



LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

CONVENTION OVERVIEW

Date: Thursday, July 4th – Sunday, July 7th, 1996

Location: Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill Hotel
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Hotel phone number: (202) 737-1234

Convention Highlights:	July 3rd, 9:00 pm	A Celebration of "Liberty In Words & Music" Pre-Convention Event (<i>Jefferson Memorial</i>)
	July 4th, 9:30 am	Convention Call To Order (<i>Regency Ballroom</i>)
	July 5th, 12:00 noon	Special Guest Speaker Nadine Strossen, President, American Civil Liberties Union (<i>Regency Ballroom</i>)
	July 5th, 4:00 - 5:30 pm	Presidential Candidates Debate (<i>Regency Ballroom</i>)
	July 5th, 8:00 - 11:00 pm	Libertarian Party's 25th Anniversary Birthday Party (<i>Columbia Ballroom</i>)
	July 6th, 9:30 am	Nomination of Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates (<i>Regency Ballroom</i>)
	July 7th, 9:30 am	Election of Party Officers & Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (<i>Regency Ballroom</i>)

Presidential Candidates: There are at least three candidates running active, nationwide campaigns for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination:

- Harry Browne, author and investment writer
- Irwin Schiff, author and anti-tax activist
- Rick Tompkins, former Libertarian Party State Chair and radio talk show host

Delegates: Up to 730 delegates from all 50 states will attend. They were chosen at state conventions by Libertarian Party affiliate organizations. Each state is awarded delegates on the basis of the number of contributing party members in that state. All Convention delegates are non-bound; they are not committed to vote for any particular presidential candidate. The Libertarian Party participated in eight presidential primaries this year, but they were all non-binding "beauty contests."

What's At Stake: 50-state ballot status will go to the winner of the party's presidential nomination.

Background: This is the Libertarian Party's seventh presidential nominating convention. Traditionally, the party has nominated its presidential candidate 13 months before the November elections, to allow time to overcome ballot access hurdles. However, because of the Libertarian Party's growth and success in winning "major party" status (and automatic ballot status) in more states, the party this year moved its nominating convention to roughly the same mid-summer time-frame as the Republicans and Democrats.