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# Michigan Libertarian Newsletter

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## Find Michigan Libertarian Meetings on YouTube

YouTube is now the place to find videos of the meetings of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC).

The August 10th meeting has been posted on the party's YouTube channel. The video can be found by [clicking here](#).

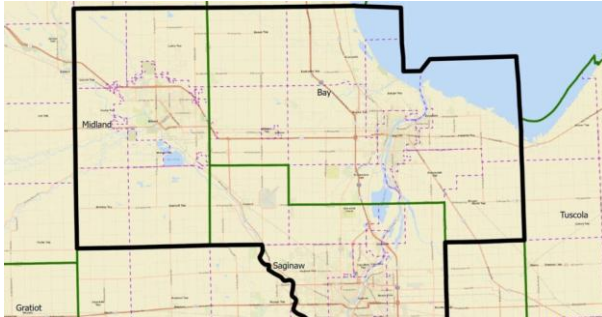
The new board is committed to being transparent. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Zoom on September 14th. All members are welcome to join the zoom meeting by [clicking here](#) at 7:00 on September 14th.

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## Michigan Libertarians Seek Candidate for Special Senate Election in District 35



Libertarians are hoping to find a well-qualified liberty candidate to run for the special election for Senator in Michigan's 35th District.

This is an opportunity for the Libertarian Party to show Michigan residents that they do have better options!

The candidate should hold Libertarian principles and be a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. To find out more about the Libertarian Party of Michigan platform, [click here](#).

The district includes Midland, Saginaw and Bay City. The Libertarian Party of Michigan would hold a district caucus as soon as possible after receiving qualified nominations.

The new senator will be elected on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 after a February primary for Democrats and Republicans. The winning candidate will hold office for the final seven months of the four-year term unless they are reelected in November 2026.

If you are interested or would like to nominate a qualified person, please email [chair@michiganlp.org](mailto:chair@michiganlp.org)





## **Libertarian Groups Busy at Local Summer Events in Michigan**

Several local Libertarian groups throughout Michigan have been busy this summer promoting the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

The events continue into September, when the Libertarian Party of Wayne County sponsors a table at the Dally In the Alley on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the state's largest street fair, located in the city of Detroit. The Libertarian Party of Wayne County is also sponsoring an affiliate picnic for all members on September 13 from 11-8 at Nankin Hills Park in Westland. For more information, [click here](#).

In northern Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Libertarian Party went to the Alger County Fair in early August. They worked hard to obtain signatures for [AxMiTax](#), a citizen ballot initiative to eliminate property taxes in Michigan

The Straits Area Libertarian Party in northern Michigan also had a booth at the Cheboygan County Fair in August.

The Libertarian Party of Oakland County had a booth at the Woodward Dream Cruise in August, which they have done for several years.

The first event of the season was back on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Libertarian Party of Livingston County had a lady liberty float in the Independence Day Parade.

For more information about joining any of these local affiliates, please email [info@michiganlp.org](mailto:info@michiganlp.org)





### Three Michigan Libertarians Running for Local Positions in November

Three Michigan Libertarians will be running for local positions in the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election: Scotty Boman, Chris Clark, and Christine Sloan.

**Scotty Boman is running for City of Detroit District 4 Police Commissioner.** Scotty was recently elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair and Political Director of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.



"I see the need for a civilian commissioner who can truly be an advocate for concerned civilians who approach the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners with concerns about how police officers are doing their jobs," said Boman, "while being understanding of the herculean challenges faced by law enforcement in Detroit."

For more information about Scotty, please see his website, [Detroit Lives Matter](#).

**Chris Clark is running for Taylor City Council.** "I just want to help make a difference and be a good representative for our city," says Chris.

"I will listen to the needs and desires of the people and work with dedication to address their concerns. I will be honest and transparent with all city matters."

For more information about Chris, please [click here](#) to see his website, where he has details about [his platform](#).



**Christine Sloan is running for Brighton City Council,** where six candidates are vying for four seats. The top three vote-getters will receive a four-year term, and the fourth top vote-getter will receive a two-year term. Click [here](#) for information on the September 15<sup>th</sup> forum for Howell and Brighton, sponsored by The Livingston County League of Women Voters.

Best of luck to all three candidates!



## **Local Libertarian Groups Reaffiliated in West Michigan and Macomb County**

Macomb County and West Michigan residents have new options to join local Libertarian groups as these areas were “reaffiliated” at a recent meeting of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC).

A third group in Genesee County is also attempting to reaffiliate.

The three groups from Macomb, Genesee and West Michigan were removed from the state party in recent years. Previous leadership disaffiliated these groups due to a party dispute. However, [new leadership was elected at a recent convention.](#)

**Macomb County:** There was a long discussion about whether Macomb County should be reaffiliated. New leadership has pledged to rebuild, and the vote to reaffiliate Macomb County was 10-4 with the Chair and Treasurer abstaining. Macomb County welcomes new and returning members.

**West Michigan:** The “Libertarian Party of West Michigan” was also reaffiliated by a vote of 11-4 with the Chair abstaining. West Michigan also welcomes new and returning members.

The West Michigan affiliate includes the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ionia, Ottawa, Muskegon, Montcalm, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Mason, Lake, and Osceola.

West Michigan Chair Jordan Martin stated that the officers crafted the bylaws so that they have the ability to divide into smaller geographic areas in the future.

**There was also an attempt to reaffiliate Genesee County.** However, a new affiliate in the Thumb currently includes Genesee County, so this particular issue requires further review.

