to report, he delivered.

Mr. Amash spoke for nearly 30 minutes, delivering a blistering rebuttal of “MAGA, Inc.,” as he labeled it, and of the leadership that our beloved party has endured for the last four years. “Under no circumstances, should the Libertarian Party operate as some sort of Republican JV team,” Amash proclaimed to roaring approval. “Party leaders should be endorsing and supporting their own party's candidates for office, and at the very least, not working to sabotage them.”

However, it wasn't what he had to say about the Republi-

cans and expelled party leadership that captured my attention, but the overall message of hope – looking both to the past and the future. “The Libertarian Party can become the political home to millions of libertarian and liberty-minded individuals.” And he's right.

The political landscape has never been more primed on our behalf. With each major party moving further and further away from the values they were founded on, freedom-minded representatives are now at a premium. People don't want to be ruled by overbearing government, regardless of which side holds power. They want to live their lives with as little interference as possible. After all, it's the principles that America was founded on.

“The American Revolution was a radical, libertarian movement – unique in human history. The United States was founded as a libertarian country,” stated Congressman Amash. “However, we, the people, haven't always lived up to the ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence – that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

It's time that we return to our roots as a country. It's time that we get back to the simplicity of respecting one another, and allowing each individual the opportunity to live their lives as they see fit. Don't hurt people. Don't take their stuff. It's a simple philosophy, for sure, but it's the basic premise that our once beautiful country was founded on. However, over time, political parties have divided us and pitted us against one another, tricking us to believe that our neighbors are very dangerous people for no reason other than the fact that they think slightly differently than we do.

And people have taken the bait. Hook, line, and sinker. So much so that every four years each of the major political parties spew the same nonsense to their followers as to why they should overlook that candidate in the corner – the one promising to free them from the oppressive cycle of governance that we've all been subjected to. Stop me if you've heard this one before... “This is the most important election of our lifetime.”

Nonsense. If that were true, the people would rise up and reclaim their independence, the same way that our forefathers did when they sought respite from an oppressive English

monarch who stole far less from their subjects than our modern day tax burden.

But Mr. Amash has got it right, and as a Marketing Director I was thrilled to hear him say it. “We need to focus on broad popular messaging. Uncomplicated, emotional marketing. Give people the room to join the Libertarian Party without being libertarian experts. Let them discover the truth at their own pace. The party will be well-rewarded.”

There is opportunity to grow. Right now. We need to coalesce around the new board, led by Chairman Evan McMahon, and we need to focus on the simple things that already have broad support:

- Follow the constitution.
- Read the bills.
- Stop governing by emergency.
- End the forever wars.
- Cut taxes and spending.
- Stop borrowing trillions.
- No central bank digital currency.
- Protect free speech.
- Repeal the patriot act and FISA 702.
- No qualified immunity for government officials.
- End civil asset forfeiture.

“We live in the most libertarian country in the history of planet Earth – forged in rebellion and revolution by people united by their shared love of liberty,” Amash stated, addressing the Libertarian body. “The opportunity before us is real, and urgent. Fellow libertarians, this is our time. Let us recommit ourselves to building something worthy of the founder's legacy and our children's future. Freedom is calling. Let us answer boldly.”

Indeed, Mr. Amash. Let us answer boldly.

Convention Votes Down LNC Structure Change

Approves Electronic Voting and Tougher Floor Rules

by Paul Darr, 2026 Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair



Paul Darr addressing the 2026 Libertarian National Convention

Libertarian Party delegates wrapped up a contentious bylaws debate at the national convention, rejecting sweeping structural changes of party leadership while passing a slate of high-tech and procedural reforms aimed at streamlining future assemblies.

The changes came during the presentation of the 2026 Bylaws Committee Report, a document representing nearly 11 months of biweekly deliberations. Despite the long preparation, delegates proved highly selective, defeating eight major proposals, adopting four, and leaving the remainder unaddressed as time expired.

