



Western Liberty Network

**2021 Annual Leadership and Activist
Conference in Review**

**January 29-30, 2021
Embassy Suites Hotel - Tigard, Oregon**

CONFERENCE EVENTS AND OFFERINGS

- ❶ Conference Objectives, Covid-19 Adaptations, Sponsors, and Presenters (4 *Slides*)
- ❷ Friday Night Reception with Featured Speakers and Activists (2 *Slides*)
- ❸ Conference Exhibitors (2 *Slides*)
- ❹ WLN 2021 Outstanding Independent Affiliate - “Slavic Vote” (1 *Slide*)
- ❺ Preparing for the Day (2 *Slides*)
- ❻ Featured Presentations (5 *Slides*)
 1. Sen. Kim Thatcher - “How to be a More Effective Citizen Lobbyist”
 2. Sen. Dennis Linthicum - “The Government We Should Have and Expect”
 3. Tom Cox - “The Tactics of Saul Alinski and How to Neutralize Them”
 4. Rep. Mike Nearman - “Raising the First \$2,500 for Your Campaign”
 5. Liliya Zhukova - “The Future of Slavic Vote and Its WLN Partnership”
 6. Richard P. Burke - “Running for, Winning, and Serving in Local Office”
 7. Gregory Burnett - “Using Social Media in Campaigns for Local Office”
 8. Comm. Tootie Smith - “Responding to Executives Who Exceed Their Power”
 9. Steven Moore - “Economic Conditions Before and After the Trump Admin.”
- ❼ After the Conference – Next Steps (4 *Slides*)



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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES



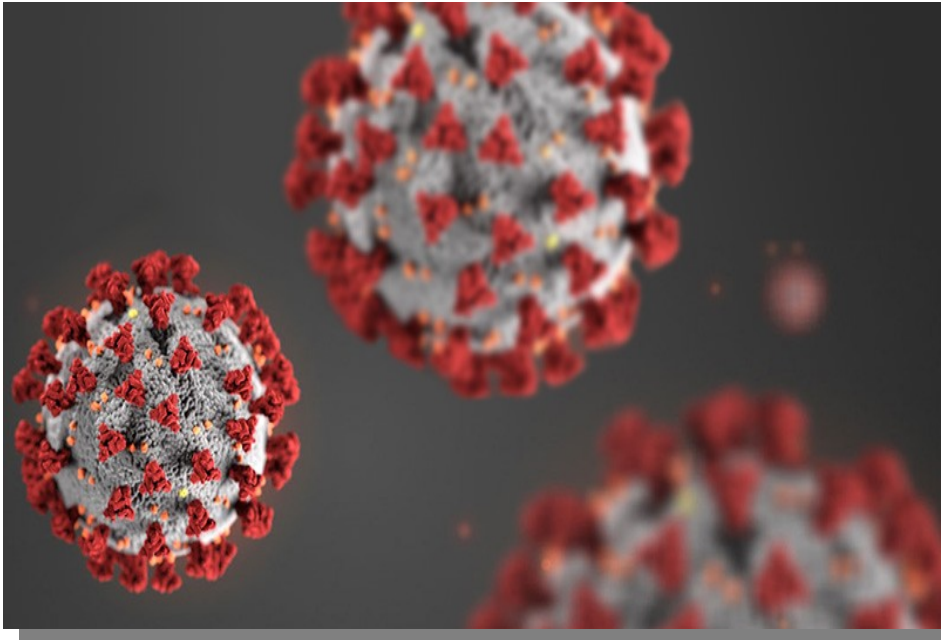
< Always themed “*Take the Offensive*,”
WLN’s conferences have the goal of giving people the tools they need to take responsibility for their own governance as citizen advocates, volunteers, and by getting elected to local nonpartisan office.

Other goals include helping attendees create and renew relationships, build confidence, exchange ideas, and provide the information and inspiration they need to reweave the fabric of our political culture in their various communities. >



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CONFERENCE ADAPTATIONS TO THE PANDEMIC



< Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, live attendance of our annual conference was limited to fifty persons, socially distanced.

Over 100 persons attended the conference via Zoom conferencing software as the conference was broadcast live over the Internet for the first time. >



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CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS



Mrs. Kay Elton

Senator Kim Thatcher

**Senator Dennis
Linthicum**

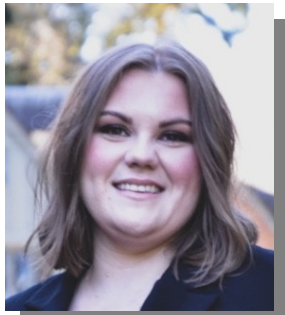
**Representative Mike
Nearman**

Senator Tim Knopp



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FEATURED SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



From left to right, top to bottom: Former State representative **Jeff Kropf**, state senator **Kim Thatcher**, state senator **Dennis Linthicum**, 2002 Libertarian nominee for governor **Tom Cox**, state representative **Mike Nearman**, Slavic Vote board member **Liliya Zhukov**, WLN Exec. Dir. **Richard P. Burke**, Burnett Media Group owner **Greg Burnett**, Clackamas county commissioner **Tootie Smith** and, **Steve Moore**, former Senior Economic Advisor to president Trump.