If you are interested in more information about joining any of these affiliates, please contact Tim Teagan at [vcaffiliate@michiganlp.org](mailto:vcaffiliate@michiganlp.org)



## **Libertarian Party of Michigan Appoints Committee Chairs**

Several volunteer committee chairs were recently appointed at a special meeting of the new Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

All of these committees other than the Membership Committee are still seeking volunteers! Please email [leadership@michiganlp.org](mailto:leadership@michiganlp.org) if you are interested in the following committees: Fundraising, Activism, Legislative, Policy Manual, or Communication. Most of the committee work is done virtually.

The appointments below were all passed without opposition.

**IT Director:** Jami Van Alstine was appointed as IT Director. Jami is currently doing the job on an interim basis, and would be happy to have Rich McClain and Joshua Champlin assist her.

**Membership Director:** Jeff Pittel was appointed as Membership Director. Jeff is currently doing the job. Others on the membership committee include Ryan Henry, Tori Hinrichs, Scotty Boman, Leah Dailey and Jared Fisher. Jeff agreed to reach out to other volunteers as he needs them.

**Fundraising Chair:** Charles Essner was appointed as Fundraising Chair. This will be Charles' first year as chair of this committee. He will contact volunteers, and new volunteers are welcome!

**Activism Chair:** Charles Essner volunteered to be Interim Activism Chair, but hopes that someone else will step up to chair this committee. Joshua Champlin has volunteered to join the committee and new volunteers are welcome.

**Legislative Chair:** Adam Childress was appointed as Chair of the Legislative Committee. New volunteers are welcome!

**Policy Manual Chair:** Rich McClain was appointed as Chair of the Policy Manual Committee. He will be contacting other volunteers, and new volunteers are welcome!

**Newsletter Director:** Donna Gundle-Krieg has agreed to manage the newsletter, and welcomes all volunteers.





## **Libertarian Party of Michigan Convention 2025: Smooth Leadership Transition, Large Turnout**

The 2025 Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPMI) Regular Convention marked a turning point for the state party, as 88 delegates gathered on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the [Blue Water Convention Center](#) in [Port Huron](#). This impressive turnout demonstrated a renewed commitment to [unity](#) and focus following years of internal [turbulence](#).

The highlight of the convention was a smooth and professional leadership transition—a refreshing change after controversy that had rocked the party since 2022 when both the Chair and Second Vice Chair [resigned](#), precipitating a leadership conflict that cast a cloud over the State Party in subsequent years. Outgoing Chair Andrew Chadderdon, once at the center of that [storm](#), presided over the election of new leadership with dignity and order. He chose not to seek re-election as Chair, though he continues to serve as Region 1 Representative on the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

### **A Streamlined Agenda for Convention 2025**

Reflecting a more focused and efficient strategy, the official business of the convention was confined to a single day—Saturday—with no formal business scheduled for Sunday. This was a change from the [initial agenda](#) that called for a Sunday business session. However, the newly elected Libertarian Executive Committee ([LEC](#)) convened for its first [meeting](#) on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.





Festivities began informally Friday evening with “Cocktails and Conversation” at [Freighters Eatery and Taproom](#), a social mixer attended by early arrivals eager to reconnect over drinks and breathtaking views of the Blue Water Bridge. Meanwhile, others met up at the [Bootleggers Axe Company](#).

### **A Smooth Transition to New Leadership**

Saturday’ official proceedings [commenced](#) at 9:40 AM. with opening remarks and quickly moved through credentials, convention rules, and agenda approval. By 11:00 AM, the party launched into officer elections.

Newly elected Officers and District Representatives are listed below this article. Trevor Step was initially elected to represent District 12 but was later deemed ineligible due to [residency requirements](#).

Delegates also elected a new three-member Judicial Committee consisting of Mark King, Joe Brungardt, and John Hudak.

### **Short on Platform but Time for Pundits and Pallets**

The streamlined agenda resulted in a greatly abbreviated Platform [discussion](#) with no time [remaining](#) for Bylaws. However, attendees were treated to a full breakfast Saturday morning and reconvened for a gourmet banquet dinner that evening. Banquet speakers included Thomas Paine [biographer](#) Dave Benner, media entrepreneur [Amy Lepore](#), and homesteader and 2024 Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate [Rebecca Whiting](#).

Though Sunday held no formal convention business, delegates gathered for a hearty breakfast buffet and an engaging keynote from [Jeremy Rodgers](#). Rodgers, a grassroots activist and campaign manager, shared his firsthand account of being politically targeted and prosecuted by the Biden administration for his involvement in the events of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. His remarks underscored the urgency of defending civil liberties and due process for all Americans, regardless of political affiliation.





### **New LEC Meets as Outgoing Officers Facilitate Transition**

The first meeting of the new 2025-2027 LPMI LEC was held the day after the convention.

*Below is a photo of the first LEC meeting, taken by Political Director Scotty Boman (not shown).*



The 2025 LPMI Convention will be remembered not only for its high turnout and streamlined agenda, but also for restoring faith in the party's democratic process and commitment to principled leadership. With a full leadership team and renewed energy, the Libertarian Party of Michigan appears ready to meet the challenges of the upcoming election cycle, uniting around the vision of a world set free in their lifetimes.



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### **Libertarian Party of Michigan Elected Officers**

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*Featured image by Chet Essner. From Left to Right, Back Row: Tori Hinrichs, Leah Dailey, Tim Teagan, Angela Thornton, Andrew Duke, John Hudak & Jay Gillotte. Middle Row: Charles Essner, Justin Mirimonti, Donna Gundle-Krieg & Dana Carver. Front row: Scotty Boman, Dave Franklin, Larry Johnson & Mike Saliba.*



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