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## THE KARL BRAY AWARD-- THE LPC's MEDAL OF HONOR

As state convention time approaches, it seems to be an appropriate point to review the history, background, and purposes of the Karl Bray Award, the presentation of which has highlighted several recent LPC conventions.

In 1979, Bruce Lagasse, then state Chairman, conceived the idea of a Libertarian Party of California activist award. He felt that, for too long a time, there had been a void in the acknowledgement and recognition of the work of the local, grass-roots, hard-working activist. To the best of his knowledge, the only significant prize in the Libertarian movement was the S.I.L. Phoenix Award; and, in practice, it seemed to be limited to scholars and theoreticians.

However, the Libertarian Party, or any political organization, stands or falls on the basis of the involvement, dedication, and effort of its local volunteers. And of all the hierarchy of a political organization, it is this group that least often achieves the recognition it deserves. In his view, it was desirable, even crucial, to rectify that omission. At the same time, he was interested in establishing some sort of memorial as a tribute to his close friend, the late Libertarian leader Karl Bray. From these considerations emerged the idea of the Karl J. Bray Memorial Award.

Why is it called the Karl Bray Award?

Often, prizes of this type bear the name of the sponsoring organization, the donor, the patron, or the like. This award, instead, is

named after a person widely regarded, by many who knew him, as the living embodiment of the ideals cherished by Libertarians. Karl Bray died of cancer in 1978; but in his lifetime, in his own quiet way, he was a charismatic, galvanizing and inspirational force in the achievement of a free society. According to Bruce, "When I was considering what to call this activist prize, I could think of no better way to invest it with stature and dignity than to name it the Karl Bray Award."

In addition to a suitable certificate or plaque, Bruce thought there should be a substantial, or at least, not insignificant, sum of money associate with the award to show, in his words, "that the Karl Bray Award means business." After some discussion with members of the LPC Executive Committee, it was agreed that a U.S. 20-Dollar gold piece would be suitable both in practical and symbolic terms.

The Award procedure allows any member of the Libertarian Party of California Central Committee to nominate his or her favorite activist and send such nomination to the selection committee, composed of Bruce Lagasse, David Bergland (representing Southern California) and Bill White (representing Northern California). The selection committee receives nominations in January and chooses the recipient in time for presentation of the Award at the February state convention.

The first Karl Bray Award was presented at the 1980 Convention in Irvine. To some extent, it was a foregone

conclusion that the first winner would be Jack Dean, the acknowledged spearhead of the Ballot Access Drive, due to the almost universal recognition of the transcendent importance and significance of ballot status in California.

As a result the issue of candidate criteria never really came up at that time. For the 1981 Award, however, because of the diversity of the nominees, and the apparent vagueness of the solicitation for nominees, it became necessary to address more explicitly the subject of criteria and guidelines. In a

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## PAUL JACOB ARRESTED

On December 6, LP activist and draft registration refuser Paul Jacob was arrested by the FBI in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jacob is a past state chair of the Arkansas Libertarian Party and is a veteran of LP ballot drives in numerous states. He has refused to register for the draft because the draft is slavery.

Jacob was indicted in September 1982 for violation of the Selective Service Act. He is currently free on a property bond.

Contributions to help pay his legal expenses should be sent to:

Paul Jacob Defense Fund  
c/o Arkansas LP  
P.O. Box 15724  
Little Rock, AR 72231



## FREEDOM FAIR '85 NEARS

by Steve Alexander and Dale Burrow

As Washington's birthday looms into view, and the 1985 LPC Convention approaches, the convention committee has sprung into a frenzy of activity.

Even as you read this article, the Postal Service is bringing the convention brochure to you. But here's a preview of what you'll read there.

The Freedom Fair will be held February 15 through 18, 1985. And we're working on a blockbuster convention.

We'll have David Bergland, Ed Clark, Bill Evers, and Mary Gingell -- fresh from the Presidential campaign. We'll have Murray Rothbard, Robert Poole, and Joe Fuhrig -- just part of California's Libertarian brain trust.

We'll have programs on principles: economics, civil liberties, and foreign policy. We'll have programs on activism: campaigning, county organization, and outreach.

We'll have introductory sessions for newcomers. We'll have a cocktail party on Friday, a Rubber Chicken Dinner on Saturday, and a banquet on Sunday.

