

# Declare Your Independence

## The 1996 National Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention

### July 3-7, 1996 • Washington, DC

**M**ore than 1,000 Libertarian activists from across the nation will be gathering in Washington, DC, during the week of July 4, 1996, to participate in a history making national convention.

The activists will nominate presidential and vice presidential candidates for the 1996 elections. Convention attendees also will gather on the front steps of the U.S. Capitol Building where more than 218 Libertarian Party candidates for the U.S. House will unveil the "Libertarian Contract with America."

The delegates and visitors to the convention will mark the 25th anniversary of the Libertarian Party in a week filled with social, educational, and business activities.

#### Among the events planned are:

- ★ **Opening Ceremonies at the Jefferson Memorial**  
*An evening of liberty in words and music*
- ★ **Consideration and Review of the LP National Platform**  
*A poll of the delegates on all platform planks*
- ★ **Major Speakers and Panel Discussions**  
*Foreign policy, economic freedom, and personal liberty*
- ★ **Music and Fireworks on the Smithsonian Mall**  
*An evening of entertainment*
- ★ **The Libertarian Party 25th Birthday Party**  
*A social event with food and entertainment*
- ★ **Nomination of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates**  
*The team that will carry our banner in November 1996*
- ★ **Workshops, Seminars, Training Sessions**  
*Political action, public relations, persuasion, party organization*
- ★ **The Libertarian Contract with America**  
*On the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building*
- ★ **The Presidential Awards and Honors Banquet**  
*A gala affair of awards and speeches*
- ★ **Election of Libertarian Party Officers**  
*Selection of leadership for the next two years*

## Fireworks at convention

**O**ne of the many exciting events that will be occurring in the midst of the 1996 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention in July will be a spectacular fireworks display and musical concert on and around the Smithsonian Mall.

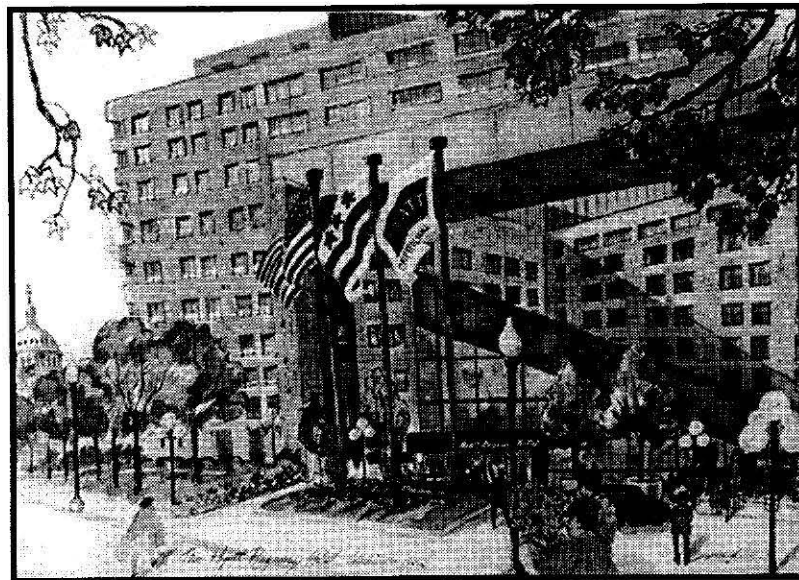
During the afternoon of July 4, while the LP Convention is considering its platform, tens of thousands of people will be gathering on the Mall near the Washington Monument for the evening's fireworks display and music program. Traditionally, families and groups of friends bring picnic food to the monument area and spend the entire day lounging in the sun, playing volleyball and Frizbee, and listening to music. There also will be an arts and crafts exhibit on the Mall. This is an excellent opportunity for members of your family who are not interested in attending the LP platform debate to spend the day at one of the most exciting yearly events in the nation's capital.

In the late afternoon, as the LP business session draws to a close, an outdoor concert program will be held near the Capitol Building—only three blocks from the convention hotel. All convention attendees plus their families and friends can attend this free colorful musical event. Most attendees will be walking over to the Mall around 5 p.m. that afternoon.

In the evening, hundreds of thousands of people will be gathering near the Washington Monument to participate in Washington, DC's, largest annual event—the July Fourth fireworks show. LP convention attendees can stroll down the Mall after the concert and observe this massive display of color and sound. The fireworks begin around 9 p.m. and last until about 10:30 p.m. Then attendees can return to the Hyatt Hotel for LP late-night "liberty discussion sessions," which will feature small group roundtables on tactics and ideology.

