

LCROC: A Study Guide



From left: John M. (treasurer), Anthony J. (vice-president), Brendon M. (interim secretary), Jesse B. (president), and Andy R. (board member at-large); dinner at Reunion Kitchen + Drink, Anaheim Hills, California.

[Episode 5: LCROC Board Retreat: Sunday, January 26, 2025.](#)

Key Terms Glossary

LCROC: Log Cabin Republicans of Orange County; a chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans organization focused on advocating for rights within the Republican Party.

Board of Directors: The governing body of the LCROC chapter, responsible for leadership, decision-making, and representation of the membership.

Stewardship: The responsible oversight and nurturing of the chapter's goals, resources, and members, emphasizing care and thoughtful management.

Social Capital: The network of relationships and goodwill within the chapter, fostering a sense of community and support among members.

Political Capital: The influence and power that the chapter gains through its social connections and community-building efforts, enabling it to advance its political objectives.

LCR: Log Cabin Republicans, the national organization of which LCROC is a chapter.

Board Member at-Large: A member of the board of directors with general responsibilities, not specifically assigned to another officer role.

Founding Purpose: The original intentions and goals of the Log Cabin Republicans, which LCROC aims to uphold.

Wells: A metaphor used to represent the different areas of focus for the chapter, such as political, social, charitable, educational, and resource-based activities.

Short Answer Quiz

Instructions: Answer the following questions in two to three sentences each. Write full sentences by restating each question. Then, check the accuracy, spelling, and grammar of your answers.

1. How does the LCROC describe its approach to community building and support?
2. What is the role of "stewardship" in the LCROC board's philosophy?
3. How does the LCROC define the relationship between social capital and political capital?
4. What are some of the ways the LCROC board plans to strengthen the chapter and its members?
5. What is the significance of LCROC President Jesse Bluma's "wells" metaphor?

Short Answer Quiz: Answer Key

Answer Key

1. The LCROC emphasizes building community through political, social, charitable, educational, and resource-based activities. The community building ensures ongoing success, innovation, and collaboration.
2. Stewardship, for the LCROC board, involves nurturing desired outcomes, tending to oversight, cultivating conditions, understanding needs, and encouraging talents. The board members govern or nurture the chapter, maintain oversight, make decisions, represent the membership, and honor the founding purpose of LCR.
3. Social capital—goodwill, neighborliness, and support—grows the chapter's political capital. Social and political capital is developed through fact-based information, the promotion of helplines, resources, and political action, particularly in response to elevated risks of abandonment, abuse, discrimination, and substance use in the community.
4. LCROC plans to strengthen the chapter and its members through focused attention on key issues and solutions, strengthening individual members, and working toward chapter-wide success. Reflection, planning, and collaboration makes for a successful experience as a chapter.
5. The "wells" metaphor represents the diversified approach of the LCROC. The "wells" include political, social, charitable, educational, and resource-based activities that contribute to their ongoing success, innovation, opportunities, and collaboration.

Essay Questions

Instructions: Choose one of the following essay prompts. Answer the prompt in five to 11 original sentences. Write full sentences by restating the prompt. Use evidence from the source to support your claims. Also, cite the evidence within your essay. Then, check the accuracy, spelling, and grammar of your essay.

- A. Analyze how the LCROC's organizational structure and the board's responsibilities contribute to the chapter's overall mission and effectiveness, as described in the source.
- B. Discuss the ways in which LCROC addresses the specific challenges and needs of its members, as well as the broader community, within the framework of Republican politics.
- C. Explore how LCROC President Jesse Bluma uses metaphors, such as "wells" and "stewardship," to communicate its values, goals, and approach to community building.

Main Themes:

Teamwork and Collaboration: The retreat on January 26, 2025 emphasized teamwork as crucial to the chapter's success. The board aims to work together to plan and execute events. As stated in the source, "It's teamwork that makes possible the best parties and events."

Board's Role as Stewards: The board views its role as one of stewardship, responsible for the chapter's well-being. This includes "nurturing desired outcomes, tending to oversight, cultivating conditions, understanding needs, encouraging talents, believing in the future." This concept of stewardship underscores the board's dedication to the chapter's long-term health.

Diversified Approach: LCROC operates with a multi-faceted approach, encompassing political, social, charitable, educational, and resource-based initiatives. As stated by LCROC President Jesse Bluma, building a community with several "wells" is key, noting that "That diversification is crucial to our ongoing success, innovation, opportunities, and collaboration."

Focus on Member Support and Well-being: The chapter acknowledges the unique challenges faced by members of the gay community, noting "Members of the gay community, including youth and adults, face elevated risks of abandonment, abuse, discrimination, and substance use." LCROC is committed to providing "fact-based information regarding helplines, resources, and political action," focusing attention on "key issues and solutions for the membership."

Building a Stronger Republican Party: LCROC aims to contribute to a stronger Republican Party. The processes of the chapter include political, social, and charitable dimensions."

Importance of Social Capital: The president of LCROC stresses that "Hard work and diligence makes for a great experience and grows our social capital. That social capital, goodwill, neighborliness, and support, then grows our political capital."

The Role of Happiness: The president of the chapter emphasizes a positive and collaborative spirit, noting: "Overall, happiness is the key to our success. We are here to be helpers. We are here to be leaders in our community. We are here to support the chapter."

Most Important Ideas and Facts:

Board Members: The LCROC Board of Directors includes:

- Jesse Bluma (President)
- Anthony Johnson (Vice-President)
- John Merrill (Treasurer)
- Brendon Moeller (Interim-Secretary)
- Andy Ramirez (Board Member at-Large)

Annual Events: LCROC has an annual Christmas party and meeting in December and a board retreat in January.

Activities: The board plans to organize political events, community volunteer opportunities, and provide helpful resources to members.

Quotes from the Source:

"The meeting was a productive day of reflection, planning, and collaboration to make 2025 a terrific and strong year."

"In essence, board members are stewards of the 'garden', nurturing desired outcomes, tending to oversight, cultivating conditions, understanding needs, encouraging talents, believing in the future, and much more."

"As board members and as a chapter, we have built a community with several 'wells', including political, social, charitable, educational, and resources."

"Overall, happiness is the key to our success."

Overall Impression:

The LCROC Board Retreat appears to have been a productive event, solidifying the board's commitment to teamwork, stewardship, and a holistic approach to serving its members. The chapter is actively working to build social and political capital and is dedicated to providing resources and support for the gay community while working to strengthen the Republican party.