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C-SPAN Announces Extensive Coverage Plans For 1991 Libertarian Party National Convention

C-SPAN, cable television's public access network, has greatly increased its commitment to full coverage of the LP national convention, to be held in Chicago, August 28-September 1.

In recent meetings with LP officials, C-SPAN said its 1991 convention coverage will go far beyond its coverage of the 1989 LP convention in Philadelphia. That coverage is credited with bringing the LP over 1800 phone calls and over 1400 prospect names and addresses.

C-SPAN officials have said they plan to move their entire operation to Chicago for the convention week, building the week's programming around the convention. The network has already reserved 12-15 rooms, and a large suite to turn into a mini-studio for interviews.

In addition to covering convention business sessions, panels and speakers, C-SPAN will be

putting together talk shows for evening broadcast from Chicago. A list of appropriate talk show guests to pitch to C-SPAN is being developed. (See story, below.)

Lord Defends Free Speech on CNN

Nancy Lord, 1990 LP candidate for Mayor of Washington, D.C., appeared on "Crier & Co." on CNN last month to discuss the legal principles of the Stuart Reges case, in which the federal government pressured Stanford University into firing the professor for admitting personal drug use and calling it a positive experience.

Lord, a practicing attorney, said using his public statements against him is "a gross violation of the first amendment, and the government is asking Stanford to be its agent."

LP Talent Search Underway

MKR to Assemble Group of Articulate LP Spokespersons

As part of its duties for the Media Relations Committee, MKR Associates is assembling a list of articulate LP spokespersons for appearing on radio and television talk shows.

Occasionally, we receive requests from talk shows for a Libertarian guest. We must make the most of these opportunities. In addition, we have recently purchased a directory of the top 620 talk shows in the country (and appropriate contacts there). A sufficient number of available speakers will encourage us to begin aggressive marketing to this list. **But we need your help!**

Please send us recommendations for articulate and knowledgeable Libertarians. And if you fit into this category, please volunteer.

Please send the recommendations to Kathleen Richman at MKR Associates. Include:

- Name, Address & Phone(s)
- Areas of Expertise
- Credentials (anything that would help us pitch the person to a talk show as an "expert")
- Previous Experience on Radio or TV?
- Interested in Radio, TV or Both?

Thank you for your help!

New State Party Chairs Voice Plans for Growth

by Bill Evers

This is the second installment in a series about new state chairs.

CALIFORNIA

Pat Wright, the newly elected chair of the LP of California, says that if the state party's membership (now at 2000) is "under 3000" at the end of his term of office, he will consider his own chairmanship "a failure." He was elected February 17 in a hotly-contested three-way race.

Convention observers say that Wright won

Dasbach Named APC Chair

by Mary Gingell

I am happy to announce that, at its April 27 meeting, the LP National Committee appointed Steve Dasbach to be our new Affiliate Parties Committee Chair, upon my recommendation.

In searching for a successor, I was determined to find a person convinced that the key to the LP's success is the growth of strong state and local organizations. I also wanted to find a person who could build on the APC's past work and at the same time increase its effectiveness by bringing in new ideas and approaches where appropriate. Steve Dasbach is that person, and I hope you will all get to know him and work closely with him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those activists who have worked tirelessly at the state and local levels over the past two years. I have greatly enjoyed working with all of you as Affiliate Parties Committee Chair, and I hope to keep in close touch as I continue to work on other national LP projects.

Mary Gingell is Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, a position to which she was elected at the national convention in Philadelphia in 1989. She will remain as a member of the Affiliate Parties Committee.

the election primarily because of the stress he placed in his campaign on membership growth. Wright told the convention that he would double state LP membership. When Wright was San Diego County LP Chair, he boosted membership from 60 to 360 in four years.

Wright, 32, is circulation manager for *Computer-Aided Design Report*, a technical publication on computer-assisted drafting for people in the fields of engineering and manufacturing.

Wright has a B.S. in computer science from Coleman College, a private technical college in La Mesa, CA. He is also three courses away from a B.A. in sociology at San Diego State University.

Wright first discovered the libertarian position on public policy issues in 1977 when he was a student at Mesa Junior College. A political science professor there handed out a chart with four quadrants depicting the "political spectrum." Wright had thought he was a liberal. But in answering the questions accompanying the chart, he came out as roughly between the liberal and libertarian positions. Now acquainted with a new and different set of political ideas, he read newspaper articles about LP candidates in 1978. In 1979, he registered as a Libertarian voter. He soon began working as a volunteer on a regular basis in the San Diego office of the Clark for President campaign.

Wright's plans for the near future include a direct-mail membership drive targeted at the 10,000 most recently registered LP voters in California. He has hired a professional graphic artist and direct mail expert to help with this project. He hopes to follow this mailing with one to the 17,800 National Taxpayers Union members in California.

In addition to his work on membership growth, Wright is encouraging local parties to reactivate. He wants every county LP organization in California to have a regular newsletter and monthly meetings that are open to the public

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Interstate Networking

PLEASE NOTE: All contact persons mentioned are listed on the Directory on the back page.

National Committee Changes... At-large National Committee member Bill Redpath was named the new LNC Treasurer following the resignation of former treasurer Steve Fielder at the committee's April meeting in Atlanta. Finance Committee Chair Don Ernsberger was named to fill the at-large position left by Redpath. Steve Dasbach, Region 3 representative, was named as new Affiliate Parties Committee chair, following Mary Gingell's resignation (see page 2 article). Gingell has since announced plans to seek the LNC chairmanship at the upcoming national convention. Dasbach named LNC Region 4 Representative Ron Crickenberger to Dasbach's former position of Affiliate Campaign Committee chair.

