

ITINERARY

Friday April 12 WASHINGTON BALLROOM

- 5:00 PM *Kick off the convention at our welcome party! Cash bar, appetizers, and great company. Registration open.*
- 11:30 PM *Last call! Registration closed.*

Saturday April 13 CRYSTAL LAKES BALLROOM

- 8:00 AM *Registration open. Breakfast snacks & coffee.*
- 9:00 AM *Call to order. See business agenda for details.*
- 12:00 PM *Break for buffet lunch.*
- 4:00 PM *Adjourn.*
- 5:00 PM *Pre dinner social and awards ceremony.*
- 6:30 PM *Dinner buffet and keynote.*
- 9:00 PM *Last call.*

Sunday April 14 WASHINGTON BALLROOM

- 9:00 AM *Breakfast buffet. Executive committee meeting.*
- 11:30 AM *Adjourn.*

FRIDAY BBQ MEATBALLS - HUMMUS AND PITA
Appetizers BACON WRAPPED WATER CHESTNUTS

SATURDAY CINNAMON ROLLS - BAGELS
Breakfast Snacks MUFFINS- ASSORTED PASTRIES

SATURDAY BUILD YOUR OWN WRAP
Lunch Buffet CHICKEN CAESAR - TURKEY CLUB

SATURDAY ROAST BEEF - CHICKEN PICATTA
Dinner Buffet TORTELLINI - SALAD - SIDES

SUNDAY FRENCH TOAST - EGGS - SAUSAGE
Breakfast Buffet FRESH FRUIT - ASSORTED JUICES



Please respect the Doubletree gun policy. Weapons are not permitted.



Help us run a smooth convention by silencing your phones and bringing side conversations outside the convention hall.

FAQs

Where should I sit?

There is no assigned seating (except VIP's at dinner). There are designated districts in the meeting hall for voting purposes but feel free to sit wherever you'd like, just ensure that your ballots are returned to your district teller.

Who is my district teller?

Your district teller is the person collecting ballots from your congressional district and tallying them for the secretary. They will have a "teller" badge ribbon on. Check the chart on the right to see who your district teller is. If you aren't sure what district you live in, reference your badge for a number 1-8.

Can I upgrade my ticket type?

Yes! If you need to make any upgrades or adjustments to your ticket type, see the volunteers at the registration desk and we will take care of you.

If you have any questions for the organizers find somebody with a green "coordinator" badge ribbon. If you have an agenda related question for the Chair, approach the microphone and raise a point of information.

District Tellers

CD-1 Primary Thomas Leary

CD-1 Alternate Joseph Kexel

CD-2 Primary Phil Anderson

CD-2 Alternate Chris Nass

CD-3 Primary Bryce Thon

CD-3 Alternate Robert Holzberger

CD-4 Primary Kristin Walker

CD-4 Alternate Joseph Hauer

CD-5 Primary Jeff Kortsch

CD-5 Alternate

CD-6 Primary Michael Schisel

CD-6 Alternate Jordan Hansen

CD-7 Primary Bryan Voss

CD-7 Alternate Michael Conard

CD-8 Primary Jason Boris

CD-8 Alternate Teresa Boris



Doubletree guest
check-out time is

11:00 AM

V.I.P. attendees are first through the buffet lines, will be granted first questions during Q&A, and will be seated with our special guests and candidates during dinner on Saturday Night.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CREDENTIALS & PROCEDURES
3. ADOPT AGENDA
4. APPROVE 2022 CONVENTION MINUTES
5. LNC DELEGATE NOMINATIONS
6. PLATFORM AMENDMENTS
7. APPOINT BYLAWS & PLATFORM COMMITTEE
8. LNC DELEGATE ELECTIONS
9. ENDORSE STATEWIDE CANDIDATE
10. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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ARTICLE I - Name

1. The Name of the association shall be the “Libertarian Party of Wisconsin,” hereinafter referred to as the “Party”

ARTICLE II - Purpose

1. The Purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles such as those in the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party by:
 - Promoting candidates for local and statewide public office within Wisconsin
 - Working for the election of the national Libertarian Party Nominees for President and Vice-President
 - Promoting, chartering, and coordinating affiliate parties throughout the State of Wisconsin
 - Entering into informational and educational activities

ARTICLE III - Principles

1. The Party shall take no positions or actions inconsistent with the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party

ARTICLE IV - Membership

1. Membership in the Party is not to be restricted by a person’s race, creed, color, sex, sexual preference, or national origin
2. Any requirements for membership in the Party that are not in conflict with Article IV, item 1 shall be set forth in the Party By-Laws; these shall not include a residency requirement
3. Voting membership shall consist only of residents of the State of Wisconsin
4. The Executive committee shall have sole power to set membership dues for the Party