A Defeat for Structural Change and Voting Reform

The convention delivered a decisive blow to an aggressive push to restructure the Libertarian National Committee (LNC). Proposal 8, which sought to shrink the size of the national board by abolishing the current regional representative system and adding more at-large seats, failed on the floor. Opponents successfully argued against dismantling the geographic representation that state affiliates currently enjoy.

A parallel effort to change how party leadership is chosen also stumbled. Delegates rejected Proposal 1, which would have introduced Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for national officer elections, and Proposal 4, which aimed to institute a semi-proportional “cumulative voting” system for multi-winner races.

Other high-profile casualties included a proposal to require national officers to be life members (Proposal 6), a standardized consolidation of committee debate rules (Proposal 7), a new codified ethics agreement (Proposal 9), and a unified process for LNC removal trials (Proposal 2). Delegates also rejected a controversial measure to restrict convention voting privileges strictly to National Party sustaining members (Proposal 11).

High-Tech and Efficiency Measures Clear the Floor

While sweeping structural changes were cast aside, delegates overwhelmingly embraced modernization and floor discipline, passing four key measures:

- **Electronic Balloting Authorized (Proposal 3):** In a historic shift away from slow, paper-and-tally sheet procedures, the party legally authorized electronic voting methods for future conventions. To address intense election integrity debates, the new rule mandates that delegates must be physically present

to use the system. Additionally, the electronic system must generate a physical backup ballot for every vote cast, and any successfully ordered recount must be conducted entirely by hand using those physical backups.

- **Crackdown on Fringe Motions (Proposal 5):** Future convention floors will see far less procedural gridlock under a newly adopted rule targeting time-wasting maneuvers. Previously, any two delegates could introduce a motion and force a debate. The new rule raises the threshold to a “standing second,” requiring at least 20 delegates to manually second any floor motion before it can be considered by the assembly.
- **Longer Runways for Committees (Proposal 10):** Acknowledging years of structural bottlenecks, delegates voted to double the operational timelines for two vital bodies. The Platform Committee will now be appointed 12 months ahead of the convention rather than five, aligning its schedule with the Bylaws Committee. The Credentials Committee window was expanded from three months to six months. This gives volunteers a massive operational runway to vet delegate lists and organize platform proposals well before the convention begins.
- **The “NOTA” Vacancy Rule (Proposal 12):** The party solidified its unique relationship with “None of the Above” (NOTA) by codifying exact rules for presidential selections. If a majority of delegates vote for NOTA in a presidential or vice-presidential round, no candidate will receive the nomination, the slot will be declared vacant, and nominations will completely reopen. Crucially, the new rule dictates that any losing candidates from the previous rounds are permanently barred from being nominated during the reopened cycle.

Unfinished Business

Due to tight convention scheduling, Proposals 13 through 22 were never reached or presented to the floor. As a result, the party’s existing framework remains intact for those sections. National sustaining dues will remain at the historical \$25 baseline, the regional LNC frameworks will persist without interruption, and the traditional signature token system used for nominating presidential candidates will remain in force for the foreseeable future.

Congratulations to our Newest Lifetime Members

Douglas Knebel	South Carolina
David Wyle	California
Jack Westbrook	Texas
Lars Mapstead	California
David Constant	Texas
Nancey Tsai	South Carolina
Michelle Wigington	Texas
Dustin Coffell	Missouri
Ilya Schwartzburg	Pennsylvania
Andrew Gibson	Colorado



Screening The Power To Move at the National Convention

by Thomas Quieter

The Mobility Independence Foundation's appearance at the Libertarian National Convention in Grand Rapids did more than present an award winning documentary. It reframed disability rights as a matter of autonomy, self determination, and the freedom to repair and modify the equipment people rely on to live independently. Delegates arrived expecting policy debate and grassroots energy, but many left with a new understanding of how mobility freedom aligns with core Libertarian principles.