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FRIDAY NIGHT'S ICEBREAKER RECEPTION



< WLN Executive Director Richard P. Burke welcomes conference attendees to the 11th annual conference reception.

Beaverton school board candidate Jeanette Schade describes her campaign and her vision to the reception . >



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FRIDAY NIGHT'S ICEBREAKER RECEPTION



< Reception attendees enjoy hot appetizers, a few adult beverages and hot appetizers.



Greg Burnett, owner of the Burnett Media Group and president of the WLN board of directors, lays out the vision behind Western Liberty Network. >



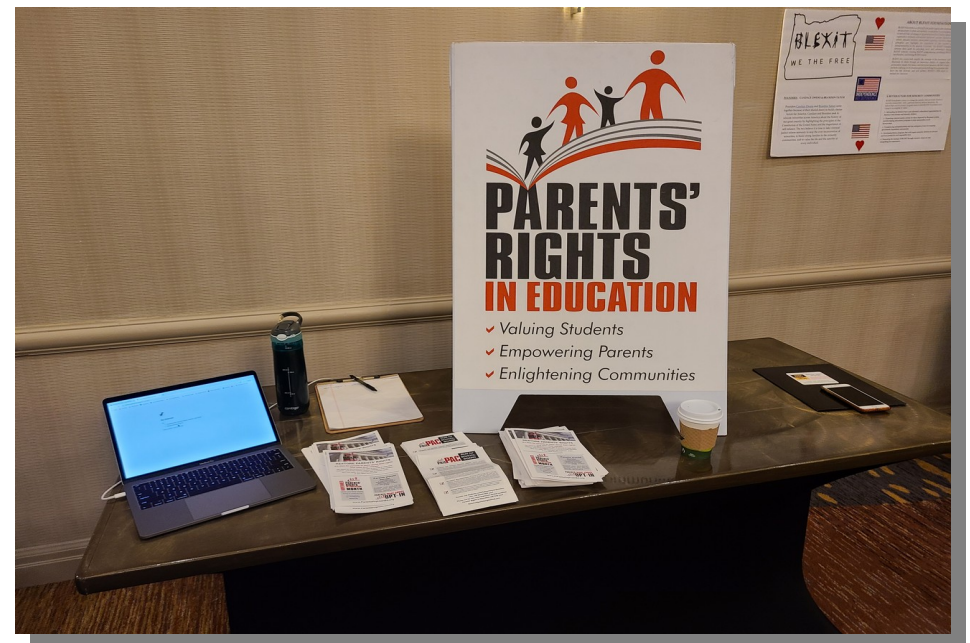
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EXHIBITORS



< KSLM Radio (104.3 FM/1220 AM) promoted the WLN conference free of charge. Local talk show host Stacey Ann Wollman represented the station.

Parents' Rights in Education, represented by Suzanne Gallagher, works to support school choice concepts and fights for parental rights in government schools. >



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< Janira Brannigan and Yvonne Stoffrey represented BLexit, a group promoting limited government ideals to Hispanic and African-American communities.



Roxanne Ross represented FreedomWorks which also was among the financial sponsors of the conference. >



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WLN INDEPENDENT AFFILIATE – “SLAVIC VOTE”



Slavic Vote board members Liliya Zhukova and Andrey Georgiyev receive WLN’s annual award for being its outstanding independent affiliate of the year. >

< Members of Slavic Vote with WLN Exec. Dir. Richard Burke. The organization works to encourage members of the Slavic community to get involved with civic life.



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PREPARING FOR THE DAY



< WLN volunteer Ben Fisher ran the registration desk, making sure all attendees signed in, and got their badges and packets.

Later in the day... Because of the pandemic, no buffet this year. Attendees enjoyed individualized pizzas and salads. As always, the lunch got good reviews. >



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< Former State Representative Jeff Kropf of Oregon Capital Watch Foundation begins the day by leading the group in the flag pledge and a prayer.

The audiences, both live and on Zoom, have received training materials and stand ready for a full day of information and inspiration. >



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FEATURED PRESENTATIONS



< State Senator Kim Thatcher leads a training session on “How to be a More Effective Citizen Lobbyist.”