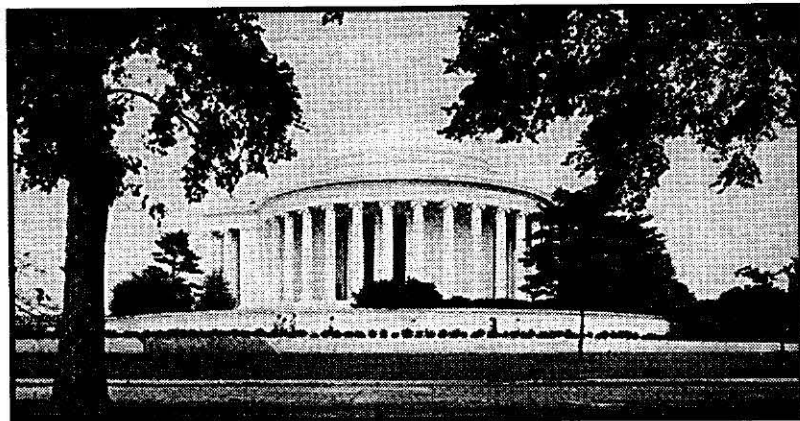
Of course, the most spectacular fireworks of the week will occur in the Hyatt-Capitol Hill Hotel, where on national television—C-SPAN—the libertarian political alternative will be on display, and where the Libertarian Party will nominate its 1996 presidential and vice presidential candidates.

July 4 is an exciting time in Washington, DC—a time for all libertarians, along with their spouses, children, friends, and lovers, to enjoy all that is available. *It's the summer happening!*



The Hyatt-Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, DC, will be the site of the 1996 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention.

## The gala opening



## An evening at the Jefferson Memorial

**O**ver a year ago, the organizers of the 1996 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention conceived of the idea of using the Jefferson Memorial as the site of the opening ceremonies of their convention. It took a number of meetings with the National Park Service and a number of experiences filing legal applications and permits, but the evening of July 3, 1996, will see hundreds of libertarians assembling on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial to take part in a historic celebration of individual liberty in song and words as the 1996 LP Presidential Nominating Convention opens.

The program will consist of two hours of music and quotations delivered by major activists in the Libertarian movement over the past 30 years, including a number of surprise appearances. The music will span a wide time period and stress themes of individual liberty.

The Jefferson Memorial is perhaps the only monument in Washington, DC, fitting for such an occasion. Thomas Jefferson asked that any monument erected to him face the White House so that he could watch to see if its occupant were holding true to the principles of the nation. Libertarians will, that night, share the grief that his spirit must feel, seeing what has happened to that wish.

Jefferson, who authored the Declaration of Independence and pioneered the principles of individual liberty and the right to revolution, would be honored for the Libertarians to share his memorial that evening. Tour trolleys will transport convention attendees to the Memorial after dinner on Wednesday evening and bring them back to the hotel at the end of the program. Participants will be seated on the Memorial steps facing the tidal lake overlooking the White House and the Washington Monument grounds. Together, that evening, Libertarians will rededicate themselves to the task of restoring liberty to this nation.

# Convention speakers

Convention organizers are pleased to announce the major speakers who will address convention-goers. You will not want to miss attending this memorable convention nor the chance to hear rousing messages delivered by some of today's most brilliant writers, lecturers, columnists, and observers of the political scene.

## Jacob G. Hornberger

Jacob G. Hornberger is familiar to many libertarians as a dynamic speaker whose presentation at their state conventions has been enthusiastically received. His keynote speech, which will be featured on C-SPAN's live, nationwide broadcast of the convention, will have as its general theme a review of the predictions, warnings, and solutions posed by LP presidential candidates from Hospers to Marrou. Mr. Hornberger will remind the voters how support of these campaigns could have avoided many of the crises and problems now generally acknowledged to be the result of "big government" and ask that, to avoid being fooled again, they now support the Libertarian Party and its candidates.

Mr. Hornberger, founder and current president of a national libertarian foundation, is the co-editor of two books, "The Dangers of Socialized Medicine" and "The Case for Free Trade and Open Immigration." Born and raised in Texas, he received his BA in economics from the University of Texas. He was a trial attorney for 12 years in Texas and was an adjunct professor of law and economics at the University of



Dallas. From 1987 to 1989, he was director of programs for The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. Twice he served on the Libertarian Party Platform Committee and has lectured on libertarianism on three continents.