ARTICLE V - Organization

Section 1 (Officers)

1. The officers of the party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention of the Party during odd numbered years by the attending Party members and shall take office immediate upon the close of such Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next odd-numbered year Annual convention. The Chair of the Party must be elected by a 2/3 majority with all other officers elected by a simple majority
2. No offices shall be combined
3. The officers shall be full voting members of the Executive Committee
4. The officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as are prescribed in the Party By-Laws and

are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution

5. Any officer of the Party may be temporarily suspended by a 4/5 vote of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the members attending a Special Convention called for such a purpose. The members will then elect a replacement officer. Such officer will complete the term of the office vacated
6. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and Executive Committee members-at-large if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur, such officers and Executive Committee members to complete the term of the office. Vacancies occur by resignation, death, relocation, or failure to renew membership

Section 2 (Executive Committee)

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with its By-Laws and any resolutions which may be adopted in Convention. Only the Executive Committee may spend the monies of the Party. Executive Committee members will be elected by a simple majority of the members attending the Annual Convention during odd-numbered years. The Executive Committee shall take office immediately upon close of the Annual Convention in which it is elected and serve for two years, until the final adjournment of the next odd-numbered year Annual Convention No secret meeting will be held by the members of the Executive Committee of the Party; all meetings will be open to all Party members. The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following:
 - The four elected officers of the Party
 - Two members-at-large of the Party elected at a state Convention
 - A Congressional District Member and Alternate from each-congressional District in the State of Wisconsin as elected from and by Party members residing within each particular Congressional District. The Executive Committee may appoint an interim member until such time as an election is held by Party members residing within the District in question. If the Executive Committee chooses to leave the office vacant, then that office shall not affect the number required for a Quorum. If a Congressional District member and/or Alternate fails to attend 3 consecutive Executive meetings, that position shall be declared vacant
2. All members of the Executive Committee must be members in good standing of the Party
3. All voting concerning LPWI Party business must be recorded in a manner making each Executive Committee member's vote available to the membership. No secret votes

Section 3 (Constitution & By-Laws Committee)

1. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of up to five (5) Party members appointed by the Convention. The term of a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall run through the period of the next Party Convention which elects the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and until a successor is appointed. No officer of the Party may serve on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
2. If a duly appointed member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee should be unwilling, unable, or

ineligible to participate in Committee activities, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion following a request from the Constitution and By-Laws Chair, appoint a replacement member to maintain a full complement of members to the Committee

Section 4 (Affiliate Parties)

1. The Executive Committee of the Party shall charter affiliate parties from those organizations requesting such status to represent such geographical areas as the Executive Committee may deem appropriate
2. Every organization so chartered shall ratify the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party. The affiliate parties shall operate under the Party’s Constitution and By-Laws
3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or revoke affiliate party status from any organization by a 4/5 vote of the Committee
4. Except as provided herein, the autonomy of the affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the Party

ARTICLE VI - Convention

1. The Party shall hold a Convention every year at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee. The Party may have such additional conventions as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. A Special Convention may be called by presenting a petition signed by 1/2 of the dues-paying members of the Party, such Convention to be held within 30 days of the presentation of the petition to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Convention Committee to arrange the Convention
2. Any member in good standing attending any Convention of the Party may cast his vote

ARTICLE VII - Platform

1. The Party shall adopt a platform giving the Party’s positions on important issues as planks. Platform planks shall be adopted/deleted/revise only at an Annual Convention held in an even-numbered year. The platform will continue to be the platform of the Party until modified at an Annual Convention held in an even-numbered year. If not modified by that convention, the existing platform remains in effect until it is modified at a future Annual Convention held in an even numbered year
2. A 2/3 majority of the members present and voting is required to approve each plank (whether adopting a new plank, deleting an existing plank or revising an existing plank). The process to adopt/delete/revise platform planks is defined in the By-Laws Article VIII

ARTICLE VIII - Nomination of Candidates

1. Candidates for public office shall be nominated pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Wisconsin Statutes

ARTICLE IX - By-Laws

1. The By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention. The process to amend the By-Laws is defined in the By-Laws Article VII

ARTICLE X - Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention. The process to amend this Constitution is defined in the By-Laws Article VII
2. Article IV, 1, Article V, 1.5, and Article X, 2 shall not be amendable
3. Article IV, 1, Article V, 5, Article X, 2, and Article X,3 shall not be suspendable

ARTICLE XI - None of the Above

1. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting for delegates to the national Libertarian Party conventions, representatives to the national Libertarian Party's Platform Committee, and all Party offices shall be considered valid and properly recorded
2. Any candidate for delegate to the national Libertarian Party convention, representative to the national Libertarian Party's Platform Committee, or any Party office who receives fewer votes than does "None of the Above" for that position will not be eligible for that position for the term covered by that election

2024 Ed Thompson Liberty Award Winner

Ann Batiza

Thank you Ann for joining us to accept this award, and for your continued dedication to the principles of Liberty.

