

LPIA State Central Committee Meeting Minutes
2023 Convention

Date: April 29th, 2023

Time: 8:30am

Meeting Location: Public Zoom Call



SCC Attendees:

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| P | Jules Cutler (Chair) (Presiding) | P | David Green (At-Large Rep) | A | Jacob Stevens (At-Large Rep) |
| P | Benjamin Held (Co-Chair) | P | Andrew Onsgard (District 1 Rep) | | Vacant (District 1 Alt) |
| P | Clyde Gibson (Secretary) | P | Austen Rodgers (District 2 Rep) | | Vacant (District 2 Alt) |
| P | Nathan Kleffman (Treasurer) | P | AJ Fisher (District 3 Rep) | P | Paul Vincent (District 3 Alt) |
| | | A | Joshua Herbert (District 4 Rep) | | Vacant (District 4 Alt) |

(P = Present, A = Absent)

Quorum Number: 6/10

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- Call to Action Message from the Chair
- Public Comment and Q&A
- Meeting Adjourned

Quorum established; Meeting called to order (8:30am):

- Jules Cutler, Chair, Presiding. Quorum established 8/10 in attendance. Clyde Gibson, Secretary, Recording Minutes.

Meeting Minutes:

Approval of Agenda (8:32am):

- Chair asks for Motion to Approve Agenda, David Green motions, Seconded, Motion passes, Agenda approved unanimously. (8:32am)

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (8:33am):

- Chair asks for Motion to Approve the Previous Meeting Minutes, Paul Vincent motions, Seconded, Motion Passes, Minutes Approved Unanimously. (8:33am)

Welcome and Message from the Chair (8:34am):

- The Chair welcomed the membership and gave a recap of the past year.

Annual Report to the Membership, *Appendix A & B* (8:43am):

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Message from Chair (9:20am):

- Jules encourages members to volunteer to become candidates for local office.

Public Comment and Q&A (9:25am):

- Question Regarding restitution of stolen funds from previous chair. Answer by Chair
- Question regarding Judicial Committee complaints. Answered by Judicial Committee members present.

Meeting Adjourned (9:31am):

- Motions to Adjourn. Ben Held motions, Seconded. Motion Passes, meeting Adjourned (9:32am)



Clyde Harold Gibson III
Secretary, LPIA
secretary@lpia.org



Libertarian Party of Iowa
State Central Committee
Annual Report to the Membership
- 2023 -

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- VI. Iowa State Fair**



I. Introduction

The Libertarian Party of Iowa was founded in April of 1975, forty-eight years ago. Through those years the Party has seen success and failures, needing at times to rollback in order to maintain it's organization and deal with the conditions in the marketplace. We recently survived one of the most memorable violations of liberty in our lifetimes that has truly shown a light on the Authoritarian core of the State. It is time for libertarians to stoke the flame of liberty once again and take the principled fight back to the State. Let this report of the past year encourage you and may it invite you to be involved with the Party once again.

The Party had many great achievements in 2022. We have struggled and worked together to aid our governor candidate in gaining Major Party Status. There were many successes with media attention for candidates, increased social media outreach, and greater outreach with our booth at the Iowa State Fair. The Party has been principled on pressing the State and calling them out on authoritarian assaults on Iowan's rights, most notable this year was the threat of Eminent Domain by CO₂ Pipeline companies. For many of our Candidates this was a major focus of their campaign. Rallying together, with single issue organizations, our candidates and volunteers continued to show up to the capital to defend their rights in front of the Iowa Legislature.

II. Secretary's Report – Clyde Gibson

A. Notable Accomplishments

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B. State Central Committee Members

Since the 2022 Convention we have had a few SCC member resignations this includes our District 1, 2, and 4 Representatives. Fortunately, the Alternates for those Districts have stepped up to fill those roles. We are actively looking to replace the Alternates in those Districts and utilize volunteers at the county levels to aid with local events. The SCC is looking for Assistant and Deputies for several statewide positions.