## Nadine Strossen

Nadine Strossen crusades tirelessly for civil liberties as president of the American Civil Liberties Union. Dr. Strossen, professor of law at New York Law School, has lectured internationally in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties, and human rights. Civil liberties are under attack from both the left and right; the ACLU, while controversial in many circles, leads the fight on many issues where common ground is found with libertarian principles.

Dr. Strossen, a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, has been named by the National Law Journal as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." She is a founding member of Feminists for Free Expression and a board member of the National Coalition Against



Censorship, and author of "Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights."

## James Bovard

James Bovard is the author of "Shakedown: How the Government Screws You from A to Z," the book that is shaking up Washington. Said GOP presidential wannabe Steve Forbes, "Bovard's make-your-blood-boil book of government's abusive excesses against ordinary Americans should turn even the most stout-hearted statist into a fervent libertarian. Bovard's wide-ranging, meticulous research has probably put him at the top of any bureaucrat's most-wanted list." Undoubtedly, his last book, "Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty," drew denunciations from the director of the FBI, the secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the chairman of the National Labor Relations Board among other bureaucrats.

Bovard has written extensively on government's abuse of power for *The New*

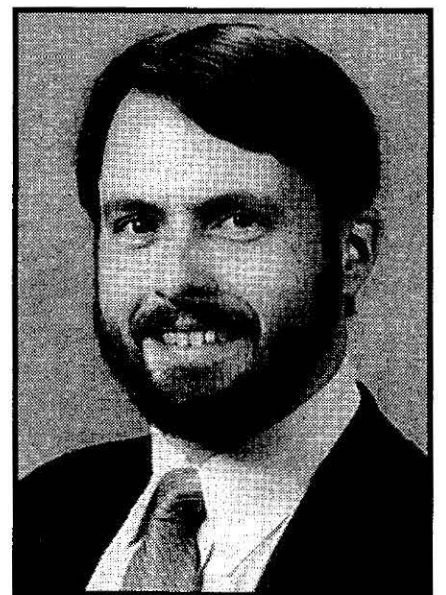


*York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, and other publications.

## Doug Bandow

Doug Bandow is senior fellow at the Cato Institute and a columnist for Copley News Service. His cogent writings make the case for free-market alternatives in areas such as health care, regulation, law, economics, and foreign policy.

Mr. Bandow, a graduate of Stanford Law School, has studied—and helped formulate—public policy since 1979 when he became a senior policy analyst with the Reagan campaign. He served as special assistant to President Reagan until May 1982 when he became editor of *Inquiry* magazine. Mr. Bandow's writings have been published in *The Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, *American Spectator*, and *Foreign Policy* journal to name just a few. He is the author of "The Politics of Envy: Statism as Theology" and "Perpetuating Poverty: The World Bank, the IMF, and the Developing World."



## Amazing facts about the 1996 LP Convention

#1. More people were registered in the first week of registration for the 1996 LP National Convention than could fit into Dave Nolan's living room in 1971. (This year marks the 25th birthday of the LP.)

#2. The convention using our hotel immediately before our arrival is the National Education Association. (The NEA is the teachers' union that

spends more money on politics than the NRA or the Chamber of Commerce.)

#3. Two of the organizers of the 1996 LP National Convention, Don Ernsberger and Dave Walter, have been political activists and friends for 32 years. (They met as Youth for Goldwater workers in 1964.)

#4. Our convention hotel, the

Hyatt-Capitol Hill, is a few steps from the U.S. Capitol Building, the C-SPAN studios, and the CNN offices. (Wait until you see the publicity we are going to get.)

#5. The Hyatt-Capitol Hill Hotel is located within blocks of three of Washington, DC's, most famous Irish Pubs—The Dubliner, The Irish Times, and The Tiber Creek Pub. (It's only five blocks

from Washington's Chinatown.)

#6. Former LP National Chair David Walter, host of the Saturday evening banquet, has planned an evening of awards and entertainment that will make the 1996 banquet "the most spectacular ever held." (Dave has been contacting LP leaders from the past 25 years.)