Who is Ann Batiza?

Ann's background is in academia but her activism has included working within the the League of Women Voters and later working for the release of Julian Assange. She is a member of the National Organizing Committee for Assange Defense and the Steering Committee for Peace Action of Wisconsin.

"I am greatly humbled to stand beside longtime activists at Peace Action of Wisconsin and others who have taken up this cause and worked to free Julian Assange. Our ability to know what our government is doing in our names depends upon our freeing Julian Assange. His conviction in a U.S. court would criminalize the possession, transfer or publishing of any information deemed to affect national security. With such an ill-defined and broad definition, it will become a crime to publish anything the powers that be do not want the American public to know. At the same time, the U.S. is declaring universal jurisdiction over journalists around the world as the U.S. violates and negates our First Amendment rights."

ARTICLE I - Affiliate Parties

1. Organizations applying for a charter as an affiliate party shall make such application on a standard petition form as adopted by the Executive Committee, which petition shall be signed by at least one party member in that geographical area
2. The Executive Committee shall have power to set the geographical area
3. All Party membership dues are to be remitted to the Party Treasurer, who shall return a percentage of the moneys collected to that member's affiliate party. The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to determine the percentage of each membership fee that is returned to each affiliate party. The percentage rate shall be applied at the same rate to all of the affiliate parties. The Party Treasurer shall not remit moneys to any affiliate party that is not in compliance with applicable state law and administrative code

ARTICLE II - Duties of Officers

1. The 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 Executive Committee
2. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair may prescribe and having such powers as the Chair may delegate. The Vice-Chair shall serve as Acting Chair upon death, disability, resignation, or absence of the Chair until the Executive Committee appoints a new Chair
3. The Secretary shall assist the Chair and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep such minutes and records as are necessary. The Secretary shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee containing such information as the Executive Committee may require
4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Party and shall deposit same in such banks or bank as designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the membership at large and any other reports as the Executive Committee shall request with respect to the finances of the Party. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by the State and National authorities

ARTICLE III - Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and the chair shall determine the times and places of their quarterly meetings and announce them three weeks prior to the meeting
2. More than one-half (1/2) of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by Constitution

3. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and By-Laws a majority vote of those present at a meeting shall rule

ARTICLE IV - Finance and Accounting

1. The Executive Committee shall cause an efficient system of accounts to be installed and maintained
2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw from said depository
3. The Executive Committee shall designate an annual audit
4. It shall require a 90% approval of all the voting members of the Executive Committee to incur debt on behalf of the party
5. It shall require a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee to spend any amount greater than \$6000 on any one line item

ARTICLE V - Parliamentary Authority

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Party
2. The Executive Committee may suspend Robert's Rules of order to suit the Party's needs

ARTICLE VI - Membership

1. Applicants for membership in the Party shall make application by payment of at least the minimum fee set by the Executive Committee. Upon payment of such fees, they will become members in good standing
2. If any candidate, officer, or holder of public office who is a member of the Party should substantially misrepresent or violate the statement of principles or platform of the Party, such person may be censured at the next annual Convention by a 3/4 majority of voting members present
3. A censured member loses his/her member in good standing status and therefore may not vote at an annual convention in which the censured status applies. A censured status remains in effect for 12 months or until the next annual convention, whichever is greater
4. A censured member who runs for political office as a Libertarian will receive no recognition or support for the campaign from the Party

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws must be provided to the chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in printed form at least three months before the Annual Convention. Such amendments must be considered by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for proposal at the Annual Convention. The chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall notify the author(s) of such an amendment of the final status of the amendment no later than two months prior to the Annual Convention

2. Any amendment submitted to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee under paragraph 1 of this article that is rejected by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee may be proposed to the convention by the author(s) of that amendment. The author(s) of such an amendment shall provide the chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee or the Party Chair a printed copy of the proposed amendment at least one month before the Annual Convention. No changes may be made to the proposed amendment after this deadline
3. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair will insure that printed copies of all proposed amendments are made available to all Convention attendees at the registration and sign-in desk
4. Amendments shall be discussed and voted on under the following rules:
 - Amendments may be identified as “replacement amendments” when introduced. Approval of a replacement amendment removes the replaced verbiage from the appropriate document
 - Amendments recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may be amended from the floor of the convention
 - Discussion shall be limited to 5 minutes per person per amendment
5. Amendments shall take effect after the close of the convention in which they are enacted
6. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to format the new and/or revised By-Laws into the previous Constitution/By-Laws. The Executive Committee, by a majority vote, within 60 days of the state convention, must then either approve the revised Constitution and/or By-Laws or return them to the Committee for further edits/revisions

