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The Party of Principle

Introduction from the Chair

I write to introduce myself to you as the new State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. Let me skip the rhetoric. While I intend to make myself available to you, I will control the times, places, and degree to which I will be available to you. I do this not because I am an arrogant snob, but because my primary responsibility is to see to it that the new Board members know the "what, how, and when" of doing their jobs. I cannot do that job if my day is spent servicing unsolicited interrupts (yes, I'm another one of those computer geeks).

Getting the LPCO to grow to what we all want it to be is going to take a lot of work. The new Board will not be arguing political issues, making judgments about who is Libertarian or who is not, nor will it be devising strategies for "getting back at those nasty Republicans." We will be building structure and organization.

Structure is the design of an organization without the specific individuals. It identifies and isolates specific functions of an organization such that they can be performed by different people independent of each to the degree possible. A structure becomes an organization when individuals are assigned to the specific roles defined by the structure. While a structure can last a very long time, an organization changes constantly as the individuals involved change. Structure helps organizations succeed because each individual in the organization:

Presidential Forum at the Convention

The 2003 LPCO convention opened Saturday, April 5 with a presidential forum. Seeking the party's nomination for presidential candidate were **Gary Nolan and Michael Badnarik**.

Nolan hosted "Nolan at Night," a nationally syndicated show with the Radio America Network. He plans to run on a platform to lower taxes, protect civil liberties and to limit our interventionist foreign policy. Nolan proposes that, if elected, he would dramatically reduce federal spending and personal income taxes in his first four years so that the combined tax burden does not exceed 25 percent for any taxpayer, in contrast to the current tax rate of almost 50 percent for the average American family. He said that the War on Terror has turned into a war on the individual civil liberties of the American people and that these tactics have no place in a free society. Therefore, he calls for the full restoration of civil liberties as a key component of enhancing national security. Regarding U.S. foreign policy, Nolan believes that we should no longer act as the armed social worker or global cop. He proposes an immediate reduction of our foreign initiatives.

Badnarik has programmed computers for a stealth bomber simulator and a nuclear power plant. He works as a computer consultant and teaches classes about the Constitution.

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- 1) Understands exactly their individual responsibilities:
- 2) Knows exactly what to expect from the organization;
- 3) Is provided the authority necessary to fulfill their responsibilities;
- 4) Knows where to go for help, training, mentoring, assistance, etc;
- 5) Knows what specific organizational resources are available to them;
- 6) Knows that it is not a disgrace to send up the red flag if they become overwhelmed.



Norm Olsen

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Your Hands-On Help is Needed. Come and Join the LPCO in Building this Party for the Cause of Liberty and Freedom!

Introduction from the Chair (cont)

Structure and organization will enable us to become a smooth-running political party where our objectives are accomplished without meeting after meeting, burnout, dissention, and bickering. More importantly, this will be a political party where every day responsibilities are fulfilled in a smooth flowing fashion where success comes easy and frustration is all but eliminated. Only when the normal day-to-day stuff gets done without agony, pain, confrontation, and major effort will we be able to move on to fighting the battle for Liberty and Freedom in the major leagues.



As we start putting structure in place, we will need individuals to turn the structure into an organization. That's when we will need you, your time, your talents, and your money. In this spot in future publications, you will not often find my rantings. Rather, you will find a "Help Wanted" section. You will be offered opportunities to fill positions which are well defined; i.e. turn the structure into an organization. You need to respond, not wait to be persuaded. We don't have the resources necessary to persuade people to help. Having to persuade members to join the effort makes a leadership position ten times more difficult. The Libertarian Party of Colorado will never succeed as a Committee of Nine. If we are to succeed, we will need individuals like yourself stepping forward and filling a position in the structure we create, and turning that structure into a living, dynamic organization.

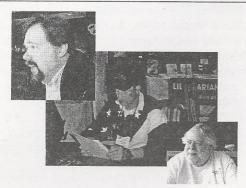
In the coming year(s), I intend to see that the primary focus of the LPCO will be to build structure and organization, and we will be doing so from the bottom up. We will do virtually nothing without first asking: "How will this help build our local affiliates?" We will do little without a satisfactory response to that question.