The Power to Move became a turning point because it showed that freedom is meaningless when people cannot physically access it. Attendees described the film as eye opening as it revealed how insurance restrictions, vendor lock in, and repair monopolies trap disabled Americans in dependence. The message resonated immediately:

mobility is not a medical privilege but a civil liberty. When people are denied the ability to fix their own wheelchairs or are forced to wait weeks for repairs, centralized control becomes a direct threat to personal freedom. The film also highlighted how innovation thrives when individuals are free to build and customize equipment without regulatory barriers.

The screening sparked one of the most engaged discussions of the weekend. Delegates shared personal experiences, invited MIF to future events, and asked for policy briefings. The convention marked the beginning of a growing coalition committed to mobility autonomy and the right to repair.

MIF is now seeking dedicated, experienced volunteers to help write press releases, contact and schedule meetings with potential partner organizations, and support fundraising efforts that will expand this national movement for mobility freedom.

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

National Convention:

Several high profile Libertarian candidates addressed the delegates to the LP National Convention in Grand Rapids, including:

Jeremy Todd, who is running for Thomas Massie's old US House seat (KY-04), fighting to show that freedom isn't for sale to the highest bidder. www.jeremy-todd.com

Kasie Whitener, challenging Lindsey Graham for US Senate in South Carolina. Her campaign is focused on a critical national security threat - the national debt. www.kasie-southcarolina.com

Rebecca Whiting, running for an open US Senate seat in Minnesota, who spoke passionately about her experiences in combat and how they shaped her anti-war beliefs. www.whiting4senate.us

Thomas Laehr, Green County Iowa District Attorney is running for US Senate. He was elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022, running as a Libertarian. www.laehn4iowa.org

Tanner Lopez, running for US House (VA-07) spoke about foreign influence in American politics. www.lopezforva.com

Also addressing the convention were our two most recent Presidential nominees, **Jo Jorgensen** (2020) and **Chase Oliver** (2024).

Speeches can be viewed at www.youtube.com/@libertarianparty

Washington:

Cobi Clark, running for Washington State House in Legislative District 47, held an extremely successful kickoff event. Around 50 attendees donated \$7,550.

In a four-candidate race with no Republican on the ballot, Clark has a unique opportunity

to advance a Libertarian to the general election.

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New Jersey:

The New Jersey Republican State Committee challenged Libertarian congressional candidate Lana Leguía's nominating petition, arguing that hundreds of signatures were collected by out-of-state petition circulators. Although Leguía submitted far more than the 250 signatures required for ballot access, the challenge sought to invalidate enough signatures to remove her from the ballot. Leguía's attorney argued that federal court precedent had already found residency requirements for petition circulators unconstitutional.

On June 10, Administrative Law Judge William Courtney ruled that Leguía's petition should be invalidated, stating that while the constitutional arguments were significant, his office lacked the authority to rule on the constitutionality of the law. He based his decision on the statute as written and left constitutional questions to the courts.

The following day, New Jersey Secretary of State Dale Caldwell reversed that decision and ordered the challenged signatures be accepted. Citing prior court rulings, Caldwell determined that out-of-state residents must be allowed to circulate petitions. As a result, Libertarian candidate Lana Leguía will appear on New Jersey's 2026 general election ballot.



Our Fight in Iowa

by Evan McMahon

Chair, Libertarian National Committee

In the weeks after the Libertarian Party of Iowa filed for the 2026 ballot, Libertarian candidates watched their phones light up with calls and texts pressuring them to quit. They were offered things to walk away, including a trip to Washington to rub elbows with a member of the Trump administration. LPia candidates also got messages and calls from a man presenting himself as Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., telling them to drop out and endorse the Republican incumbent. The number traces to a known associate of the Secretary. And when the flattery and the favors didn't work, the threats came: withdraw, or face challenges, lawsuits, and FEC complaints.

This is what desperation looks like. Republicans know they can't win on ideas, so they reach for their favorite tactic instead: suppressing voter choice.