ARTICLE VIII - Platform

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Platform Committee at least twelve months prior to the Annual Convention All Platform Committee meetings shall be open to any party member wishing to attend. A schedule of Platform Committee meetings shall be published in the party newsletter
2. Planks (herein meaning new planks for adoption, deleted planks or revised planks) must be provided to the chair of the Platform Committee in printed form at least four months before the Annual Convention. Such planks must be considered by the Platform Committee at its next meeting for proposal at the Annual Convention. The chair of the Platform Committee shall notify the author(s) of such a plank of the final status of the plank no later than two months prior to the Annual Convention
3. Any plank submitted to the Platform Committee under paragraph 2 of this article that is rejected by the Platform Committee may be proposed to the convention by the author(s) of that plank. The author(s) of such a plank shall provide the chair of the Platform Committee or the Party Chair a printed copy of the proposed plank at least one month before the Annual Convention. No changes may be made to the proposed plank after this deadline
4. The Platform Committee Chair will insure that printed copies of all proposed planks are made available to all convention attendees at the registration and sign-in desk

5. Platform planks shall be discussed and voted on by the Convention in the following order:
 - Planks proposed by the Platform Committee
 - Planks proposed under paragraph 3 of this article
6. Platform planks shall be discussed and voted on under the following rules:
 - Planks may be identified as replacement planks when introduced. Approval of a replacement plank removes the existing plank from the platform
 - Planks may not be amended before being voted on
 - Discussion shall be limited to 5 minutes per person per plank
 - A 2/3 majority of the members present and voting is required to approve each plank or an entire new platform
 - Any plank in the existing platform that is not deleted or revised by a 2/3 majority vote will remain intact in the new platform
 - If an entire platform is passed as a replacement for the existing platform, then all planks in the existing platform are replaced by the adoption of the new platform and the previous bullet item does not apply

ARTICLE IX - Endorsement of Candidates for Statewide Offices

1. All voting shall be done by secret ballot
2. The endorsed candidate for Governor shall have the power to veto any candidate for Lieutenant Governor with whom he/she does not wish to run before balloting for Lt. Governor
3. The support of the Party may be granted or withdrawn from a candidate for statewide office after the Convention by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Committee

ARTICLE X - Election of Delegates to Regular National Libertarian Party Functions

1. Persons seeking delegate or alternate status must be members in good standing of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin
2. Election of delegates and alternates to national Libertarian Party Conventions shall be by majority vote of Party members registered at the Annual Convention held during the year of the national Convention

Election of Delegates:

- Party members attending the convention may nominate any number of candidates for delegate
- The Convention shall vote by secret ballot for up to as many delegates as are allotted by the national Libertarian Party Secretary. All candidates receiving more votes than does None of the Above shall be eligible to be delegates

- Candidates are ranked in descending order by number of votes received. The ranked list of delegates shall then be used to fill the delegate slots available as reported by the national Libertarian Party Secretary

Election of Alternates:

- Party members attending the convention may nominate any number of candidates for alternate
- The Convention shall vote by secret ballot for up to as many alternates as there are delegates allotted by the national Libertarian Party Secretary. All candidates receiving more votes than does None of the Above shall be eligible to be alternates
- Candidates are ranked in descending order by number of votes received. In the event that there are open delegate positions the top ranking alternates shall be delegates. Those remaining on the ranked list shall be alternates (subject to any limitations imposed by the national Libertarian Party)

Election of the Delegation Leaders:

- The chair of the delegation shall be nominated and elected from among and by the persons who have been elected as delegates
- A vice-chair of the delegation shall also be elected by the same method
- The persons selected for these positions shall be announced before the close of the convention

Ranking of Alternate Delegates:

- Alternates shall substitute in rank order for delegates absent from the convention floor
 - Any disputes about substitutions shall be settled by the delegation chair, if present, or the delegation vice-chair
3. If the Party is eligible to elect a national Libertarian Party Platform Committee member under the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the national Libertarian Party, election of this committee member shall be done at the Annual Convention held during the applicable year. Voting shall be done by secret ballot and a majority vote will be required. An alternate shall also be elected for this position using the same method
 4. The delegates and alternates selected at convention are the only persons eligible to be seated within the LPWI delegation. Any person who is not elected before the close of the LPWI state convention will not be granted a seat with the LPWI delegation

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Stop by the raffle table at the side of the room to sign up!