State Senator Dennis Linthicum leads a session on “Setting the Bar for the Government We Should Have and Expect.” >



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< Former statewide candidate Tom Cox remotely offers a training on “The Tactics of Saul Alinski and How to Neutralize Them.”

State Representative Mike Nearman leads a lunchtime training session on “Raising the First \$2,500 for Your Campaign or Your Organization’s Project.” >



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< Liliya Zhukova, Secretary of the board of directors of Slavic Vote, describes their path forward working with WLN to activate the Slavic communities in OR and WA.

WLN Executive Director Richard P. Burke leads a training session on “Running for, Winning, and Serving in Local Nonpartisan Office.” >



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< Greg Burnett, WLN board president and owner of the Burnett Media Group leads a training session on “Using Social Media in Campaigns for Local Nonpartisan Office.”

Tootie Smith, who chairs the Clackamas county Board of Commissioners, leads a training session on “Responding to Executives who Exceed their Power and Authority.” >

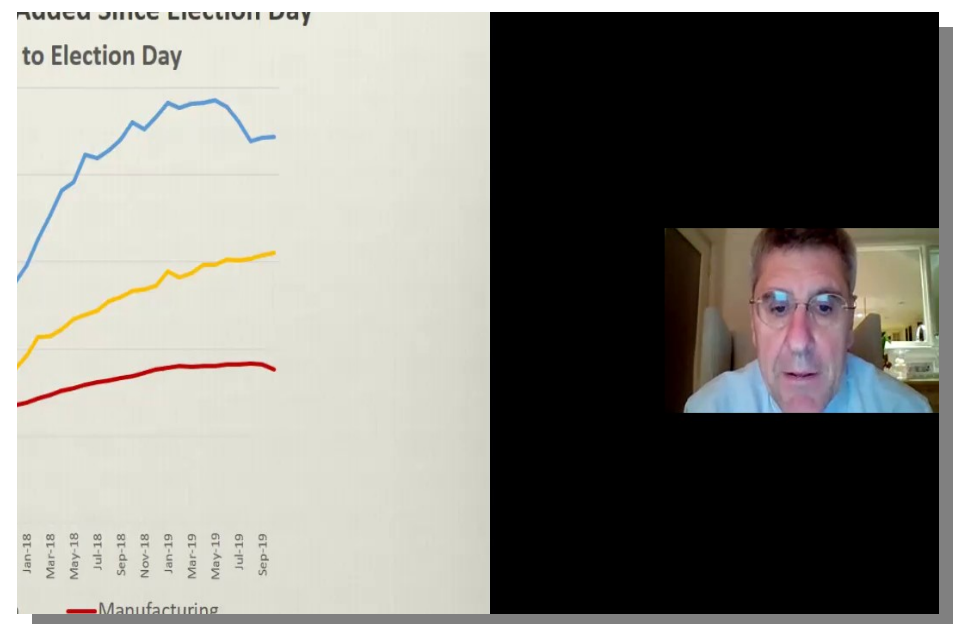


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< During her presentation, Tootie Smith presented a replay of her interview on Fox News where she said she was defying Oregon Governor Kate Brown's edict on family Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

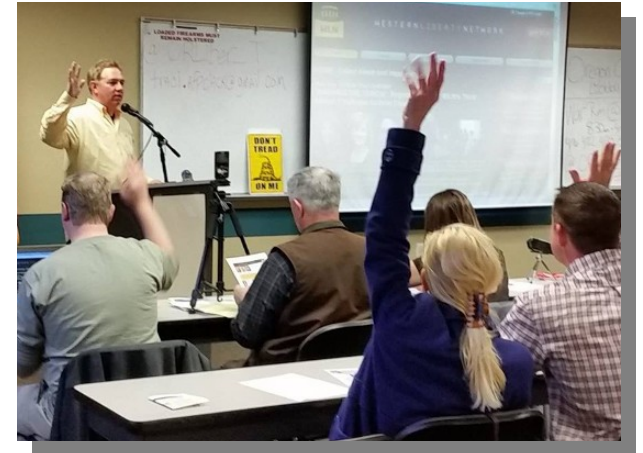


To end the day, WLN's special guest, Steve Moore, remotely offers conference attendees a presentation on economic conditions before and after the Trump administration. >



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AFTER THE CONFERENCE – NEXT STEPS



① FIELD TRAININGS

For the remainder of 2021, WLN Executive Director Richard Burke and qualified volunteers will be training people all over Oregon, live and online, on how to engage in the democratic processes of their communities as an activist, public office holder, or community volunteer. The photos above show examples of various field trainings. In the coming years WLN plans to increase the number of field trainings it provides.



