



2016

# Grow Local LIBERTARIAN ACTIVISM

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## CHAIR'S WELCOME



### Welcome delegates, candidates, and observers-

This year is an especially exciting year for the Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF), as it is a presidential election year. It is natural to turn our attention to the highest office in the land, and yet, we are constantly reminded that liberty is local. We must balance these thoughts as we approach this convention.

Nationally, we have a fantastic slate of top rate candidates for the presidency, and they will be making their respective cases during our debates Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all of the candidates and their campaign volunteers for being present in Florida and standing tall for liberty nationwide.

Locally, we have an excellent foundation upon which to build the organization that will advance liberty here in Florida. We have new county affiliates in places no one would ever have thought possible, like Gulf and Highlands Counties.

The old parties are busy making as many disillusioned voters as they can, and that creates a fantastic opportunity for liberty and the LPF. We're building our organization to meet those voters, and show them the Libertarian alternative to Washington D. C. 'politics as usual'.

As we gather to conduct the annual business of the LPF, please keep in mind that while we may have honest heartfelt disagreements, and that we shall passionately defend our principles, our goal remains the same and those with which we quarrel are our allies.

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"Together Everyone Achieves More" is trite but true. We've already seen the damage major division in the party can cause. Now is the time to recognize the positive power that overcoming such division will give us. We are far stronger when we work together.

Our delegates will be selecting Regional Representatives, At-Large Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer during our convention. If you are interested in helping to grow the party please consider serving in one of these important positions.

Additionally, there is a plethora of committees that need dedicated people. Committees are often where the most important work is accomplished. There is no part of the LPF that is not significantly impacted by committees. If you want to make a difference then committees are an excellent place to start.

In the spirit of building a better party, let's all come together and do the work that sets the final stage to launch the LPF into 2016.



Char-Lez Braden  
*Chair, LPF*

## SCHEDULE



FRIDAY APR 8

- 3:00pm Registration Opens
- 5:00pm Orientation
- 6:30pm Reception with Fane Lozman

SATURDAY APR 9

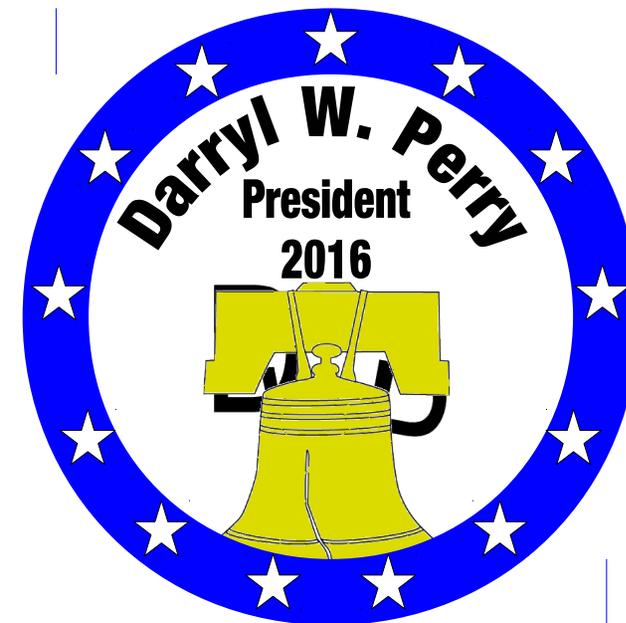
- 7:30am Breakfast with Dan Johnson
- 8:00am Registration
- 9:30am Start of Business Meeting
- Opening Speaker: Wes Benedict
- Officer Reports
- Nominations for Party Offices
- 11:30am Presidential Debates (Lunch)
- 2:30pm Resumption of Business Meeting
- LPF Officer Elections
- LNC Delegate Elections
- Constitutional Revisions
- Bylaws Revisions
- 7:00pm Dinner with Tom Regnier
- LPF Fundraiser

SUNDAY, APR 10

- 8:00am Free Breakfast with George Phillies
- 8:30am Orientation for New Members
- 9:30am Resumption of Business Meeting
- Unfinished Business
- Motions from the Floor

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## FRIDAY RECEPTION



The Libertarian Party of Florida is delighted to provide hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar for our delegates and attendees of our wonderful convention in Palm Beach.