Preamble

As Libertarians, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest and we welcome the diversity that freedom brings. We seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals control their own lives and are never forced to compromise their values or sacrifice their property. We believe that no conflict exists between civil order and individual rights and that individuals, groups, or governments should not initiate force against other individuals, groups, or governments.

Principles

Life – We believe that all individuals have the right to control their own lives and live in whatever manner they choose, as long as they do not interfere with the identical rights of others.

Liberty – The only proper functions of government are the protection of the people from actual foreign or domestic threats to their lives and freedoms; and the protection of their individual rights, namely — life, property, and liberty of speech and action.

Property – The only economic system compatible with the protection of individual human rights is the free market; therefore, the fundamental right of individuals to own property and to enjoy the rewards of their just earnings should not be compromised.

Taxes

We advocate phasing out taxes on incomes, personal property, and real property, along with corresponding decreases in the size of government. We advocate phasing out taxes on corporations and businesses.

Term Limits

We advocate limits on the time any elected official may serve in office.

Elections

We advocate election law reforms that make it easier for the people to nominate and finance the election of the candidates of their choice.

Gun Ownership

We believe the right to keep and bear arms should not be infringed. We therefore oppose all laws which tax or otherwise restrict the ownership, open or concealed carry, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. We further oppose all laws requiring registration of firearms. We also cannot ignore the clear lessons from history of the suffering which can fall upon a disarmed people.

Children and Family

We believe that children are a special group of citizens possessing fundamental rights involving their life and health. However, until they reach the age of legal responsibility, their other rights are limited and their parents or guardians are responsible for their actions and upbringing. Therefore, the rights and authority that parents or guardians need to fulfill their child raising responsibilities must be respected, but never at the expense of the child's life and health.

Education

Since private education is today outperforming public education at half the cost, we call for the phase out of all state and federal involvement in education. We therefore endorse "School Choice".

Welfare

We strongly support all private and voluntary charity, including mutual aid and fraternal societies, religious and secular non-profits, and the work of dedicated individuals across Wisconsin who assist those in need. Accordingly, we oppose all laws that limit, hinder, or crowd-out these efforts. We oppose the expansion of taxpayer-funded welfare programs, as unjustified and ineffective. We support efforts to phase out these failed government programs.

Federal "Strings"

The federal government often uses the threat of withholding "federal" funds to coerce states into specific actions. We strongly urge elected officials of Wisconsin to resist such pressure and applaud them when they do. We believe that this threat violates the U.S. Constitution and the concept of a Republic.

Environment

A clean environment is in everyone's interest. Our legal system should protect public and private property from pollution. The right of property owners to prosecute any polluter under trespass, nuisance, and negligence laws should be reinstated. It follows that bureaucracies should not be allowed to harass alleged environmental violators or restrict their direct access to just treatment under the judicial system.

Transportation

We support the maximum possible privatization of all publicly owned transportation systems and therefore oppose the creation of any new publicly funded or managed transportation systems.

Victimless Crime

Because only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed "crimes", we favor the repeal of federal, state, and local laws restricting our fundamental freedom to govern our own lives. In particular, we advocate: The repeal of laws restricting the production, sale, possession, or use of prohibited drugs and medicines. The repeal of laws regarding a minimum drinking age which are in conflict with the legally recognized age for maturity and responsibility. The repeal of laws restricting consensual sexual relations between adults. The repeal of laws regulating or prohibiting gambling. The decriminalization of assisted suicide.

Health Care

We believe the problems with our current health care system are due to government interference and mandates and that any government program to "provide" health care to some at the expense of others will most certainly reduce the overall quality, responsiveness, and individuality of health care for everyone. It would also reduce the influx of the most talented people our society has to offer into the medical profession and diminish the exemplary worldwide progress and leadership our medical system has demonstrated. For these reasons, we advocate the free enterprise system as the only system capable of making quality, affordable, individualized medical care available to all.

Privacy

We believe that free individuals may not be compelled to authorize the assignment, collection or dissemination of personal and private information on themselves; nor may any rights and privileges available to others be denied to them for using such discretion.

Crony Capitalism

We oppose the granting of subsidies, tax credits, special privileges, etc., on private individuals, businesses, corporations, or industries by the government, including in the name of "economic development" or "job creation." We believe that lower taxes and regulatory costs should be extended across the board to all businesses in Wisconsin, on an equal basis, and that the government picking winners and losers in the market is a recipe for corruption. We advocate the abolition of the government economic development corporations, and oppose the uses of special tax districts to fund private for-profit projects such as stadiums and arenas.