## Robert Poole

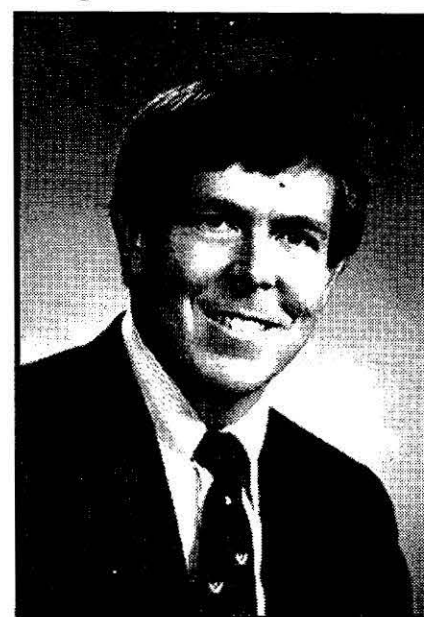
**Robert Poole** is founder and president of the Reason Foundation and a nationally known expert on privatization and transportation policy. He will report on "Just How Successful has been Privatization?" Mr. Poole launched the Reason Foundation in 1978 after researching privatization of government functions for years. His book, "Cutting Back City Hall," in 1980, was the first book-length treatment of the subject. During the Reagan and Bush administrations, he advised, testified, and helped develop privatization measures. His 1988 policy paper on private toll roads directly inspired California's landmark legislation that led to the recently completed Riverside Expressway private toll road. A long-time libertarian, Mr. Poole has spoken at state and national conventions, and at world conferences of the International Society for



Individual Liberty. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from MIT.

## Karl Hess Jr.

**Karl Hess Jr.** is the libertarian movement's leading expert in environmental regulation and public policy, having a Ph.D. in ecology from Colorado State University, coupled with a master's degree in history and a bachelor's degree in economics. He currently is a senior fellow in environmental studies at the Cato Institute, Washington, DC; a consultant to the Wildlands Project, Albuquerque, NM; a senior fellow and co-director of Writers on the Range, Gallatin Institute, Bozeman, MT; science adviser to the Sand County Foundation, Madison, WI; and environmental policy analyst for FreeWest, Las Cruces, NM. He has lectured internationally and written extensively on grazing fees and federal land management issues, free-market solutions to environmental problems, and protection and use of national parks.



## Sheldon Richman

**Sheldon Richman's** topic will be adapted from his recent book, "Separating School and State: How to Liberate America's Families." He and his wife, Kathleen, home-school their three children in Virginia. Mr. Richman is senior editor at the Cato Institute and associate producer of "Cato Forum," the Institute's weekly cable/satellite program. His articles have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Chicago Tribune*, and in many libertarian publications over the years. He is a graduate of Temple University, a former newspaper reporter, a former vice chair of the national LP, and former editor at the Institute for Humane Studies.



## David F. Nolan

**David F. Nolan** was the prime mover behind the formation of the Libertarian Party in 1971. He holds a political science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his career has included work in publishing, advertising, and marketing. Aside from his role in founding the Libertarian Party, Mr. Nolan is best known as the originator of the "Nolan Chart" (used in the "World's Smallest Political Quiz"), a two-dimensional map that shows how different political systems relate to one another. Mr. Nolan was the party's first national chair and has served at times as editor of the NEWS, chairman of the LP platform committee, by-laws committee, and judicial committee. He is currently editor of *California Liberty*, a libertarian newspaper distributed throughout California, and co-host of an occasional radio talk show, "The



Fourth American Revolution," which examines current events from a libertarian perspective.

## Richard Boddie

**Richard Boddie** has been familiar to LPers since 1984 when he was an aide to presidential candidate David Bergland. Very active in the California LP, he has run for U.S. Senate and sought the LP presidential nomination in 1992. Mr. Boddie, who received his J.D. from Syracuse University's College of Law, will discuss "Reforming Welfare" at the convention. A business management consultant today, Mr. Boddie was an outstanding track star in his youth, an Eagle Scout, and in 1970 was named as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America." He has taught law, hosted television and radio shows, been a drug counselor, and a community activist.



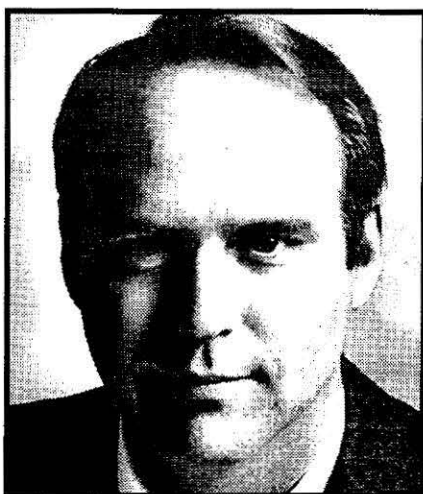
## Tonie Nathan

**Tonie Nathan**, the LP's vice presidential candidate in 1972 and the first woman in history to receive a vote in the electoral college, will speak on "Principle vs. Pragmatism: The Perpetual Campaigning Problem." Ms. Nathan presently works as a writer, speaker, and public relations consultant. She has been a television producer and host of a public affairs show on an NBC-affiliated television station and was a delegate to the National Conference on Women in 1978. As an LP activist, she also has run for the U.S. Senate, debating Sen. Robert Packwood, and has served as media relations coordinator for the national LP.