Norm Olsen, State Chair

The New State Board at the Convention:

"Working Together to Imagine a Better America" was the theme of this year's state Libertarian convention, and working together is the theme of the new Board elected on Sunday. In what may be a first in the history of the Colorado Libertarian Party, an entire slate of candidates, the "Dream Team," ran a unified campaign to win election to the nine LPCO Board positions. The candidates emphasized the need for teamwork to reinvigorate the LPCO.

At the Sunday business meeting, six of the nine "Dream Team" candidates were elected to the Board.



For the position of Information Director, slate candidate Samantha Kelly lost to Boulder LP chair Bo Shaffer. In the contested race for Fundraising Director, former LPCO Chair Michele Poague defeated slate candidate Dana Wagenhoffer. For Media Director, slate candidate Jeffrey Oliver lost to Desiree Hickson, 2002 Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Oliver subsequently ran for and won the position of Treasurer.

The composition of the new Board is listed at the bottom of the first page of this issue.

In addition, veteran LP activist David Bryant, who has served nine years on the Board in various capacities, will serve as senior advisor to the new Board. Cory Hanzlick is the webmaster for the new LPCO website. Our ranks of volunteers on many committees is growing with each day.

New State Chair Norm Olsen stresses the need for an activist Board focused on results. See the listing of Board member's goals elsewhere in this issue for specifics.

Steve Gallant, Publications Director

Help Wanted:

Each new board member has the need of associates to man committees and do the real work of making this party strong and well informed. Who better to fill these positions than the well-qualified group of Libertarians we have in our readership? Just a few hours a week of sweat equity buys more freedom. Read the goals of this board on page 7, and decide with what committee you would like to serve.

Presidential Forum (cont from page 1)

He spoke of the need to educate people about their Constitutional rights. He also pointed out that a right is something that you have the authority to do without asking for permission, while a privilege is something that a higher authority allows you to do. The Constitution, he added, is supplemented by the Bill of Rights, not a "Bill of Privileges." Badnarik emphasizes three issues in his platform: guns, schools, and drugs. He opposes the state assertion that, in order to own or carry a gun, he is required to fill out paperwork and supply photos and fingerprints to exercise a *right*, and that all gun laws are unconstitutional. Concerning schools, he notes that there is no Constitutional basis for granting the federal government the authority to control public schools, and that the entire Department of Education is therefore unconstitutional. Badnarik said the "War on Drugs" has propagated such civil rights violations as "asset forfeiture" and has succeeded only in raising the price of drugs and creating a profit incentive for violence and gang warfare. By decriminalizing drugs, he added, the illicit profit motive will be removed and our streets will be safer.

Steve Gallant – Publications Director



Ari Armstrong



Michael Badnarik.



Gary Nolan

Ready to Lead? Rand Fanshier, LPCO Outreach Director

If you care about liberty so much that you are willing to change who you've been, and become someone who people will follow into active, productive political pursuits, then contact me, by phone (303)670-8563 or email rand@fanshier.com.

That phone call will start a process that will enable you to successfully create a Libertarian Party affiliate in your own community. I, with the help and cooperation of my associates, will show you how to obtain current voter registration and party database lists of libertarians in your area, and together we will contact that list to find out who wants to play with you. These people will be your first team, and I will help you organize local events, like booths at fairs, city council activism, and other extraordinarily productive direct outreach methodologies we have experimented with during the last campaign season.

You will learn how to create a set of bylaws and how to run a business meeting. You will learn how to register your affiliate with the Secretary of State and how to report your income and other legal requirements.

A year from today, you and your group will be ready to tackle the 2004 campaign season, field candidates, and be the "boots on the street" for our statewide candidates. You won't be alone, but YOU alone can do it!

Call today, because if you are the one, destiny is waiting with bated breath for you take this first step.

Free Colorado! Worth the Effort by Ari Armstrong

It is a difficult time for libertarians. We love peace, yet we are at war. We want a smaller federal government, yet it is spending more money and expanding national powers at an alarming pace.

Tensions are high within the libertarian movement. Many of my libertarian friends fear the war was unnecessary and may lead to indefinite conflict, while others believe the war was essential to national security. In Colorado, we saw a contentious election year for the Libertarian Party.