Agriculture

We advocate a free, dynamic agriculture market with every possible and desirable crop being produced and sold using any method that meets with the approval of the buying public that does not spread external harm. Private sector labeling must be allowed to replace government-mandated labeling — consumers will be better served with competitive certification and labels and the ability to reject products whose labeling fails to meet their personal standards. Private individuals or corporations must bear full responsibility for damages they inflict on their neighbors with unwanted externalities including pesticides, herbicides, and genetic modifications.

Trade & The Marketplace

We believe in free trade and a market driven by consumer demand. We believe the best regulator for the marketplace is a well informed consumer with a lot of choices.

Indigenous People & The State

We deplore the Federal and State governments' continued paternalistic and exploitative policies toward the Native American. We call for the abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which throughout its history has sought forcibly to make Native Americans wards of the State by destroying their individuality and traditional culture. We call for an end to Federal, State, and local interference in the property rights and civil liberties of Native Americans. We call on the State and Federal governments to honor all current treaty obligations.

Qualified & Absolute Immunity

We believe that no officer, agent or official at any level of government should have immunity from prosecution or civil action when they violate the federal and/or state constitutional rights of an individual just because they work for the federal government (absolute immunity) or there isn't "clearly established law" (qualified immunity). All cases where the constitutional rights have been violated by any person employed by government should be handled on its own merits.

Civil Asset Forfeiture

We believe that no individual should have any of their assets seized by any level of government without there first being a charge levied against the individual and a conviction reached on those charges that specifies that assets should be seized in direct relation to the crime(s) committed

Reduce or Eliminate State-Mandated Occupational Licensing

State entities requiring an individual to get a license to perform their job restricts access for individuals to enter a profession. State license requirements can include training that has nothing to do with what the licensee will be doing. We believe that the state should work to reduce or eliminate state-mandated occupational licensing and eliminate vague standards like "good moral character" when assessing individuals applying for any remaining licenses.

Eliminate Taxation by Citation

State and local governments should be prohibited from using code violation fines as a revenue stream and/or as a way to harass or stifle residents. State and local governments should also be prohibited from using outside firms to collect code enforcement fines who have the incentive to drag on court cases in order to increase their bottom line. Code enforcement fines should not be excessive per the Excessive Fines Clause of the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment and article I, section 6 of the Wisconsin Constitution

Conclusion

While members of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin advocate abolishing laws governing certain voluntary behaviors, this does not necessarily imply endorsement of such behaviors. We only make the statement that in such matters an individual's right to free choice must be recognized and the morality of such choices is not a concern of government. It follows that our silence regarding any other government activity should not be interpreted as implying our approval of such activity.

Fellow Libertarians, Friends, and Guests,

Welcome to the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin 2024 State Convention, the 51st annual gathering. The previous year was challenging but has also brought some important changes.

As sometimes happens, the Executive Committee, including the Officer Corps, experienced significant turnover. Nevertheless, the group had largely stabilized by late summer. We now have a very strong Executive Committee, including a solid officer corp, who I am very proud of as everyone is working hard to excel in their respective positions and moving the party forward with their efforts.

One of the long-desired changes that is now well underway is a move away from CiviCRM, the contact resource manager software sponsored by the National Libertarian Party. The system was often problematic and, at times, seemingly useless. While the finishing touches are still being worked out, we have most of our data migrated to Nation Builder. This is an ongoing project, but the early returns are very positive. This system gives us more flexibility with our website, has superior data management, provides communication features that were not available with CiviCRM.

To those who are attending your first LPWI convention, other members who have been through the process can answer your questions or point you to someone who can. For those who have also joined the party recently, welcome to the Liberty Movement. We are, in many respects, the philosophical ancestors of the founding fathers of this nation.

While we have made significant progress in many areas, there is still much work to do. Much of this will be discussed at the traditional Sunday post-convention Executive Committee meeting.

To all members, thank you for attending the Convention. Equally important, consider things you can do in your corner of Wisconsin to help move the party forward. Attend public meetings. Consider applying for open government positions. Talk to your neighbors. Gather like-minded people to volunteer in your community. RUN FOR OFFICE!!

Whatever it is that you feel you can contribute, reach out to your local affiliate, your Congressional District Representative, or if nothing else, ask the Chair. I don't bite.