### FANE LOZMAN

*His Strange Battle for Land Rights*



Fane has fought a very strange battle for land rights. After the City of Riviera Beach evicted him from his floating home as retaliation for his contribution to defeating an eminent domain land grab, they purchased his floating home at a federal auction and destroyed it. Fane appealed the actions of the city and of the federal district court all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States and won. After winning his case at the Supreme Court, the lower courts refused to order the City to pay his attorneys fees and damages. Fane is returning to the Supreme Court for the limited purpose of having an order entered mandating that he be made financially whole by the City.

# THANK YOU!



Thank you to our vendors, the Libertarian Party of Palm Beach, and the following individuals for their generous contributions:

**Marc Allan Feldman**

**Vicki Kirkland**

**Suzanne Gilmore**

**Tony Sellers**

**Char-Lez Braden**

**James Morris**

**Dick Creamer**

**Amy Meek**

**William Turnage**

SATURDAY BREAKFAST



DAN JOHNSON

Politics — *What They Don't Want You To Know*



Dan Johnson started People Against the NDAA (PANDA) out of his dorm room as a college freshman in 2012. Within two years, PANDA forced the Capitol of New York and six other jurisdictions to ban indefinite detention without trial. Now, taking on the IRS with the Tax Revolution Institute, Dan Johnson wants to teach you how to beat politicians at their own game. Learn how politics really works... and no matter what your issue, how you can win for liberty.

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## BUSINESS MEETING



### A brief overview of the business meeting agenda.

For the more detailed version, please see [docs.lpf.org/agenda](https://docs.lpf.org/agenda)

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

### WES BENEDICT *Opening Speaker*



Wes Benedict joined the Libertarian Party (LP) in 1996. He has served as executive director of the Libertarian National Committee since 2009, except for a brief period. He was previously executive director of the Libertarian Party of Texas where he broke records and made Texas one of the best performing state chapters. He recruited a record 173 LP candidates for office in Texas for the November 2008 elections, which was 29 percent of the nationwide LP total.

## NOMINATIONS FOR LPF EC POSITIONS

## OFFICER REPORTS & COMMENTS

## CONSENT ITEMS (SEE RULES PACKET)

## ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & DELEGATES

## WHERE ARE THE GOVERNING DOCS?

### 2016 Convention Agenda

» [docs.lpf.org/agenda](https://docs.lpf.org/agenda)

### Motions for Consideration

» [docs.lpf.org/motions](https://docs.lpf.org/motions)

### 2015 Convention Minutes

» [docs.lpf.org/minutes](https://docs.lpf.org/minutes)

### Submit a Motion to the Floor

» [docs.lpf.org/floor](https://docs.lpf.org/floor)

### LPF Bylaws

» [docs.lpf.org/bylaws](https://docs.lpf.org/bylaws)

### LPF Constitution

» [docs.lpf.org/constitution](https://docs.lpf.org/constitution)

### LPF Standing Rules

» [docs.lpf.org/standing-rules](https://docs.lpf.org/standing-rules)

### Platform

» [docs.lpf.org/platform](https://docs.lpf.org/platform)

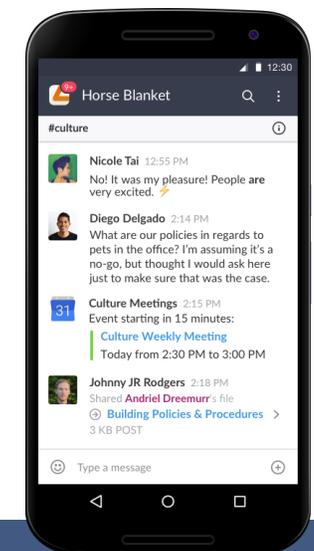
*Note:* We prefer you to submit a motion to the floor through the webform at the URL above so we can read it clearly. If you didn't bring your device (phone, tablet, or laptop), we have paper forms to fill out as well.



## CHAT WITH DELEGATES REAL TIME!

Chat on Slack while the business meeting is going on in the [#lpfcon](https://chat.lpf.org/#lpfcon) public channel. Most EC members have accounts, as well as many members.

