



# Libertarian Party of Indiana

## Quick Guide

### ***Affiliating a County Libertarian Party: Official Process***

1. The LPIN Central Committee will appoint a Temporary County Chairperson who will coordinate the formation of the county organization. The Temporary County Chairperson must be a member of the LPIN and must reside in the county.
2. The Temporary County Chair, in cooperation with other members of the LPIN residing in the county, will set a date, time and location for an Organizing Convention and will send a request for the Organizing Convention to the LPIN Central Committee. The date of the Organizing Convention should be at least 45 days following the request to the Central Committee.
3. Upon receipt of a request for a County Organizing Convention, the LPIN Central Committee will mail a notice of the date, time and location to all members of the LPIN living in the county.
4. The County Organizing Convention must be attended by at least two members of the LPIN living in the county and must pass a set of County By-laws by two-thirds vote of the LPIN members in attendance.
5. Following the adoption of the County By-laws, the Organizing Convention shall adopt the LPIN By-laws by majority vote.
6. Within 10 days of the County Convention a Regular Party Statement of Organization (CFA-3) must be filed with the County Election Board.
7. The newly elected County Chair and County Treasurer will apply for affiliated status to the LPIN Central Committee by completing and signing the Petition for Affiliation and mailing it, along with a copy of the new County by-laws and a stamped copy of the stamped CFA-3 to the Secretary of the LPIN.
8. The LPIN Central Committee will verify the Petition for Affiliation at its' first meeting following the receipt of the Petition and grant the appropriate status to the newly affiliated county. A Certificate of Affiliation will be presented to the County Chair and a monetary grant from the LPIN will be provided.

### ***Fundamental Elements of A Successful New Party***

1. Foundation – A successful party must perform a few tasks well to survive: scheduling meetings, managing lists of membership, donors, or candidates, and correctly filling out legal paper work for the county clerk. A clear statement of duties between officers helps

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split up these basic functions. Spend some time every few months brainstorming as a collective team. Set goals and action steps for the immediate and long term future. How will your party effectively tackle the basic functions of a political organization? (Grassroots organizing, Political growth through issue and candidate campaigns, Fundraising, and Communications)

2. Party/Organization Building – To grow the party, there are several avenues of spreading the word. Tabling and registration drives at local fairs or popular events are a fantastic way to meet new faces. This is the troop building phase. Press releasing to the small town papers in the area also will generate an awareness of the party. Calling Parties should be held to reach lapsed LPIN members in the area. Many of these former active members dropped off because there was little action happening in the area, and will be excited to hear of the new organizational efforts.
3. Issue Organizing – A key step in raising awareness is the championing of a cause. Many counties and towns in Indiana have big spending projects that need to be opposed. Many are green-lighted because there is no public voice saying “No!” Our county parties serve this vital role. It is also a fantastic recruiting tool. Once members and issue advocate try to work within a local political system, they are shocked at how many troubling behaviors are exhibited by local officials. Bottom line: *Choose an issue, and change something.*
4. Electoral Campaigns – By far, running successful, full time campaigns will grow a local county organization than any other avenue. A good candidate will attract a large team of volunteers, a good amount of donations to his or her campaign, a good amount of experience in translating the libertarian message, and help spread the message of the party effectively. All of these factors will carry on months after a solid campaign. Repeated election cycles with solid candidates and campaigns are the key to long term growth.

**It's 80% hard work, 10% creativity, 10% luck/showing up.**

### ***Documents Needed:***

1. By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Indiana
2. Sample By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Marion County
3. Petition for Affiliation
5. Regular party Committee Statement of Organization (CFA-3)