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C. Important SCC Motions

Throughout the year the SCC has approved motions and expenditures, these board minutes can always be found at www.lpia.org/minutes. Some valuable motions include:

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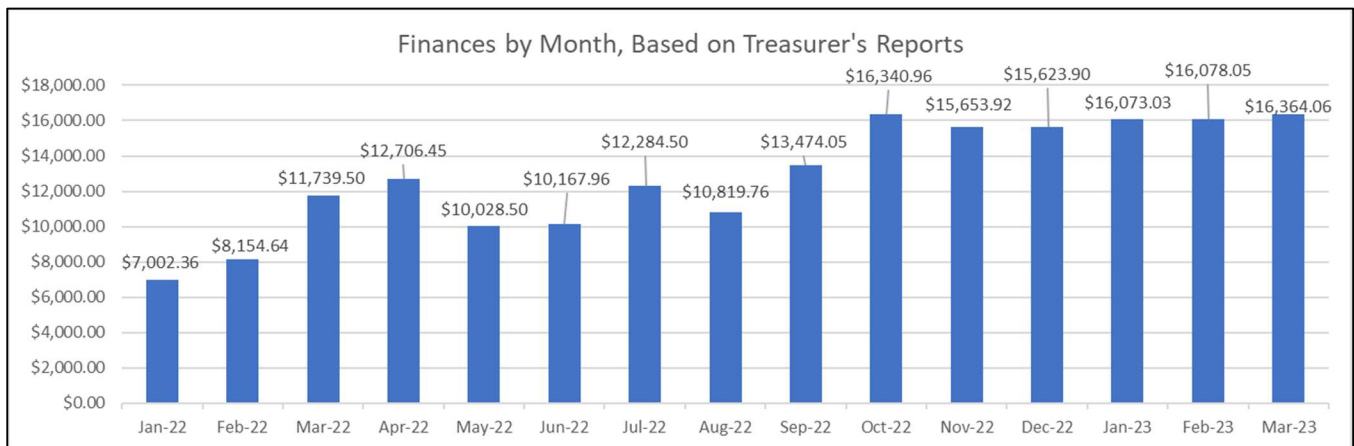


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III. Treasurer's Report – Nathan Kleffman

A. Financial Status

As shown in the below chart the Party's finances has recovered significantly over the past year. In 2022 the Party received in \$21,666.02 in contributions and had expenditures of \$12,854.62. In 2023, year to date, the Party received \$3,658.90 in contributions and had expenditures of \$3,919.59.



B. Ethics Board Filings Review

After the due diligence of the Treasurer, the Party has found that it has a discrepancy between the historically reported Ethic's filings and the Well's Fargo Bank account. Nathan will discuss further steps and potential outcomes of this. The total discrepancy is currently \$1,805.47.

C. Audit Committee Report – Jack Rothamel

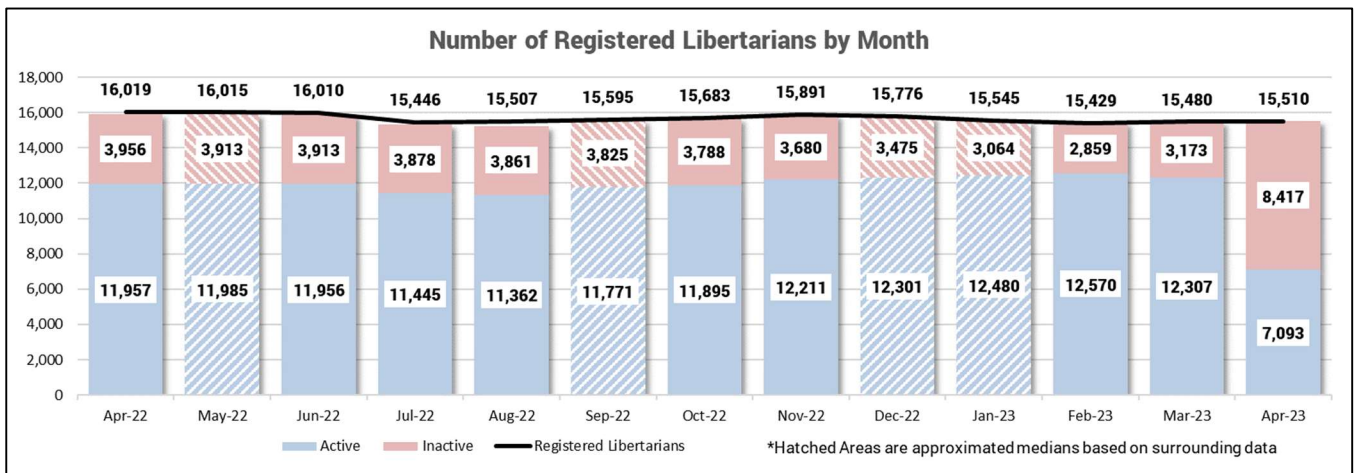
The Audit Committee should announce that all funds and reporting are in order, noting that the current discrepancy between reported funds is that which was discussed in the Ethics Board Filings Review.