## Jon Coon

**Jon Coon**, a dynamic, motivating, and forceful speaker, will be featured at one of the three convention breakfasts. He was the Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. Senate in Michigan in 1994 and received higher recognition and vote totals than any Libertarian candidate in Michigan's history. Receiving more than 100,000 votes, he was approached immediately about joining the GOP (which he declined). Mr. Coon is owner of Northern Land and Timber Co. and is active in the National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, and United We Stand America. He also served as an officer in the military for eight years. As Michigan LPers can attest, he has the ability to bring non-libertarians to their feet in cheering enthusiasm. You won't want to



miss this first national appearance by someone who is a rising star in the LP galaxy.

## John A. Buttrick

**John A. Buttrick** was the 1994 Arizona LP candidate for governor and is partner in a Phoenix law firm. Born in Rhode Island, he served four years in the U.S. Army Security Agency, including tours in Turkey and Vietnam. He graduated summa cum laude at the University of Denver, majoring in philosophy with double minors in political science and history. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he received his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1976. His specialty is business litigation and he has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court among others. Mr. Buttrick's speech will deal with libertarianism and aspects of the law.



# National Platform Referendum

Under new convention rules adopted at the 1993 Salt Lake City convention, all delegates to the 1996 national convention in Washington, DC, will play an active role in the evaluation and review of the entire Libertarian Party national platform.

At the start of the convention—on Thursday morning, July 4—each delegate will vote on every plank of the national platform using an electronically tabulated ballot. The platform committee will have met for several days prior to the convention to consider changes in the platform. All platform planks that fail to meet the approval of a majority of registered delegates will have to be reviewed and amended by the convention as a whole prior to the close of the convention business sessions. All delegates will again vote on platform planks that failed to win approval and have not been amended. This will provide an opportunity for all LP convention delegates to have a far greater input than ever before into the platform process.

Another change in convention procedure will require

all presidential candidates to submit their own personal "Presidential Campaign Platform" to the convention at the start of the proceedings. This document will outline the focus of their campaign if they are nominated by the delegates. After the nomination of our ticket, the delegates will be able to review and approve all planks in this platform.

The Washington, DC, convention will see a major increase in the role of party activists from all affiliate states in the LP platform process and in the campaign policies of our candidates.

*It is important that you be there!*



## Airline Travel Discount Available

American Airlines has been named the "Official Airline" for the 1996 Presidential Nominating Convention. American, which offers flights from most cities to the three Washington-area airports (National, the most convenient, Dulles, and Baltimore/Washington International), will take 5 to 10 percent off your ticket price, depending on the type fare and advance purchase you choose. This offer is good for travel from June 30 to July 10, 1996.

To receive the discount, you must reserve through the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk. You, or your travel agent, must call 1-800-433-1790 and reference the convention's "Star Number 7566MA" to receive the discount.

This offer is good right up until convention time, but reserve early for the best flights as Washington is a top tourist attraction during the July 4 holiday and airlines completely book their seats.

## Campaign Seminar Planned

In conjunction with the 1996 LP Presidential Nominating Convention, Sal Guzzetta, veteran of more than 200 political contests, will again present a two-day intensive course on professional campaigning. Full-day classes will be held on July 2 and 3, just prior to the start of the official convention activities on July 4.

"Sal's presentation of this course at the '93 national convention was universally acclaimed by the attendees," said Ron Crickenberger, campaigns chairman for the LP. "Guzzetta is a fountain of knowledge on campaign mechanics, and presents the seminar in a practical nuts-and-bolts manner. The usual fee for this course is \$385 per student, but Sal, a small-l Libertarian, has given us a special discount allowing us to offer the course for only \$150 per person (\$200 after June 1). This is less than the usual cost just for the manuals included with the course. I'm recommending that all campaigns register someone for the training now to get the manuals early, even if you are not 100 percent sure who in your organization will end up attending," he said.

