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New Libertarian Party chair plans to double the number of elected Libertarians

WASHINGTON DC — The new chair of the Libertarian Party said today his goal is to double the number of Libertarians elected to office across America in the next two years.

“Opportunities lie before us like never before,” said Steve Dasbach, 40, elected on Sunday at the Libertarian Party convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. “Voters are increasingly frustrated with the failed policies of the Republicans and Democrats, and they are more willing than ever to consider alternatives. We want to be that alternative.”

Dasbach, a high school chemistry and physics teacher, was selected by the 600 delegates over token opposition at the party’s biennial national convention. He promised to professionalize the party’s operations, and provide more support and expertise to state affiliate organizations.

“It is our state and local parties that give us the edge,” said Dasbach. “Ross Perot spent over \$12 million to put his name on the ballot in 1992. Our grassroots organization allowed us to achieve the same result for less than half a million.

“By building an even stronger network of state and local parties, we can elect more Libertarians to public office,” he said. “We can apply our principles to practical problems, and implement Libertarian solutions. That’s why I will work to double the number of elected Libertarians by 1995.”

Currently, about 100 Libertarians hold elected or appointed office around the country, including four State Representatives in New Hampshire and three city councilors in California. Libertarian candidates for state and federal office won more than 3.7 million votes in 1992.

Dasbach lives with his wife and four children in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was the vice chair of the Libertarian Party, 1991-93. He is also a member of the National Education Association, and is the immediate past president of the local classroom teachers’ association.

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