Sign up at [lpf.org/chat](https://lpf.org/chat)



# ROBERT'S RULES CHEAT SHEET



## Robert's Rules of Order Motions Cheat Sheet

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

**Note:** Please stand to be recognized by the Chair.

**Part 1, Main Motions.** Listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher in the table than the pending motion.

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

**Part 2, Incidental Motions.** No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

**Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.** No order of precedence.

Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

## PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES



**The debate will comprise two rounds.** In Round One, all attending candidates will debate, and a straw poll will select the top three candidates. These three candidates will debate in Round Two. A second straw poll will determine the winner of the debate.



**DR. MARC FELDMAN**  
*VotesNotForSale.com*

Dr. Marc Feldman was president of the Ophthalmic Anesthesia Society and director of anesthesiology for the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins, where he was lead anesthesiologist on a massive study published in *The NEJM*. He is a practicing physician at the Cleveland Clinic since 1998, owns small business Openivo, Inc., and was the Libertarian nominee for Ohio Attorney General in 2010.



**GARY JOHNSON**  
*GaryJohnson2016.com*

Gary Johnson was the 2012 Libertarian Presidential nominee and a two-term Republican Governor of New Mexico. A successful businessman before running for Governor of New Mexico in 1994, he started a door-to-door handyman business in college. Twenty years later, he had grown that business into one of the largest construction companies in New Mexico, with more than 1,000 employees.



**AUSTIN PETERSEN**  
*AustinPetersen2016.com*

Austin Petersen is a political commentator, online publication publisher, political activist, and businessman. He has previously served as Volunteer Coordinator and Director of Outreach for the LNC. He currently owns and operates Stonegait LLC, a media and consulting firm, and is publisher of *The Libertarian Republic*.



**DARRYL PERRY**  
*DarrylWPerry.com*

Darryl Perry is Secretary of LPNH and an award winning author, publisher, radio and TV host. He hosts the daily newscast *FPPRadioNews* and podcasts *Peace, Love, Liberty Radio* and *FPP Freedom Minute*. He regularly co-hosts *Free Talk Live* and contributes to several weekly and monthly newspapers. In 2009, he founded Free Press Publications to ensure a FREE PRESS for the FREEDOM MOVEMENT.



**JOHN MCAFEE**  
*McAfee2016.com*

John McAfee founded computer antivirus software company McAfee Associates and computer security device firm Future Tense Central. He seeks the Libertarian Presidential nomination because he believes “we are losing privacy at an alarming rate—we have none left. We’ve given up so much for the illusion of security and our government is simply dysfunctional.”



**JACK ROBINSON**  
*RobinsonForPresident.com*

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**SHAWNA JOY STERLING**  
*ShawnaSterling.org*

Shawna Joy Sterling is a non-fee pastoral counselor. She has BA’s in both Religious Studies and Psychology, with an emphasis in School Psychology, an MA in Educational Psychology, and coursework in Rehabilitation Counseling, and Working with Military Families. She is running for President to protect and defend the Constitution and the rights of the People to live in peace and freedom.