In Liberty,

Stephen A. Ecker

LPWI Chair

TREASURER REPORT

As of December 31, 2023, the LPWI's cash-on-hand balance was **\$40,492.52**. As Treasurer, it is my opinion that the current financial state of the LPWI is strong and growing. The following sections of this report will outline for the party a summary of our financial activity, beginning with a summary of the expenditures from the previous year, followed by an historical perspective of the party's expenditures and receipts. Finally, this report presents a proposed budget for the LPWI for the following calendar year, submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

2023 Expenditures Summary

	Payee Name	Expenses	Notes
This table summarizes the expenditures of the LPWI throughout 2023. The table is organized with administrative, and ongoing operations expenditures listed first, followed by event-specific expenditures, the bulk of which are related to the annual convention.	godaddy.com	\$61.51	Website
	SparkPost	\$120.00	Newsletter
	Mailchimp	\$503.53	Newsletter
	Zoom	\$157.40	Meetings
	USPS	\$12.00	PO Box
	Wisconsin Ethics Commission	\$100.00	Annual Filing Fee
	PayPal	\$540.47	Credit Card Processing Fees
	Square	\$10.40	Credit Card Processing Fees
	Contractor	\$507.25	Temporary Treasurer Duties
	Eventbrite	\$393.24	2023 Convention
	Advanced Printing	\$1,240.68	2023 Convention
	Apple Awards	\$216.35	2023 Convention
	Speaker	\$300.00	2023 Convention
	Name Badge Productions	\$185.14	2023 Convention
	Pick N Save	\$29.38	2023 Convention
	Pops Marketplace	\$75.16	2023 Convention
	Potawatomi Hotel	\$8,625.59	2023 Convention
	Waupaca County Fair	\$265.00	
Total	\$13,343.10		

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TREASURER REPORT

Historical Summary - Expenditures and Receipts

This table below provides a summary of all financial activity of LPWI from 2008 (based on the earliest available public information from the State of Wisconsin Ethics Commission's Campaign Finance Information System, or CFIS) through the most recent complete calendar year.

Year	Receipts			Expense		Total	Net	Cash
	Tx	Contributions	AVG	Tx	Expenses	Tx	Revenue	Balance
2023	592	\$18,331.73	\$30.97	286	\$13,490.46	878	\$4,841.27	\$40,492.52
2022	920	\$31,133.83	\$33.84	70	\$28,257.87	990	\$2,875.96	\$35,651.25
2021	919	\$32,698.38	\$35.58	61	\$19,611.41	980	\$13,086.97	\$32,775.29
2020	677	\$19,599.22	\$28.95	44	\$10,957.84	721	\$8,641.38	\$19,688.32
2019	440	\$15,926.97	\$36.20	97	\$16,214.82	537	-\$287.85	\$11,046.94
2018	485	\$18,365.50	\$37.87	105	\$17,165.06	590	\$1,200.44	\$11,334.79
2017	212	\$13,879.51	\$65.47	124	\$19,526.50	336	-\$5,646.99	\$10,134.35
2016	256	\$10,996.08	\$42.95	68	\$8,982.67	324	\$2,013.41	\$15,781.34
2015	160	\$6,129.07	\$38.31	48	\$3,609.62	208	\$2,519.45	\$13,767.93
2014	309	\$44,047.88	\$142.55	67	\$48,762.52	376	-\$4,714.64	\$11,248.48
2013	85	\$3,090.00	\$36.35	30	\$3,768.19	115	-\$678.19	\$15,963.12
2012	137	\$4,001.00	\$29.20	49	\$9,149.54	186	-\$5,148.54	\$16,641.31
2011	137	\$3,655.00	\$26.68	22	\$1,592.38	159	\$2,062.62	\$21,789.85
2010	215	\$5,069.95	\$23.58	57	\$6,312.94	272	-\$1,242.99	\$19,727.23
2009	486	\$12,314.95	\$25.34	54	\$8,063.22	540	\$4,251.73	\$20,970.22
2008	245	\$7,694.45	\$31.41	23	\$12,170.84	268	-\$4,476.39	\$16,718.49

The receipts transactions indicate the number of individual contribution transactions, and not the number of unique contributors (please refer to membership data for that information). The average column indicates the size of the average contribution during that calendar year. Please also note that the number of expense transactions fluctuates significantly based on whether the treasurer at the time grouped together payment processing fees (e.g., a monthly summary of PayPal transaction processing fees), or listed each fee individually. Moving forward we will strive to consistently track this transaction individually. The Net Revenue column provides a quick glance summary of the difference between total contributions and total expenditures for that calendar year.

Conclusion

LPWI continues to strengthen its membership and financial position, which hopefully will result in great achievements of liberty. That in turn will hopefully continue to strengthen our membership, and in turn our financial position, which will expand our achievements of liberty!

Brian Bell

LPWI Treasurer

GET INVOLVED



Start A Local Meetup as formal or informal as you'd like. Pick a few topics to discuss at a local pub, host a rally, enter a parade, or start an affiliate. There are countless ways to get our message out. Be creative!

Run For Office any office! Here in Wisconsin we have seen the great success we can achieve by electing Libertarians to all levels of government. Campaigning and securing ballot access can be overwhelming (thanks to the two old parties) but we are here to help! The LPWI has resources for you to run a successful campaign.