New LP Directories Available... The new LP Directory has been distributed. We hope you are finding the new format easier to use. If you have not received your copy, please contact MKR Associates to request your copy. The next directory printing will be in August, with updated "Expert Talent Bank" listings to be included. In the meantime, information on the Expert Talent Bank is available from Steve Dasbach.

Campaign Simulation Game Available... A campaign simulation computer game is available from LNC member Dean Ahmad. The "shareware" game, on MS-DOS, can be downloaded for a free 30-day trial period from his bulletin board (301-656-4714), 6pm-8:30am daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Telephone Tree Updates... Future telephone tree changes should be sent to Kathleen Richman at MKR Associates.

Congratulations to New State Chairs... Newly-elected state party chairs include Mark Hagerman (IA), Dan Reagan (KS), Dale Dobberstein (MI), Hugh Odhner (PA), and George Dahlberg (TN). And many thanks to out-going chairs for their past service: Timothy Hird (IA),

Bill Earnest (KS), Keith Edwards (MI), John Famularo (PA), and Don Winfield (TN). Recently re-elected chairs include Barbara Bourland (IN) and Mark Ginter (OH).

LP News in Bulk for Media Lists... As you make plans for outreach to the media and others who provide political information to the public, keep in mind the new bulk subscription plan for *LP News*. Your affiliate party provides a list of 25 or more eligible addressees, and you pay just \$4/year for each. Subscriptions will be on a calendar year basis. At the end of each year you'll get a chance to renew (making additions or deletions as you wish). The subscription rate for 1991 will be pro-rated. Get your list in this month, and the organizations you name will receive 6 months of *LP News* for only \$2 each. For more details, call Joe Dehn.

FIJA Demonstrations Planned... The Fully Informed Jury Association has planned a nationwide series of demonstrations for September 5, including a major rally at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. If you are interested in getting involved in such a rally in your area, contact Larry Dodge of FIJA at (406) 793-5550. It might also be a good place to pass out literature from the LP's Bill of Rights Committee, available from Don Ernsberger.

Send In Convention Delegate Lists... Affiliate parties that have already selected delegates and alternates to the Chicago national convention should send their names and addresses to LNC Secretary Joe Dehn as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting the list is July 28, but please don't wait. These lists are used to keep delegates informed about convention events, candidates, and other important matters and will help prepare them for their work at the convention. (If you have selected delegates but not alternates, or plan to add more alternates, those names can be submitted in an amended list later.)

New State Chairs

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and where libertarian ideas are presented to the public. He reports that an LP group in previously unorganized Humboldt County is now up and running. Madera and Fresno Counties in the central valley are in the process of reactivating. Populous Orange County in Southern California now has a new supper club. The long-established LP group in Ventura County on the Southern California coast is now aggressively seeking new members via direct mail.

IOWA

Mark Hagerman was elected new LP of Iowa chair at its April state convention in Des Moines. The election was uncontested, and outgoing chair Tim Hird nominated Hagerman for the post.

Hagerman, 37, has been a computer programmer for Communications Data Services for the past ten years. He has a B.S. in chemistry from Iowa State University. Hagerman was born in Omaha, Nebraska and spent his early childhood in eastern Nebraska. He moved with his family to southern Iowa during his elementary school years and has lived in Des Moines since he finished college.

Hagerman first learned about the LP in 1975 while at Iowa State. He happened to be talking to a fellow student who was also an LP campus activist. Hagerman immediately realized that he shared the LP's anti-authoritarian world view. In 1980, he located the LP of Iowa through the office of the state elections commission.

During his term as LP of Iowa chair, Hagerman plans to increase membership and to encourage more candidates to run for office in all parts of the state. In its early years, much of the leadership of the LP of Iowa lived in the less-densely-populated north central part of the state. Today much of the party's membership continues to be concentrated in this farming area. Hagerman plans to step up recruiting efforts in the Des Moines metropolitan area, which is where much of the state's population and much

of its political life is centered.

MICHIGAN

Dale Dobberstein, the newly elected chair of the LP of Michigan, once planned to become a preacher. He says that in a sense his work in the Libertarian Party is an extension of that original impulse and desire "to spread the truth."

Dobberstein ran for the LP of Michigan chairmanship unopposed at the state convention in Lansing, April 14. Dobberstein was the incumbent vice chair. He has been active in the LP since 1984, when he first encountered the party at a candidates' forum. He ran for the Michigan state legislature in 1986, 1988, and 1990. He also ran for the Lansing city council in 1989 and is running again this year. In his campaign this year, he will oppose taxes, regulations, and the city's mandatory recycling program.

Dobberstein, 36, has for the past three years been a self-employed information systems consultant. Before that, he was the data processing coordinator for a rehabilitation center for the mentally and physically handicapped. Dobberstein was born in rural South Dakota and moved with his family to Michigan in 1967. He has an A.A. degree from Lansing Community College. He also attended John Wesley College in Owosso, Michigan, where he took courses to prepare him for the ministry.

As vice chair, Dobberstein formulated a plan for the LP of Michigan's immediate future, which he calls "Aim '92: A Strategy for Growth."

The plan calls for raising membership to 500 by 1992, expanding the party's list of contacts from 2500 to 10,000 (mainly by consolidating lists of names gathered by statewide and local LP campaigns), and seeing the LP of Michigan win 2-5% of the vote in 1992.

To make sure this happens, Dobberstein is working now on recruiting candidates and will organize a candidates workshop based largely on his own experience as an LP candidate.

Bill Evers is a former chair of the LP of California. He was the national campaign manager of the 1984 LP Presidential campaign.

1991 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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(This committee will meet but has no time allotment on the convention agenda to issue its report.)

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Ruth Bennett
Toni Black*
Joe Dehn
Vicki Kirkland
Milton Norris
George O'Brien
Janet Parkes
Steve Reed
Don Winfield

* appointed temporary chair

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