IV. Libertarian Candidates and 2022 Election Results

| Office Sought | Candidate Name | Total Votes in Election | Count of Votes | Percentage of Votes |
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VI. Iowa State Fair – AJ Fisher

One of the party's largest expenses in 2022 was the purchase of a booth at the Iowa State Fair. This event was a large outreach for the Party that our volunteers view as a great success. During the 11 days of the fair libertarians put in more than 450 volunteer hours while staffing multiple shifts. We also handed out numerous pamphlets, over 7,000 temporary tattoos with an LPIA porcupine, and over 5,000 branded koozies. We have already applied to be in the 2023 Iowa State Fair and are looking for volunteers and ideas for the future.





2023 State Convention

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 29th

Tickets Required For All Scheduled Activities Other Than LPIA Business Meeting

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| 7:00am-8:00am | Check <u>In</u> and Credentialing |
| 7:30am-8:30am | Breakfast (pastries/coffee) |
| 8:30am-9:30am | LPIA Business Meeting, *Open to membership, Free* |
| 9:30am-10:00am | Chase Oliver Speech and Q&A |
| 10:00am-10:15am | Break / Vendor Tables |
| 10:15am-12:00pm | Morning Training Session with Grassroots Leadership Academy |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch |
| 12:45pm-1:00pm | Fundraising Auction |
| 1:00pm-1:15pm | Break / Vendor Tables |
| 1:15pm-2:00pm | Mike ter Maat, Keynote Speaker |
| 2:00pm-3:30pm | Afternoon Training Session with Grassroots Leadership Academy |
| 9:00pm-9:30pm | Rick Stewart – Election Recap and Key Takeaways |
| 4:30pm-End | LPIA Leadership and Wrap up |

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2023 State Convention Annual Report to Membership

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| 1. CHAIR REPORT | 4. 2022 CANDIDATES & ELECTION RESULTS |
| 2. SECRETARY REPORT | 5. REGISTERED LIBERTARIANS |
| 3. TREASURER REPORT | 6. IOWA STATE FAIR |

CHAIR REPORT



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SECRETARY REPORT



Notable Accomplishments



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CHAIR TO VOLUNTEER!**

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TREASURER REPORT



| Year | Period | Contributions | Expenditures | Starting Balance | Ending Balance |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2023 | <u>January 1 through June 30</u> | \$3,658.90 | \$3,919.59 | \$16,053.03 | \$15,792.34 |
| 2022 | <u>October 15 through December 31</u> | \$927.85 | \$1,324.30 | \$16,449.48 | \$16,053.03 |
| 2022 | <u>July 15 through October 14</u> | \$7,481.27 | \$3,307.28 | \$12,275.49 | \$16,449.48 |
| 2022 | <u>May 15 through July 14</u> | \$2,785.10 | \$640.74 | \$10,131.13 | \$12,275.49 |
| 2022 | <u>January 1 through May 14</u> | \$10,471.80 | \$7,582.30 | \$7,241.63 | \$10,131.13 |

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ETHICS UPDATE



| Current Ethics Reporting | | | WELLS FARGO | | Pre-Audit Ethics Reporting | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Year | Period | Beginning Balance | Ending Balance | Beginning Balance | Ending Balance | Beginning Balance | Ending Balance | Balance  Discrepancy |
| 2023 | January 1 - June 30 | \$14,247.56 | | \$16,053.03 | | | | |
| 2022 | October 15 - December 31 | \$14,644.01 | \$14,247.56 | \$16,449.48 | \$16,053.03 | | | |
| 2022 | July 15 - October 14 | \$10,470.02 | \$14,644.01 | \$12,275.49 | \$16,449.48 | | | |
| 2022 | May 15 - July 14 | \$8,325.66 | \$10,470.02 | \$10,131.13 | \$12,275.49 | | | |
| 2022 | January 1 - May 14 | \$5,436.16 | \$8,325.66 | \$7,241.63 | \$10,131.13 | | | |
| 2021 | July 1 - December 31 | \$5,866.34 | \$5,436.16 | \$7,671.81 | \$7,241.63 | | | |
| 2021 | January 1 - June 30 | \$6,057.10 | \$5,866.34 | \$7,862.57 | \$7,671.81 | \$7,160.39 | \$7,966.32 | \$996.69 |
| 2020 | October 15 - December 31 | \$5,923.95 | \$6,057.10 | \$7,729.42 | \$7,862.57 | \$5,049.98 | \$7,160.39 | \$1,977.26 |
| 2020 | July 15 - October 14 | \$9,270.48 | \$5,923.95 | \$11,075.95 | \$7,729.42 | \$8,326.62 | \$5,049.98 | \$69.89 |
| 2020 | May 15 - July 14 | \$7,984.61 | \$9,270.48 | \$9,790.08 | \$11,075.95 | \$7,040.75 | \$8,326.62 | \$0.00 |
| 2020 | January 1 - May 14 | \$3,607.00 | \$7,984.61 | \$5,412.47 | \$9,790.08 | \$2,783.53 | \$7,040.75 | -\$120.39 |
| 2019 | July 1 - December 31 | \$3,393.51 | \$3,607.00 | \$5,198.98 | \$5,412.47 | \$1,524.43 | \$2,783.53 | \$1,045.61 |
| 2019 | January 1 - June 30 | \$2,993.83 | \$3,393.51 | \$4,799.30 | \$5,198.98 | \$2,809.28 | \$1,524.43 | -\$1,684.53 |
| 2018 | October 15 - December 31 | \$1,451.74 | \$2,993.83 | \$3,257.21 | \$4,799.30 | \$1,340.44 | \$2,809.28 | -\$73.25 |
| 2018 | July 15 - October 14 | \$904.37 | \$1,451.74 | \$2,709.84 | \$3,257.21 | \$1,007.36 | \$1,340.44 | -\$214.29 |
| 2018 | May 15 - July 14 | \$961.00 | \$904.37 | \$2,766.47 | \$2,709.84 | \$903.59 | \$1,007.36 | \$160.40 |
| 2018 | January 1 - May 14 | \$1,702.02 | \$961.00 | \$3,507.49 | \$2,766.47 | \$1,702.02 | \$903.59 | -\$57.41 |
| 2017 | January 1 - December 31 | \$3,720.39 | \$1,702.02 | \$10,082.42 | \$3,507.49 | \$3,720.39 | \$1,702.02 | \$4,556.56 |

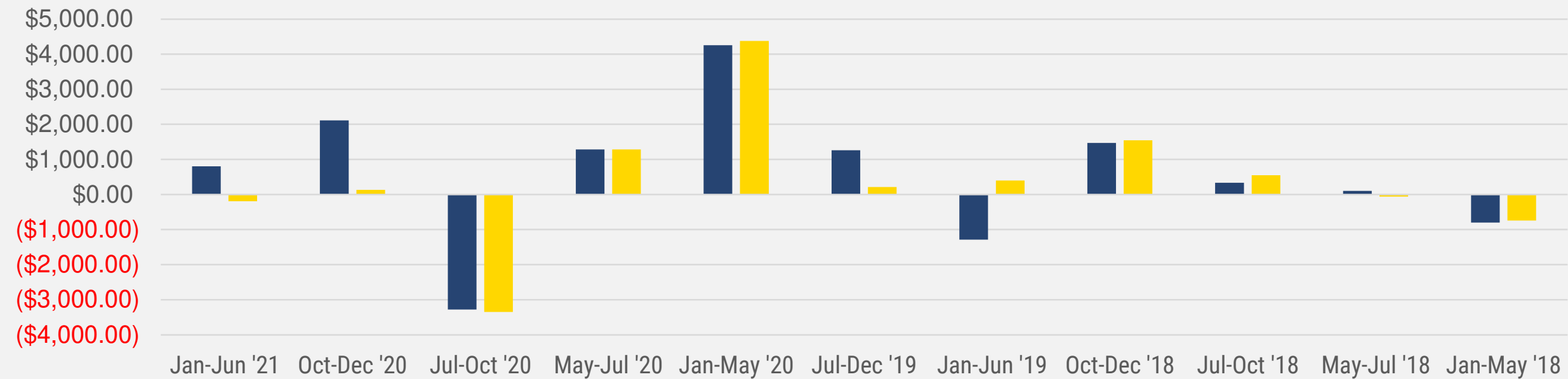
Current Balance Discrepancy: **\$1,805.47**

Pre-Audit
Balance
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\$3,674.55**

2021-2018 AUDIT RESULTS



Reported vs. Actual Balance Change

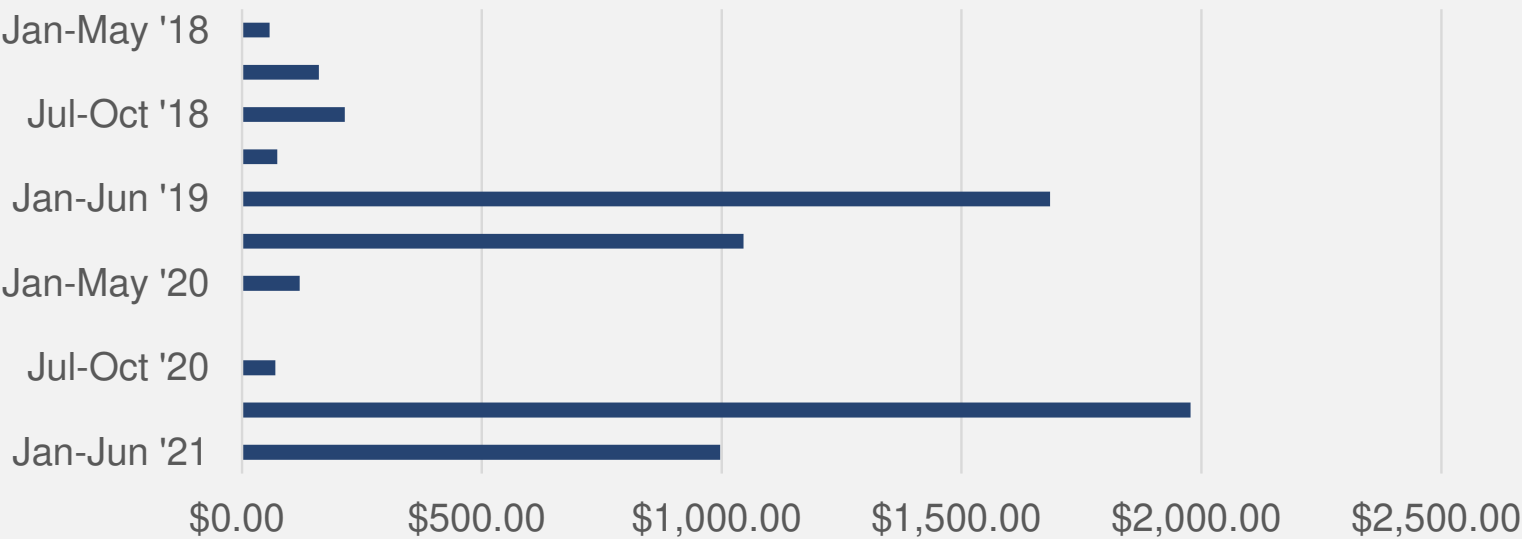


■ Pre-Audit Reported Balance Change

■ Wells Fargo Balance Change

Discrepancy Resolved: **\$2,099.98**
Remaining Discrepancy: **\$1,805.47**

Absolute Discrepancy Resolved



ADMINISTRATIVE



Re: Libertarian Party of Iowa - Notes / Summary on Administrative Adjustment Request



From [Goodrich, Zach](#)

To [Nathan Kleffman](#)

Date Fri 16:43

 [Summary](#)  [Headers](#)  [Plain text](#)

Nathan,

I talked with Vanessa and she was of the same opinion that you guys have done enough and the situation warrants an adjustment from the Board.

I'm allowed to unilaterally approve adjustments up to \$100. Given the amount here, this will need Board approval whenever they meet. So while the final resolution won't come immediately, you can tell your members that I will be recommending to the Board that they grant the adjustment. There's always a chance the Board is of a different opinion, but I'm confident they will agree with my recommendation here.

Let me know if there's anything else we can help with right now. Otherwise, we'll be in touch once the time comes for a Board meeting.

Sincerely,

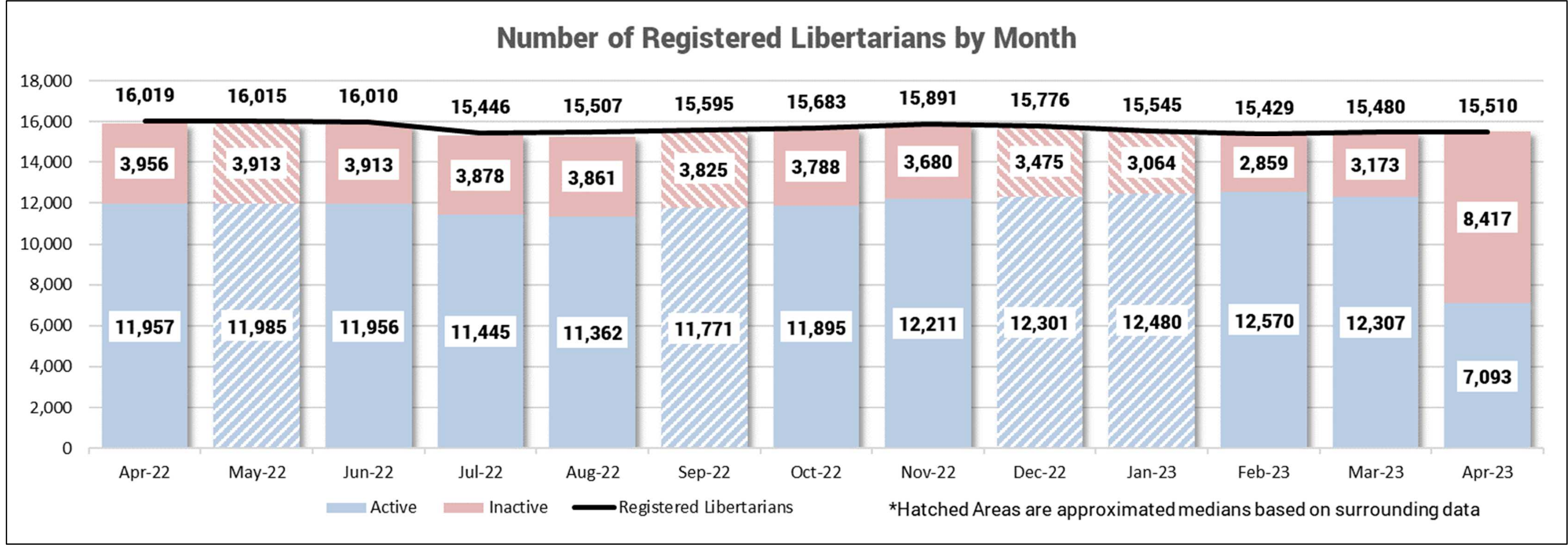
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