Here is what set them off. This spring, Libertarian Party of Iowa Chair Stephanie Berlin asked Iowans to put Libertarians on the ballot the hard way, by downloading petitions, circulating them, and turning them in. Iowans showed up. Volunteers gathered a record number of signatures and got each Libertarian candidate on the ballot. The GOP didn't see it coming, and they didn't like it.

So they went to the state election board. Republican objectors filed challenges to knock our candidates off the ballot. Not for fraud. Not for a single forged signature. They went after paperwork, and after the

fact that Marco Battaglia, who has appeared on Iowa's ballot in four previous elections by that name, filed under the name every Iowan already knows him by instead of his birth name.

On June 16, it worked. Iowa's State Objection Panel voted to remove three Libertarian candidates: Marco Battaglia in the 3rd Congressional District, Nicholas Gluba for Governor, and Jules Cutler for Lieutenant Governor. The two Republicans on that panel, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, voted to throw them off. The lone Democrat voted to keep Battaglia on. Libertarian Rick Stewart survived the challenge and stays on the ballot in the 2nd District.

I am not going to pretend otherwise: they won this round. The Iowa GOP erased thousands of Iowans who signed their names in good faith. But they did not end this fight.

"Iowans of every background signed those petitions and earned our candidates a place on the ballot, one signature at a time. No one in this state thinks Marco Battaglia is anybody but Marco Battaglia. They used a paperwork trick to silence thousands of voters, and we are not letting it stand." - Stephanie Berlin, LPia Chair

We are not done. At the time of writing, Berlin, our candidates, and their attorneys are pursuing appeals of these removals, and the national party is right there with them. We are raising money to fund that fight, and I am asking everyone who believes voters, not insiders, should pick our leaders to chip in. You can donate directly to the Libertarian Party of Iowa's legal fund at lpia.org/donate

"We have the signatures, we have the law on our side, and now we need the resources to fight."

The national Libertarian Party will use all available methods and resources to defend Libertarian candidates in Iowa from these thuggish attacks by high-priced GOP operatives.

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From the Vice Chair

To the members of the Libertarian Party:

I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to work with you to make the Party a more powerful, principled political vehicle for the liberty movement. While campaigning, I ran on a platform of member empowerment, National transparency, and greater structural support for our state parties. My work begins with building out that platform, and your participation is vital to its success.

For those unfamiliar with me: I am a lifelong libertarian (just ask my parents) who formally joined the Party while working as Editorial Director at the Cato Institute, a role that introduced me to the intricacies of libertarian policy and the difficulties—both internal and external to the movement—inherent in

its passage. I watched the Party undergo leadership changes, navigate identity crises, and fight internecine battles as it struggled to make itself heard in the greater political arena. Never once did it occur to me that because of these tensions the Party should be abandoned: On the contrary, these tidal shifts seemed to me signs of a Party that understood its importance to an increasingly necessary movement within a political landscape whose reactivity had broached the point of stagnation.

Forward momentum for our political future lies in the Libertarian Party. Our conflicts have seldom been conflicts of principle, but rather questions of how to realize those principles through social and political practice. That is the true mark of an ideological party. I urge us to embrace it in the way we interact with one another: to illustrate our differences in methods and policy while expressing how our preferred solutions better represent the libertarian principles of self-determination, free will, and individual dignity for all.

None of the strategic or tactical pathways that any of us envisions ahead is perfect, or complete, or leads to the

success that we desire without intersecting with the others at some point. Our Party demands myriad faces and voices working alongside one another to forge a radically new way forward—one urgently needed in a political environment that confronts us with some very old threats under very new conditions.

We make that way forward by building a high-agency Party that empowers members to take creative and leadership roles at the national and local levels. If you have an idea for a project or initiative in your state or nationally, I want you to have avenues to amplify your work wherever possible. My plan is to be in frequent attendance at Executive Committee meetings across the country so that I can learn more about what you need to grow and win, and what we at National could be doing differently.