## SATURDAY DINNER



### TOM REGNIER

*How the LPF in the '90s Beat the Toughest Ballot Access Laws in the Free World*



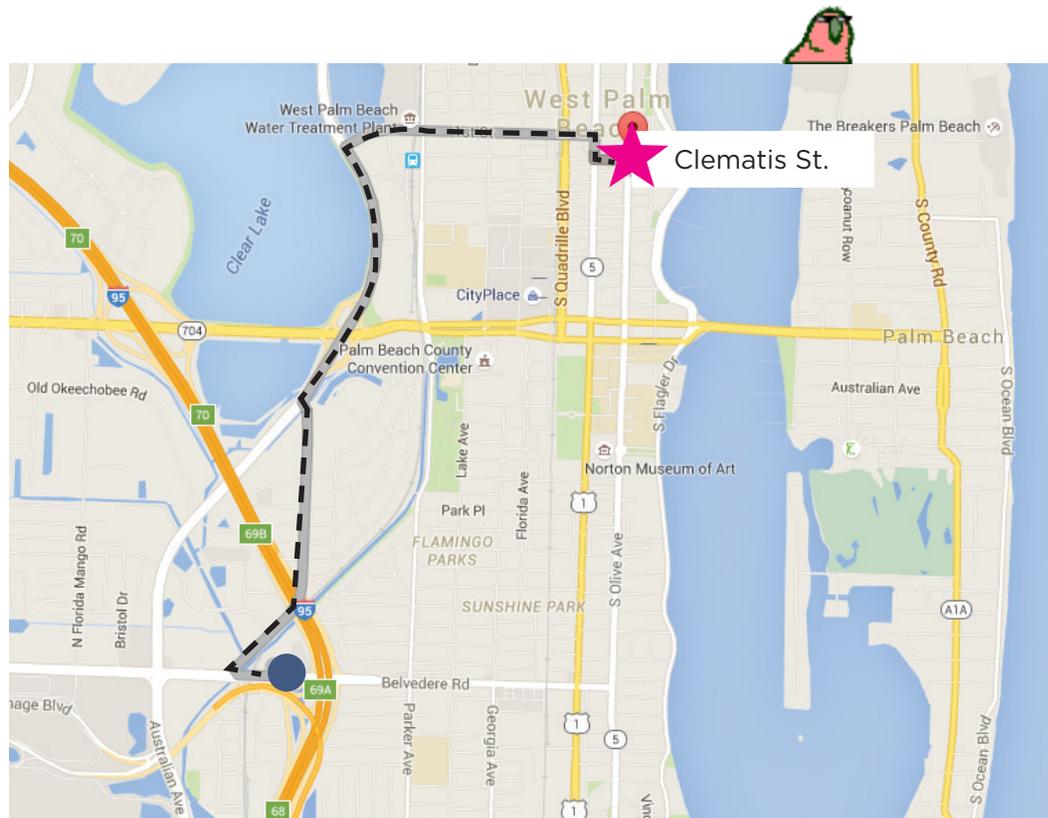
Thomas Regnier is an attorney and teacher who currently has his own appellate practice in Miami Beach. He holds law degrees from Columbia Law School in New York and the University of Miami School of Law, both with honors. He has taught at the University of Miami School of Law (including a course on Shakespeare and the Law) and The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. His scholarly articles on the law have appeared in such publications as *NYU Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*, *Santa Clara Law Review*, *Akron Law Review*, and *UMKC Law Review*. He will be giving us a exciting lecture called "How the LPF in the '90s Beat the Toughest Ballot Access Laws in the Free World."

## AFTER PARTY (SATURDAY NIGHT)



Join us for a **PUB CRAWL at Clematis Street**, Saturday night after dinner. You may take the hotel shuttle to CityPlace and then connect to the Trolley which runs to Clematis Street until 11pm for free. Or use a ride-sharing app like Uber and Lyft!

Stay tuned to the **#lpfcon** Slack channel or our Facebook event page to get updates when we crawl to the next bar!



## SUNDAY BREAKFAST



### GEORGE PHILLIES *Building a Stronger Party*



George Phillies is a retired physics professor, an active member of the Libertarian Party, and currently serves as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts. In 1998, he ran for Congress as a Libertarian against Democratic Party incumbent Jim McGovern and Republican Matt Amorello. One of his three-way debates was later carried coast to coast on CSPAN-II, 7PM EST, the Thursday before the election. In 2008, he ran for the Libertarian Presidential nomination, coming in fifth place at the National Convention in 3 rounds of balloting. Later that same year, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire chose Phillies as their nominee for President of the United States and placed him on the ballot. He is the publisher of *Liberty for America* and a prolific author.

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



Congratulations to the new members of the LPF Executive Committee (EC). On Sunday morning, we will conduct an orientation for new LPF EC members and new LPF members who would like to become more involved. The orientation will cover a broad range of topics, including Florida laws and regulations for political parties, the structure of the LPF, its governing documents, where and how to communicate effectively, and how to donate money and time for maximum impact.

**This event is free and open to everyone to attend.**

**OMAR RECUERO**  
*Presenter, At Large Director 3*



Omar Recuero, is the current At Large Director 3 for the LPF, elected for the 2015-2017 term. Omar is a resident of Hollywood (Broward County), FL, and he earned over 1000 votes in his first run for any political office as a Libertarian candidate for State House in District 100 in 2014. Omar currently serves on several LPF committees, and also serves on two appointed committees for the City of Hollywood. He is the current Vice Chair of the Broward County Libertarian Party.

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