You've probably been to conventions before and had a good time at them. Our convention is just like all those good times . . . rolled

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letter to the other members of the selection committee, Lagasse discussed this question at some length:

"After further reflection, I am of the opinion that we should not issue any but the most general and loose guidelines. I think that, in effect, we should let the Award define itself. Given that (for example) we believe it should go to an "unsung" hero or heroine (if we so believe, as I do), I think we should leave it at that and not attempt to break it down any further. Instead of giving out detailed criteria and thereby severely delimiting (in the nominator's minds) the pool of potential nominees, let us, by leaving deliberately vague what qualities we want, allow the members of the LPC to do our preliminary screening for us. Let the uncertainties of our guidelines encourage the broadest possible interpretations and thereby the most widely representative set of candidates. To put it crudely, I am willing to leave it to our united 'gut feel' to pick the best recipient. After a few years on our selections, I think people will begin to develop a sense of what sorts of persons and/or activities the three of us resonate to. And I believe that is criterion enough."

Both David Bergland and Bill White agreed substantially with this view; therefore, future nominators should work with the following guideline, as they wish to interpret it: The Karl Bray Award "was established to honor the efforts, above and beyond the call of

duty, of the unsung hero in the Libertarian Party; that activist, working in the shadows, rarely if ever, in the limelight, who because of his or her self-initiated actions advanced the goals of the Libertarian Party of California (or its subdivisions)."

Because of the very high standards associated with this prize, it is not necessary that it be awarded every year. The selection committee is the final judge of that.

Accordingly, no award was made in either 1981 or 1983. The 1982 Award was made to Less Antman of Orange County. Karen Huffman of Santa Clara County received the Karl Bray Award in 1982.

It is the abiding wish of the committee that future recipients of the Karl Bray Award will be such as to reflect honor on both the recipient and on the Libertarian Party.

To make nominations for the 1984 Karl Bray Award, which will be presented at the February 1985 Libertarian Party of California Convention in San Mateo, for more information about the Award process, or to volunteer to help fund future awards, contact Bruce Lagasse at (818) 782-7172, 14607 Erwin St., #311, Van Nuys, CA 91411.

The cut-off date for qualifying activity is December 31, and three copies of the nomination form are due in Bruce's hands by January 20, 1985.



---Thanks to everyone who has helped make the Activist happen this past year, whether by writing articles, helping with production and mailing, or just reading it and passing it on to a friend. I look forward to your input during 1985.

Happy holidays to all of you and I wish you joy in the new year!

--Mary Gingell, Editor

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTS AMBITIOUS BUDGET FOR '85; TWO NEW COORDINATORS TO BE HIRED

At its November 18th meeting, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California adopted an ambitious budget of over \$200,000 for 1985 activities. The budget includes hiring one full-time state coordinator to manage the LPC's administrative activities. A second full-time coordinator will split his time between fundraising and field organizing.

The committee also endorsed a "fall-back" base budget to which spending will revert in the event of a revenue shortfall. However, LPC Chair Jack Dean was hopeful that full budget projections would be met and possibly even exceeded.

"We have a very active, functioning committee structure," Dean said, "and we plan to hire two extremely competent individuals to work full-time to make these plans become reality."

Long-time Los Angeles County activist and most recently, California Bergland for President Coordinator Robert E. Lehman is slated to fill the role of state coordinator, starting December 1, 1984. National Bergland for President Finance Director Perry Willis, formerly San Diego LP Executive Director, will begin fundraising activities for the LPC January 1, 1985, with plans to begin field organizing around March 1.

Fundraising Chair Mary Gingell, the person primarily responsible for raising the funds necessary to meet 1985 goals, was also optimistic. "The budget was drawn up with the help of activists throughout the state. All these people are committed to raising this budget and spending it effectively. It is going to be a very exciting year for the Libertarian Party here in California. We are going to break some records in 1985. We will set a fine example of what can be accomplished by a state LP organization."

The proposed 1985 budget provides for a significantly expanded publicity program, and an incoming 800 number and improved follow-up for inquiry calls. Fundraising plans include direct-mail list-prospecting in order to expand the "houselist" of known contributors. Membership recruitment efforts are designed to increase membership to 2,000 by the end of 1985.

#### LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA 1985 BUDGET

##### REVENUES:

Direct Mail Fundraising	89,584
Pledge Program	37,000
Earmarked Contributions	34,000
Large Donor Solicitation	26,110
Membership Dues	12,000
Ads and Subscriptions	2,700
Outright Donations	\$ 5,700

##### TOTAL REVENUES:

\$207,094

##### EXPENSES:

Fundraising Costs	90,642
Administration	48,769
Political Organizing	43,000
Publicity	14,260
Education	9,000

##### TOTAL EXPENSES:

205,671

##### NET INCOME:

\$ 1,423

#### PLATFORM COORDINATOR CHOSEN; 1985 PLATFORM COMMITTEE BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

The LPC platform states the core values of the party and suggests public policy alternatives consistent with those values.

It is also a complex document, and coordinating platform discussion and modification is a serious task. For this job at the 1985 convention, the LPC Executive Committee has chosen none other than veteran platform coordinator J. Michael Hall.

In previous years Hall has led the committee through exciting discussions on such issues as abortion, secondary liability, and children's rights.