We make it by recruiting, among our members, a speakers bureau of subject matter experts that can promote libertarianism to diverse interest groups that align with our principles and their areas of skill, appeal, and expertise. Over the coming months I intend to work with our membership and communications teams on the best way to develop this

program to grow members and donors without over-extending our present resources.

We make it by giving our state parties the tools and the infrastructure they need to communicate with their members and one another, to plan and execute successful initiatives, and to take advantage of critical information. We make it by supporting our candidates before, during, and after campaigns with better recruitment, more comprehensive training, and libertarian policy guidance. We cannot be a Party that only “runs” candidates—we must be a Party that creates lasting victories for candidates and for liberty writ large.

I am beginning my term by asking each of you to be part of our work ahead, and to bring your talents and skills to creating a new era for the Libertarian Party and the fight for a world set free in our lifetime.

Let’s take this Party forward.



Amanda Griffiths
Vice Chair
Libertarian National Committee

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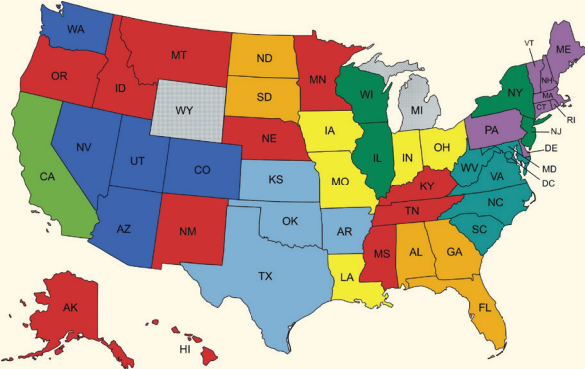
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Jo Jorgensen Announces Exploratory Committee for a Possible 2028 Presidential Run

Three days after the end of the Libertarian National Convention, 2020 Libertarian Presidential nominee Jo Jorgensen announced that she was forming an exploratory committee for a possible 2028 Presidential run.

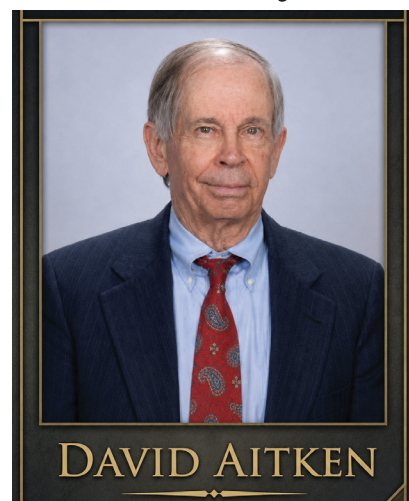
"Today, I am announcing the formation of an exploratory committee to evaluate a possible campaign for the Libertarian Party's 2028 presidential nomination," Jorgensen said. "I am not doing it because I want to rule over anyone. I am doing it because the American people deserve another option. They

deserve a voice that will speak plainly about freedom, responsibility, sound money, peace, and constitutional limits."

"Americans know something is deeply wrong. They feel it every time they buy groceries, pay bills, fill up their gas tank, or sit down to a meal that costs far more than it should. They see a government nearly \$40 trillion in debt, a currency weakened by reckless policy, and leaders in both major parties who offer more control, more spending, and more excuses. Inflation may be discussed in abstract terms in Washington, but for working

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In Memory of David Aitken



The Libertarian Party is deeply saddened to share that longtime activist, candidate, and former national staff member David Aitken passed away on May 28 at the age of 79.

David was a foundational pillar of the liberty movement in Colorado for four decades. A U.S. Army veteran (1967-1971) and retired business software developer, he dedicated his life

to advancing individual freedom. Whenever the movement needed a standard-bearer, David answered the call—serving as Colorado LP Chair, defending petition rights in court, and running for numerous offices including Governor (1990), Secretary of State (2002), and State Senate (2024).

