

## **Rebecca Whiting**

I have tried in my life to follow the path set before me. To be brave enough to continue on even through the failures and the trials, and to persevere no matter what the cost. And I believe in leaving behind a legacy for our future that we can be proud of. Not because I want the glory, but because I LOVE my children, and I will love my future grandchildren with equal wholeheartedness.

In every area of my life, I have tried to steer our family to live free- from homeschooling to homesteading, to self employment and acquiring skills that allows us to be less reliant on a system designed to keep us dependent. I have promoted being questioned and allowed free discussion as they grow and become the people they are meant to be. And then pass that mentality on to the many small people in my immediate circle of influence.

My friends know me. If it was up to me, I'd be living in a remote cabin in the mountains spending my free time in the garden or reading a book. But there are big things happening now across the country and worldwide that don't allow us the luxury of doing nothing.

At some point, you have to step up and be who you want others to be. Lead by example and help inspire others to do the same. Because of my involvement, doors have started opening quickly and sometimes most unexpectedly, which is fine as long as we are bold enough to take them.

I don't want this position to be about me, but about what we can accomplish together. I sincerely believe that the future of politics in the United States MUST revolve around Libertarian values, and if I didn't I would not be here. I believe in the big picture- the long term goals- of decentralization and focusing on building us up from the local level.

I believe our priority should be to reach out to the younger generations and help inspire them to embrace liberty for all, that those aren't just words we say, but a lifestyle we live. I believe that the NAP applies to everybody.

And most sincerely out of ALL of this- being a constant anti-war voice in a sea of statist war mongering politicians who seem bent on our destruction.

But above all, I believe that for all of this to work, we need to remain unified in the our common goal of limiting the power of an oppressive and over-regulated state. We have many differences, and that's okay. I'd like to focus on what we have in common as the state relies on our division to keep us from being effective.

Come what may, at the Convention in April I will be there. But no matter what the vote is, we have a lot of work to do and I am dedicated to our cause.

### **My commitment to the LPMN as Chair:**

- To be a constant voice in support of Liberty.
- To be a bold voice in opposition to the State.
- To have a consistent unifying message for all Libertarian party members.
- To not create division or spread disharmony in the party.
- To be authentic in every situation.
- To be a person of integrity no matter what the situation is.
- To work graciously with people from all walks of life.
- To lead by example, work hard, and be fair.
- And to never quit, no matter how hard it gets.

### **Ballot Access**

Goal- To get candidates on the ballot, to help candidates win their political races, and to become a major party in direct competition with the DFL and GOP.

- Work on bills to liberate ballot access
  - Oppose bills that restrict ballot access
  - Set up a committee to overcome ballot access and petitioning every election cycle.
  - Go into the 2024 election prepared well in advance to get on the ballot and support the Libertarian presidential candidate no matter who it is.
  - Run a candidate for Senate in 2024 as a statewide candidate.
  - Run a candidate for governor and auditor (or secretary of state) on the statewide ballot in 2026.
  - Run local, non-partisan races across the state to build future candidates resumes every election cycle.
- Outreach

Goal- To spread the message of liberty that the Libertarian party has to offer and grow the party/voting base to be recognized as a viable option in opposition to the DFL and GOP.

- Focus on a well-structured mentorship program in the LPMN to help train and built up leadership internally to take up the torch for future generations.
- Intentionally work at creating a presence in colleges and universities to spread the message of liberty.
- Intentionally help establish affiliates in all areas of Minnesota so that Libertarians in all parts of the state can have access to the party and use their energy to support candidates everywhere.
- Rebuild the website making it easier to communicate and outreach.

- Intentionally reach out to each new member directly and then help them get plugged in with their nearest group.
- Help facilitate activism with individual members.

## **Building Structure**

Goal- To create the infrastructure needed to be a competitive party in Minnesota so that the LPMN is not centralized in just the Cities but is in every part of the state to create a presence in all areas of Minnesota.

- Create a committee specifically for establishing the structure that addresses organization throughout the state and takes into account growth to carry the party forward to make us competitive with the two major parties.
- Fill all roles in the divisions, and establish an effective team for each division director. (IT, political, outreach, communications, and finance)
- Establish a more detailed SOP for each division to pass onto every future division director for a seamless transition.
- Coordinate the divisions to all be working in unison with each other to overcome all the previous goals talked about.

## **My background**

- Army combat veteran with two deployments to Iraq during pivotal times of the war in ar Ramadi and Baghdad.
- Senior medic and non-commissioned officer
- Awarded the Combat Medic Badge for treating casualties under fire.
- Homeschooling mom
- Bachelor of Art in English
- Homeschool co-op teacher (government, history, literature)
- Small farmer/homesteader in Northern Minnesota
- Board member for the Bemidji's Farmer Market for 9 years
- At-Large member in the LPMN for 1 year
- Founding member of the Beltrami Affiliate
- Founding member of the LPMN Podcast, Minnesota Liberty
- Small business owner, herbal soap business for 10 years, small farm bakery 10 years
- Currently in the process of renewing my EMT certification.
- Accustomed to managing a lot and dealing with high stress, intense situations.