This year the Platform Committee will meet at the Villa Hotel in San Mateo from noon to 5 P.M. on Friday, February 15, just before the opening of the LPC Convention which will span that entire weekend.

Delegates to the 1985 convention who plan to serve

on the platform committee should plan to attend this Friday session. Committee members are elected by their county/regional central committees at least 30 days prior to the convention, and their selection should be certified in writing by the local chair or secretary to LPC Secretary Jerry Douglas as soon as possible after their selection.

Anyone wishing to propose changes to the LPC platform should contact Mike Hall at (818) 989-3117 for details.



## LPC WORKING COMMITTEES

As 1984 draws to a close, it is only appropriate to recognize those LPC activists who have worked hard and long, under our current structure of working committees, to accomplish the goals of the LPC Executive Committee during the past year.

The committees listed below form the backbone of the Libertarian Party of California organizational structure. Their modus operandi during 1984 has been as follows: the Saturday before each quarterly Executive Committee is divided among these committees for them to meet and plan their activities during the coming quarter, assign projects to committee members, and to review progress made in the previous three months. These meetings are open to all LPC members who would like to attend, and input from all those who attend is solicited at various times throughout the day.

The full Executive Committee, meeting on Sunday, hears each committee's report, has another chance for comments and questions, and either accepts the committee's report or modifies it according to the wishes of the full committee.

Working committees meet periodically between Executive Committee weekends as the need arises to revise plans and actually perform work. In addition, subsets of the working committees may meet to work on specific tasks assigned to them.

Any LPC member who is not yet actively involved in committee, and would like to become involved, is certainly welcome, as the work far exceeds the available person-hours. Please contact the committee chair if you would like to become involved in the activities of a particular committee.

## FUNDRAISING/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee was originally to oversee the fundraising efforts of the LPC. In May, 1984, the Membership Chair ("to coordinate state and national membership efforts") was made a part of this committee because of the close interrelationship among contributors, members, and pledgers to the LPC. The committee generally works under a "consensus" form of decisionmaking; however, when an official vote is necessary, liaison and contractor members do not have a vote.

The Chair of the F/M Committee is automatically the Immediate Past LPC Chair, if he or she agrees to accept the task. The current LPC Chair is automatically a member of the F/M committee, and appoints the additional members with the advice and consent of the F/M Chair.

Member, official position, if any, involvement in F/M committee activities:  
(\* denotes current member of committee)

- \*Mary Gingell, Past Chair of LPC, Chair of F/M Committee, Overall Policy and Implementation
- \*Jack Dean, Current LPC Chair, Direct Mail and Overall Policy Direction
- \*Thea McLean, Membership Coordinator
- \*Mike Yauch, Executive Committee Rep, Campaign 250, now concentrating on local membership drive efforts
- \*Steve Alexander, LPC Treasurer, Pledge Program and Overall Administration
- \*Sam Treynor, Past LPC Treasurer, Administration Policy Direction
- \*Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, Donor Recognition
- Karen Huffman, Office Coordinator, General Administration
- \*Bob Lehman, was California BFP Liaison, now State Coordinator, Data Base Management
- Laurel Fest, was State Coordinator, Telephone Fundraising and Direct Mail
- Marshall Fritz, was Executive Director, Overall Implementation
- George Schwappach and Sam Hale, were Northern and Southern Finance Chairs, large donor solicitation
- \*Jerry Douglas, LPC Secretary, Membership Administration
- \*Perry Willis, Fundraising Coordinator, Overall Implementation

## CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This committee was originally the Executive Director Advisory Committee, formed specifically to oversee, monitor, and analyze the progress of the Executive Director contract. Current LPC Chair Jack Dean expanded the purpose of this committee into overseeing all contractor arrangements made by the officers in carrying out their duties.

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## LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