Inspired by the economics of Milton Friedman and Thomas Sowell, David's core mission was to reduce government regulation so everyone could freely pursue their dreams. When he wasn't fighting for freedom, he could be found enjoying his retirement on Capitol Hill or skiing at Copper Mountain.

We are profoundly grateful for David's lifetime of tireless service. Our deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, and the many liberty lovers whose lives he touched. Rest in peace, David.

families it is painfully real. It is one of the cruellest taxes because it quietly eats away at the value of every paycheck, every savings account, and every hour of hard work."

"This exploratory committee will allow me to listen more closely, travel, speak with sup-

porters, assess the road ahead, and begin assembling the leadership and structure needed for what may come next."

Jorgensen invited those interested in following the process to sign up at www.tinyurl.com/JorgensenCommittee

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Evan McMahon Elected Chair at 2026 Libertarian National Convention

The 2026 Libertarian National Convention, which took place in Grand Rapids, MI, May 25th, ushered in a new era of leadership as Evan McMahon was elected as Chair of the Libertarian Party. McMahon did not seek reelection, and Evan McMahon was elected with a tally of 320 in favor of 598 ballots cast, defeating other candidates for Chair including Jim Ostrowski, Wes Benedict, Bob Yates and Jeremy Kaufman. McMahon has served as Secretary for the Libertarian National Committee since 2025, and has chaired the Libertarian Party of Indiana since 2023, earning an LNC that functioned as a springboard for his high-profile campaign, ballot drives and advocacy efforts before joining the Libertarian Party in 2020. He has served as Chair in Indiana since the effectiveness of the tactics for party growth, posting an increase in membership during the Libertarian Party of Indiana's 15th anniversary to 7th.

McMahon's chairmanship, he will seek to drastically increase membership to 66,000 dues-paying members by 2030. "We will have people going out to support the candidates by door-knocking, phone banking, putting out signs, donating to the effort, working with their county parties, running their own parties—and that is how we will elect people to office and change this country," said McMahon. "We will end the bureaucracy through the next generation of our members."

Other Libertarian National Committee members elected at the 2026 convention include Amanda Griffiths as Vice Secretary, Doug Knebel as Treasurer, and Doug Knebel as Vice Secretary. All were endorsed by McMahon.

Griffiths has an extensive background in entertainment, academia, journalism, media, and libertarian policy. As Vice-Chair, Griffiths intends to continue on increasing member voice and agency within the party while directing the process of those efforts outward through greater issue and policy advocacy. "Our Party needs a plurality of faces and voices for our cause," she says. "I will end a small board tasked with making big decisions almost monthly and instead we will have a large board of 100 members."

McMahon served as Region 2 Representative (2024-2026). He was chair of the Ethics Committee and author of the LNC's Behavioral Standards policy. He helped Alabama secure statewide ballot status for the first time in 20 years and assisted in recruiting more than 60 candidates statewide. "I pledge to bring professionalism, consistency, and accountability to the LNC," said McMahon. "Our members deserve accurate, transparent, timely, and original record-keeping, which I intend to deliver."

Knebel has served as an At-Large Director since 2025 after previously serving on the Audit Committee and the Special Investigative Committee. He also served on the Financial Standards Committee. "My primary mission is delivering accurate and timely financial reports back to the LNC and to the party's membership every month," Knebel said. "Party leadership needs to be armed with all of the financial data for sound decision-making in order to achieve Evan McMahon's bold vision for increasing membership to 66,000 by 2030."

Elected At-Large members include outgoing Treasurer and Ballot Access Coordinator Bill Redpath (OH), Louisiana State Chair Kelly Nguyen, Hawaii Chair Kelly Nguyen, Hawaii National Chair Steven Nishikida (HI), and former LNC member Richard Longstrech (TN). Regionally to elect regional representatives and alternates, Chair debate, plus nomination/acceptance speeches can be viewed at www.youtube.com/libertarianparty