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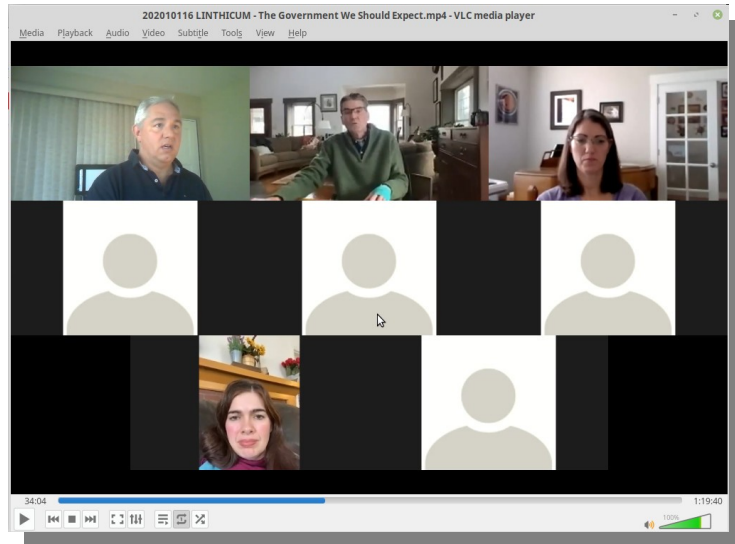
② BUILDING A GENERATION OF LIMITED-GOVERNMENT OFFICE HOLDERS

Since 2013 over six-hundred recipients of WLN training have been elected to various local nonpartisan offices in their respective communities. While WLN does not recruit, endorse, or oppose any candidates, it offers training to those who want to take responsibility for governance in their communities.



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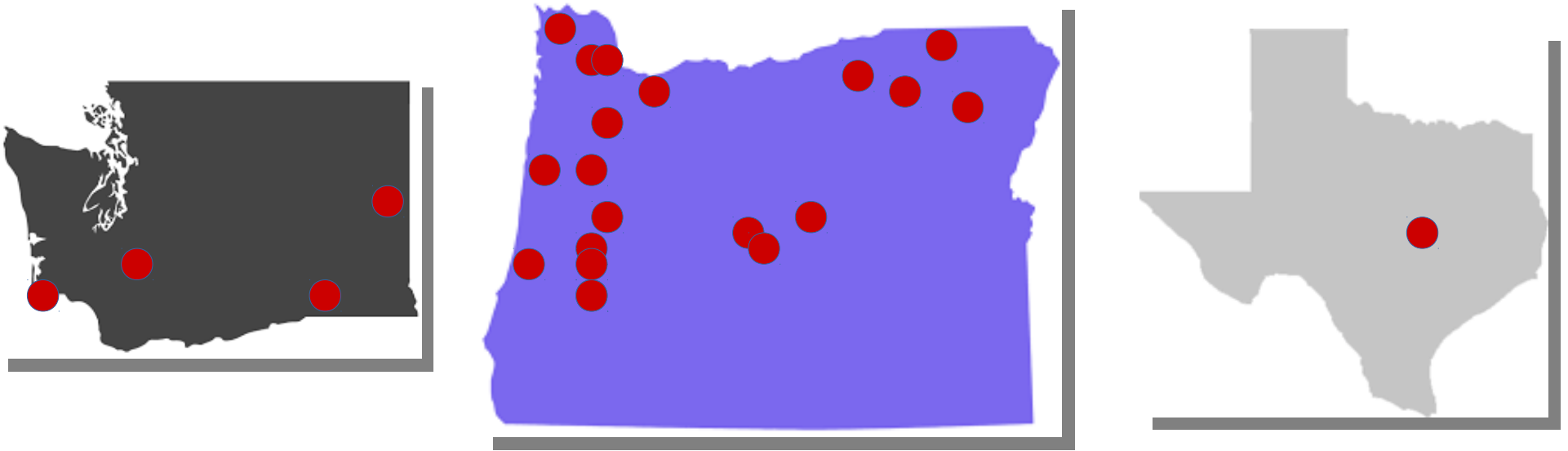
③ BUILDING ON WLN'S ONLINE TRAINING FACILITIES

In addition to live in-person trainings, WLN offers a live Zoom training sessions every week with special guest trainers. Training documents and recordings of conferences and weekly training are always available for download or review from WLN's website.



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④ BUILDING ON WLN'S NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT AFFILIATES

Since its founding, WLN has affiliated twenty-six citizen activist organizations in Oregon, four in Washington, and one in Texas. In the coming year WLN plans to expand its presence in new states as well as ones it already operates in.



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End of Presentation – THANK YOU!

Your support made this conference possible. Since 2011 we've proven that WLN's model works. Now it's time to scale it up.

With your continued support, Western Liberty Network can be even more effective in helping people become stakeholders in their communities by engaging in civic life.

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