Upon receipt of paid registration, all attendees will be sent copies of "The Campaign Strategy," "The Campaign Manual," and "The Finance Manual," more than 700 pages of valuable information in all. These textbooks, written by Guzzetta as the basis for the course, also are used in numerous university and college courses in political science. Registration gets you the manuals now, for the most benefit possible to your campaign.

The seminar will cover all basic aspects of campaigning, including general evaluation, election regulations, time management, planning, budgeting, and fund raising. As the seminar is being held in the political consulting capital of the world, Sal expects to bring in an expert friend or two for special presentations. Guzzetta has taught the course, with continual refinements, for more than 15 years.

Registration is separate from attendance at the Libertarian national convention. Seminar attendees should contact the Libertarian Party national office for more information.

## Colonial Home Tour Set

On Wednesday, July 3 (before the official start of the 1996 convention), attendees will have the option to join an all-day excursion visiting George Mason's "Gunston Hall" estate and George Washington's "Mt. Vernon" estate. This will be a great opportunity to visit the colonial homes of the "Father of the Bill of Rights" and the "Father of Our Country" in the company of fellow libertarians.

Your chartered bus will leave the convention hotel at 9 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. The driver/guide will give a sightseeing narrative as the bus passes through Washington, Arlington, and Alexandria to Mt. Vernon. There, you will take the regular tour through the mansion and self-guided tour of the grounds and out-buildings high above the Potomac River. After allowing time for lunch, the bus will take you farther south to Gunston Hall, where a docent will take the group through the mansion, garden, and grounds, and to view a film in the museum.

CAPACITY IS STRICTLY LIMITED. The excursion will cost \$20 per person. Lunch and admission to Mt. Vernon (\$8) and Gunston Hall (\$7.50) are additional. If you have

already made convention reservations but wish to join the excursion, use the form below. If you are now making convention reservations, please include the form below with your convention reservations and add \$20 to your convention check.

**Mail to:** Historical Bus Tour/LP Convention  
1420 Locust St., #36-D  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-4223

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_\_ tickets  
at \$20 each for the Historical Bus tour to Mt.  
Vernon and Gunston Hall on July 3, 1996.

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*Return by May 1st.*  
*Make check payable to FEE Enterprises Ltd.*

# 1996 LP Convention Agenda

### Wednesday, July 3, 1996:

- Candidate Training
- Colonial Home Tour
- National Committee Meeting
- ☆ Convention Opening
- Jefferson Memorial
- "Liberty in Words and Music"
- (Buses from convention hotel to Memorial)

### Thursday, July 4, 1996:

- ☆ Convention Opening
- "Welcome to Washington, DC"
- "George Washington's Farewell Address"
- ☆ Keynote Speaker
- ☆ Opening of Business Session
- Reports/Agenda/LP Platform
- ☆ Major Speakers
- "The State of Liberty in America 1996"
- Views from the left and right
- ☆ Business Session
- Platform Committee Report
- The LP Program
- Platform Committee
- Recommendations
- Floor Debate on 1996 Platform
- College Workshop
- Breakout Speakers
- ☆ The Fourth of July Fireworks

### Friday, July 5, 1996:

- ☆ Breakfast and Speaker
- ☆ Convention Business Session
- Platform Committee Reports
- Debate on LP Platform 1996
- ☆ Panels and Speakers (all day)
- Libertarian answers on the following topics:
  - > America's Role as World Cop
  - > Saving Our Environment
  - > Ending the Welfare State
  - > Solving the Health Care Crisis
  - > Monetary and Banking Reform
  - > Privatizing Government Services
  - > Unburdening the Taxpayer
  - > Peace in the War on Drugs
  - > Separating Education and the State
- The Liberty Pledge Luncheon
- ☆ Presidential Candidates Debate
- ☆ LP 25th Anniversary Party

### Saturday, July 6, 1996:

- ☆ Breakfast and Speaker
- ☆ Convention Business Session
- The Platforms of the Candidates
- Nomination of Presidential Candidate
- Nomination of Vice Presidential Candidate
- College Workshops
- ☆ The Presidential Awards and Honors Banquet
- Grand Ballroom

### Sunday, July 7, 1996:

- ☆ Breakfast and Speaker
- ☆ Convention Business Session
- Election of National Officers
- Election of Regional Reps.
- Election of Judicial Committee
- National Committee Meeting

All events, times, and dates are subject to change.