Alameda	4th THU, Jan. 10, Election of Officers	Chair, Mike Tejada	(415) 261-5866
Butte	1st WED, Jan. 2	Chair, Mark Sweany	(916) 345-9970
Contra Costa	2nd WED, Jan. 9, Bill Evers on Bergland Campaign	Chair, Hugh McLean	(415) 234-7809
Fresno	2nd WED, Jan. 9	Chair, Bob Subers	(209) 299-7294
Kern	3rd WED, Jan. 16, Discussion Group	Chair, Dan Lucas	(805) 366-6660
	THU, Jan. 10, Nomination of Officers		
Lake		Chair, Randall Grindle	(707) 994-4817
Marin		Chair, Tom Jacobsen	(415) 924-5246
Monterey	THU, Jan. 17	Chair, Bob Ratto	(408) 424-9346
Nevada		Interim Chair, Jim Hosbein	(916) 273-9174
Orange	2nd TUE, Jan. 8	Chair, Ray Cullen	(714) 645-4033
Placer	1st THU, Jan. 3, "Harry's War"	Exec Dir, Jim McClarin	(916) 652-4174
Riverside	3rd THU, Jan. 17, Discussion Group	Renaissance Books or	(714) 369-8843
		Chair, Ron Holman	(714) 684-5218
San Diego	3rd TUE, Jan. 15	Prog. Chair, Eunice Sperlein	(619) 692-4305
San Francisco		Chair, Mark Pickens	(415) 864-0952
San Joaquin		Chair, George Schwappach	(209) 334-5948
San Mateo	THU, Jan. 17	Bill Wade, or	(415) 594-1125
		Dave Bell	(415) 365-9102
Santa Clara	3rd THU, Jan. 17, County Convention	Chair, Jim Wilson	(408) CRY-FREE
Santa Cruz		Chair, Tim Kilburn	(408) 688-1376
Solano		Chair, Mark Moberg	
Sonoma		Chair, Jim Oglesby	(707) 823-5261
Tulare		Chair, Vicky Daley	(209) 686-1761
San Fernando			
Valley-61	Jan. 9, Regional Convention and Elections	Regional Message Center	(818) 705-6496
West LA-62		Chair, Neal Donner	(213) 477-6462
Glendale-			
Pasadena-63	3rd TUE, Jan. 15, Mike Hall on History of LP	Chair, Steve Malmberg	(213) 257-9491
Central LA-64	2nd THU, Jan. 10, Mike Grossberg on Long-Run Optimism	Chair, Laurel Fest	(818) 241-1881
Downey-65	2nd WED, Jan. 9	Chair, Terry Holloway	(213) 925-7235
South Bay-66	3rd THU, Jan. 17, Jeff Hummel	Chair, Carolyn Treynor	(213) 546-2846
East San	Jan, 13, Election of Officers	Chair, Gail Lightfoot	(714) 599-1627
Gabriel-67	(Normally 1st SUN, 4 P.M.)		

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED; COORDINATOR SELECTED

In preparation for the February, 1985 LPC Convention, the Executive Committee chose John Vernon, Dennis Schlumpf, Lyn Sapowsky, Mark Hinkle, and Mary Gingell to serve on the 1985 Bylaws Committee of the LPC.

With the consent (and relief!) of the other members of the committee, Lyn Sapowsky has volunteered to be committee coordinator. In this role she will be setting the time and place of the meeting (most likely on Friday afternoon preceding convention

events of Friday evening), and will be collecting and organizing suggested changes to the constitution, bylaws and convention rules of the LPC.

Persons wishing to submit suggested changes, additions, or deletions to these documents for review and action by this committee should send recommendations to Lyn at 4 Inner Circle, Redwood City, 94062, as soon as possible. Lyn can be reached for further details at (415) 368-8148.

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into one. But it won't be just a blockbuster convention.

This year's convention will also be a pleasant and economical one. If you fly into the San Francisco airport, just call the Villa Hotel in nearby San Mateo and they will send out one of their shuttles to pick you up.

Guestrooms cost only \$44 single and \$50 double per night. A full convention package of meals and events is only \$195.

We hope to see you there! For further information call (408) CRY-FREE.



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Members are appointed by the LPC Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee. The committee operates normally under "consensus" decision-making. The current committee is composed of people having responsibility for or expertise in the activities of LPC contractors.

Member, official position, if any, responsibility or expertise:

Carolyn Treynor, former LPC Secretary, member of original Executive Director Advisory Committee, CSMC Chair, Overall Policy and Implementation  
Jack Dean, LPC Chair, responsible for Executive Director, State Coordinator, and, in consultation with other officers, all other contractors  
Jerry Douglas, LPC Secretary, responsible for contracting out membership clerical functions  
Steve Alexander, LPC Treasurer, responsible for contracting out bookkeeping functions  
Mary Gingell, Past LPC Chair, original Chair responsible for Executive Director Project, now responsible for fundraising contractor

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is responsible for developing a recommended budget for review and approval by the LPC Executive Committee at the beginning of each year, and for recommending changes as appropriate throughout the year.

Member, official position, if any, responsibility and expertise:

Steve Alexander, LPC Treasurer, Budget Committee Chair, Overall Review and Development  
Jack Dean, LPC Chair, Overall Policy Direction and Implementation  
Dennis Schlumpf, Northern Vice Chair, successful businessman with knowledge of budgeting process, along with knowledge of needs of northern part of state organization  
Sam Treynor, Southern Vice Chair, former LPC Treasurer, Controller of large So. Cal. car dealership with knowledge of budgeting process, as well as knowledge of needs of southern part of state organization  
Ray Cullen, Executive Committee Rep, CPA with knowledge of accounting systems and budgeting process

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#### Libertarian Party of California

Central Committee

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