Volunteer For A Committee and join our growing team of liberty-loving Wisconsinites. We encourage you, our members, to help plan events, write articles, design emails, manage campaigns, collect signatures and fill many other roles in the party. Join us for the Executive Committee meeting on Sunday morning to see how you can get involved!

Attend Government Meetings and inject a libertarian point of view into the public comments portion of city council, county board, school board, or other government meetings that allow public comments.



Join A Local Community Organization like a charity or the food shelf and take on leadership roles. Show your community how we take action to voluntarily help each other. If you can't think of an organization that reflects your values, maybe it's time to start one!

For more ways to get involved visit:

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Consider this your invitation!

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Libertarian National Convention

Join Libertarians from around the USA as we convene in Washington DC for the 2024 presidential nominating convention.

For more info visit: LNC2024.com

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LPWI River Cleanup

Join us for a weekend of camping, canoeing, kayaking, and river cleanup on the Kickapoo River in Wilton, WI. The LPWI has had great success freeing trash from this waterway and this year we could use your help! Camping and kayaks provided at no cost to you.

Contact Chris Nass, Nate Gall, or email: info@lpwi.org for details.

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Candidates & Campaign Workshop

Join Libertarians from 10:30 AM at the Village Pizzeria, in Dresser, WI. We will discuss running for office and organizing campaigns at all levels. Help build a strong cultural movement for the present and future of Liberty! *For more information, visit www.cepiaclub.com, or contact Tim Krenz by email at: hq@cepiaclub.com.*

Following the conference, join us at the Wannigan Days celebration in nearby St. Croix Falls, WI and Taylors Falls, MN. Join the fun by walking in the 5 PM parade as proud Libertarians!

21st - 25th

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Waupaca County Fair

Join us in Weyauwega, WI for the 150th Waupaca County Fair. Don't forget to stop by the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin booth and say hello! To volunteer contact Tyler Danke.

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Volunteer with us!

Do you have event ideas for the LPWI? The events committee is looking for volunteers to help plan rallies, coordinate fair booths, and all other things events! Join us on Sunday morning to volunteer for the events committee or visit: **LPWI.ORG/SIGNUP**

To stay updated on events, sign up for our newsletter or visit:

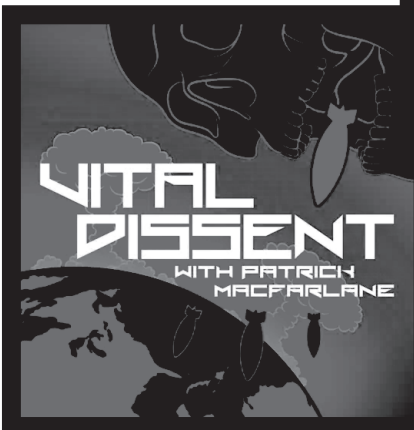
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Patrick MacFarlane is a Wisconsin criminal defense and family law attorney. He is the Justin Raimondo Fellow at the Libertarian Institute where he advocates a noninterventionist foreign policy. He hosts the podcast "Vital Dissent" at www.vitaldissent.com, where he exposes establishment narratives in foreign policy and dark history with well-researched documentary content and insightful guest interviews. His work has appeared on antiwar.com, The Ron Paul Institute, [Blacklisted News](http://BlacklistedNews.com), GlobalResearch.ca, and [ZeroHedge](http://ZeroHedge.com).

Saturday Night Keynote Address





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To make motions, debate, and speak in general, stand and wait to be recognized by the Chair. A motion made and seconded brings the topic to the floor for discussion.

"Second" does not mean "agree". It simply means that at least two people want the topic brought to the floor for a discussion.

When speaking, address the Chair. Be clear as to whether you are speaking in favor or against the motion being discussed. If you are confused and have a questions, say "point of information". If you feel somebody is out of order, say "point of order". Reference the chart below to become familiar with the types of motions.

Debate the motion, not the people. Stick to facts and ideas when discussing. Avoid personal attacks and keep things civil.

If you are going to introduce a motion or amendment you should know exactly what you want it to say. Write it down!



SPEAKER INTRODUCES MOTION

MOTION IS SECONDED

DEBATE MOTION

AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION MAY BE MADE FOR ANY REASON. DEBATE AND VOTE ON THAT AMENDMENT.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Yea - In Favor
Nea - Opposed
Abstain - No Vote

These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

PURPOSE	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take Break	I move to recess for...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2Thirds
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ..	No	Yes	No	Yes	2Thirds
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Bring business before the assembly	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2Thirds
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2Thirds
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2Thirds
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority