REPORT FROM STATE AFFILIATES...

**Pennsylvania.** The Pennsylvania Constitution, Libertarian, and Green Parties have filed a brief in the Third Circuit, in Constitution Party of Pennsylvania v Aichele, 13-1952. The issue is Pennsylvania’s unique system for checking the validity of petitions, which puts petitioning groups at risk of paying up to $110,000 in court costs if the petition doesn’t have enough valid signatures. Attorney Jim Clymer of Pennsylvania, former National Chairman of the Constitution Party notes, “Not only do independents and minor party candidates have to overcome immense ballot access qualification obstacles, but in Pennsylvania they are also faced with the very real threat of having to pay the attorney fees and costs of the challenging party if they are successful in their challenge.” He went on to explain, “This case is an attempt to have these onerous statutes declared unconstitutional. We find in the courts, however, another obstacle as establishmentarian judges wiggle and twist through the law to throw out our case on standing, asserting that ‘the threat of assessed costs remains conjectural or hypothetical.’ Note that this case was filed in the summer of 2012 so as to provide relief for the 2012 election when the threat was real. Of course by the time the court got around to deciding the case in Mach 2013, there was no longer an immediate and real threat because the damage had long been done. By the court’s reasoning and standard imposed, no minor party could ever have standing to protest these laws. Our hope is that on appeal, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals will reverse and remand the plainly political decision of the Federal District Judge.”

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**Wyoming.** In an unusual presentation, the Fall National Committee meeting of the Constitution Party heard a talk about the federal education program known as “Common Core” by Wyoming’s State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Cindy Hill, a Republican. Hill also declared she is backing Wyoming Constitution Party state Chairman Jennifer Young’s bid for Secretary of State in 2014. Young and Hill forged an alliance to overturn the Governor and state legislature’s action that stripped most administrative duties from the conservative Hill and placed it in the hands of the moderate Republican Governor. Hill called Young “a patriot in every sense of the word.” Young’s announcement of her candidacy brought Constitution Party delegates to their feet. One National Committee member said Young represented “the future of the party.”

Young led the newly-formed Constitution Party’s effort to place a referendum on the ballot that would restore the Secretary of Education’s duties by meeting Wyoming’s ballot petition requirement — the signatures of 37,606 registered voters — one of the toughest stipulations in the country (no citizen-led measures have made it to the ballot since 1996). Given just 65 days to gather signatures, the effort failed but an impressive 22,000 names were collected, honing the organization skills of the Constitution Party and earning Jennifer Young widespread positive media coverage and a coalition of allies. The Wyoming Star Tribune has observed, “By all accounts, the Constitution Party is just getting started.”

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West Virginia. Now here’s how to get attention for the Constitution Party at county fairs — and gather signatures for ballot access.

With the help of the captivating Obama float, more than 1,000 signatures (of 10,000 required) were collected for 2014 CP U.S. Senate nominee, retired physics teacher Phil Hudok. A video of the float can be found here: http://youtu.be/BodL59giAeo

To build an “Obama head” of your own, contact the man who built it, Phil Hudok, at hudok@hudok.com.

West Virginia patriots are encouraged to visit the attractive and user-friendly WV Constitution party webpage at www.cpwva.org to get involved.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN...

The Fall National Committee meeting of the Constitution Party was held in Denver and was well attended: nearly 40 people were representing the states of WY, CO, NM, UT, TN and MO alone. The agenda was full, and some said the program was the best ever.

The Executive Committee met on Friday and part of its agenda was to target at least two states in each of the four regions of the country for ballot access in 2014. Some early priorities include South Dakota, Delaware, Montana, Vermont, and Alaska. Signature gathering and planning is already moving forward in some states including West Virginia, Alaska, and Alabama. It was also noted that the number of subscribers to the party’s free monthly Internet newsletter increased ten percent in the previous two months and the CP voter registration in states where registration is permitted by party is also on the upswing. Much of the credit for this progress goes to those of you who are forwarding the newsletter on to friends and family of like mind.

Reviewing the training that was provided at the previous meetings in St Louis and Baltimore was part of the National Committee meeting on Saturday, and a workshop on fund raising by Peter Gemma followed. This year’s successful fund raising activities, coupled with states that are remitting their annual assessments to national, means the party is again operating in the black. Through the end of September, the party was within $340 of reaching the entire state assessments goal for the fiscal year 2013. Eight states thus far have paid their assessment in full and some, including Tennessee and Pennsylvania, have paid well over double their assessment. It is gratifying to see the support that national is receiving from its affiliates and individual supporters.

Much of the meeting was focused on building local state and a national speaker’s bureaus. Four topics in particular were addressed which were Second Amendment rights by Joe Wolverton; illegal immigration and amnesty by Cynthia Davis; “Obamacare” by Darrel Castle; and the Common Core Curriculum by Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cindy Hill. The keynote speaker at the luncheon was Jim Noorlander, a party congressional nominee who scored over 9 percent of the vote. The talks were video taped and will soon be available on the party’s national website.

I am also encouraged by the increasing number of voters who are registering as Constitution Party. J.R. Myers of Alaska is to be complemented for the work he has done there. Voter registration has increased over 45% since December of 2012; there are now CP registered voters in 37 of the 40 districts in his state. Part of that increase has been due to his forwarding the CP monthly newsletter to party members and voters of like mind as well as being active on social net working sites. I encourage you to do the same.

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