



LPWire

The Spring 2026 Newsletter of the
Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

“The party of liberty; the party for freedom”

Chair’s Invitation to the Annual LPWI Convention

Dear friends and Libertarian Party of Wisconsin Members,

As we approach our 2026 state convention, I wanted to share a quick update about what members can expect this year and what is coming next for our party.

This year’s convention will focus primarily on platform and bylaws proposals. Members will have the opportunity to review, debate, and vote on potential changes that help improve how our party operates and ensure our platform reflects the values of Wisconsin libertarians.

In addition, delegates to the Libertarian National Convention will be selected at this year’s convention. These delegates will represent Wisconsin at the national level and participate in decisions affecting the broader Libertarian Party.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WISCONSIN
 STATE CONVENTION
 APRIL 24-26
 BUILDING LIBERTY IN WISCONSIN

JOIN US IN 2026

Fellow Defender of Liberty,

You are invited to attend the 2026 Libertarian Party of Wisconsin State Convention — a gathering of grassroots activists, business owners, community leaders, and Wisconsinites who believe in individual liberty, limited government, and personal responsibility.

This year’s convention will focus on proposed amendments to our bylaws and platform.

FEATURED SPEAKER
SCOTT HORTON

Scott is director of the Libertarian Institute and host of The Scott Horton Show, widely respected for his work on foreign policy and civil liberties. With decades of research and thousands of interviews, Scott provides one of the most informed voices in the liberty movement on foreign policy and civil liberties.

Whether you are a longtime Libertarian, politically independent, affiliated with another organization, or simply interested in learning more, we invite you to join us.

SATURDAY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE:
HENTRY BIG BOY MARE'S LEG
 (.44 Magnum) Brass & Woodgrain finish

SECOND PRIZE: 5 OZ SILVER

THIRD PRIZE: 30-DAY EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLY

TICKETS: \$20 EACH OR 6 FOR \$100

ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE

Promote Your Business, sell merchandise

SOCIAL AMENITIES

- Beer will be available from Central Waters Brewing Company.
- Non-alcoholic beverages will also be offered.
- Rooms are available for those wishing to stay onsite.

VISIT LPWI.ORG TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET TODAY

(Chair’s Invitation to Convention, Continued)

While this year’s convention will focus on proposals and national delegate selection, next year’s convention will focus on leadership.

At the 2027 LPWI Convention, members will elect a new Executive Committee, including positions such as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles help guide the direction of the party, coordinate activities across the state, and support our affiliates and candidates.

If you care about the future of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, we encourage you to start thinking about whether you might be interested in serving in one of these leadership roles.

You don’t need to have held a party office before. What matters most is a willingness to participate, collaborate with others, and help build a stronger Libertarian Party in Wisconsin.

If you haven’t already, please remember to purchase your convention tickets at *LPWI.org* so you can participate in the discussions and votes.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin.

In Liberty,
Reese Wood
Chair, Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

Editor’s Notes

By Tim Krenz


First, as the temporary editor of the new LPWIre format, a quarterly newsletter now, and an experiment with broader aims that future issues will explain and explore, this newsletter will no longer do vanilla issues. The world, Wisconsin, and our party and affiliates, have serious issues to address and resolve. We cannot solve them at all by ignoring either their controversy or the alternative options arising from them, if we hope to become a political party of significance. From this point onward, the LPWIre will work toward fulfilling our Party mission statement: “As a political party, we aim to free Wisconsin, by implementing our platform and principles, through election campaigns.” It says that on our website.

Second, from that, we need candidates. Please, see the graphic at right. County-wide partisan races in the fall also require signatures. Opportunities abound to make a difference. Do so! Then, get in touch....

RUN FOR OFFICE

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION BEGINS
APRIL 15, 2026**

MINIMUM VERIFIED SIGNATURES	
GOVERNOR / LT. GOVERNOR	→ 2,000
U.S. SENATE	→ 2,000
U.S. HOUSE	→ 1,000
STATE SENATE	→ 400
STATE ASSEMBLY	→ 200

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From the Chair: Where Reality Meets Principle

I've had a deep appreciation for philosophy for most of my life. In high school, I was reading Nietzsche and diving into Western philosophy—trying to understand big ideas about truth, power, and human nature.

That foundation matters. Philosophy gives us direction. It sharpens our thinking and helps define what we believe and why.

But over time, I've learned something just as important: Real-life experience will always outpace philosophy.

Not because philosophy is wrong—but because it's incomplete on its own.

Philosophy doesn't knock on doors. It doesn't attend city council meetings. It doesn't navigate budgets, competing interests, or the everyday concerns of families trying to get by.

People do that.

And when you're out there—engaging with your community, listening, and working through real problems—you realize that reality is more complex than any framework you started with. Not weaker. Not less meaningful. Just real.

The same lesson applies to how we approach politics.

It's easy to get pulled into national conversations. Federal politics dominates attention and feels urgent. But most decisions that impact people's daily lives happen much closer to home.

City councils shape development. Counties manage essential services. State governments influence education, infrastructure, and regulation. These aren't abstract debates—they're immediate and tangible.

If we want to make an impact, this is where we need to show up.

This isn't about abandoning philosophy. It's about applying it—taking what we believe about liberty, accountability, and limited government and putting it into practice where people can actually see the results.

That's how trust is built. That's how movements grow.

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Not just through ideas, but through action.

As we move forward, I encourage each of you to think about where you can make that impact—show up locally, support candidates, or consider running yourself.

Because philosophy may guide us—but it's real-world experience that moves us forward.

In Liberty,
Reese Wood, Chair, Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

Why I Share Libertarian Insights

By Lucas Peters

As your brother in Liberty I have the honor of helping out with LPWI messaging. I've been asked to share how I pick what to write about & why I keep at it.

For the last 15 years I've been ferocious reader in Libertarian ideas and Austrian economics. Mises, Rothbard, Hayek, Hoppe, Ron Paul & everything in between. In my downtime I'm basically a news junkie, scrolling articles, reading opinions and insights on Twitter or X. Every day I watch the world slide further into debt, inflation, cronyism, endless wars, & more government overreach.

The two party solutions are beyond frustrating at this point. The only thing that keeps me sane is taking those timeless principles; non-aggression, private property, voluntary cooperation, sound money and apply them to whatever mess is in the news that week.

The topics chosen connect because they call out the daily pain: higher prices, lost jobs, shrinking paychecks, and neighbors turned into political enemies.

I explain the causes plainly; fiat money, central planning, government intervention and offer real fixes that respect individual choice, end coercion, protect property, restore sound money, ditch corporate/government welfare, & replace force with voluntary cooperation.

I hope readers connect because these ideas channel frustration into hope and critical thinking.

The question is always the same: Does this expose a clear violation of liberty, & how do we point to a peaceful, market-based way out? We've tackled corporate welfare for data centers, forced taxpayer support for endless crony government policies, the absurdity of protectionist tariffs, the welfare-warfare state, & why civil liberties are routinely violated by the government.

The world keeps getting messier, but applying these ideas consistently feels like a positive way to push back. I write these hoping a few more people read them, think critically, & start asking the right questions.