Yet in the midst of troubled times, something extraordinary is going on: all around me libertarians are optimistic, and they continue to struggle for liberty.

At the state LP convention, qualified, excited people competed to fill the all-volunteer board. The CU Campus Libertarians and OMF brought out libertarian giants like Randy Barnett and Congressman Ron Paul. Paul told the crowd, "We should be optimistic enough to believe it's worth the effort."

If we believe liberty is worth the effort, we will help to achieve it.

See <u>www.FreeColorado.com</u> to join the free weekly e-list.

Outreach Events:

People's Fair June 7th & 8th Denver Civic Center

Contact: Rand Fanshier 303.670.8563

LPBC Booth May 24th-26th Boulder Creek Festival

Contact: Bo Shaffer 303.776.3007

A Major Award for the activist who does the most outreach!

Libertarians Activists needed to man the booths, and Libertarians to simply attend the People's Fair, have fun, enjoy the day, then gather outreach materials from us to take back to their local areas.

Many of the meetings listed below are reoccurring by day of the month. Such as the second Wednesday of each month for the El Paso affiliate. Keep this in mind in upcoming months.

June	2003
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check the LPCO website for weekend Outreach and Social activities.	5 Boulder Activists Lunch: Noon Southside Denver Affiliate meets: 7 pm	3 Fort Collins Breakfast: 7 am El Paso Friends of Liberty meeting: 7pm	4 Jefferson Affiliate meets: 7 pm	5 Boulder Affiliate meets: 6:30 pm	6	7 Denver Breakfast Group meets: 8:00 am Southern Colorado Alliance (SCOLA) meets 9:00 am
The Boulder Creek Festival is Memorial Day	9 Boulder Activists Lunch: Noon	10 LPCO Board meets: 7:00 pm Western Slope Board meets: 7pm	11 El Paso Affiliate meets: 6:30 pm	12 South East Denver Affiliate meets see below for contact info.	13 Douglas Affiliate meets: 7 pm Castle Rock Safeway Community Room	14 Denver Breakfast Group meets: 8:00 am
weekend. The LPBC will have their new booth. Come and enjoy the day. Go to lunch or breakfast with your fellow party members. Find out what hot topics of the your local		El Paso Friends of Liberty meeting: 7pm	6 8 11			
	16 Boulder Activists Lunch: Noon	17 Douglas Affiliate meets El Paso Friends of Liberty meeting: 7pm	With nothing to fill these days, here's some extra information: Southern Colorado Libertarian Alliance: * Sat. July 5, 3pm at 1280 Seawell in Forbes Park. Meeting with speaker in an outdoor mountain setting - BBQ potluck and music. * Sat. Aug. 2, noon at City Park in Walsenbug. Speaker meeting with a picnic potluck and music to follow. Other Affiliate contacts not shown on Calendar: Douglas: Larry Hamilton 720-220-2759 Adams: Dana Wagenhoffer 303-637-7964 Pueblo - Randy Rowe 719-994-0232 SCOLA: Sandra Johnson 719-379-2767 Routt: Mike Zuckerman 970-870-8104			21 Denver Breakfast Group meets: 8:00 am
	23 Boulder Activists Lunch: Noon	24 Western Slope Affiliate meets: 7pm El Paso Friends of Liberty meeting: 7pm				28 Denver Breakfast Group meets: 8:00 am
area are, or let others know of your concerns. One of the best ways to get informed and inform others.	30 Boulder Activists Lunch: Noon	Boulder Activists Boulder Affiliate: Denver Breakfast El Paso Friends of Jefferson Affiliate South East Denv	1660 South Albion (3rd floor conference room) Lunch: Jin Chan restaurant in Boulder, 1915 28th St Cheng's Garden, 480 W. Dahlia, Louisville Bo Shaffer 303-776-3007 Conference of Group: LePeeps, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver 303-388-4796 Conference of Liberty: Red Robin at the Citadel Mall Ross Glidewell 719-380-1383 Conference of Group: Group of Gro			

What Does HB03-1142 Really Mean

Norm Olsen, State Chair

Under Colorado legislative rules, a representative gets to introduce up to five bills in each legislative session. Once introduced, the title of the bill cannot be changed and the content of the bill must remain true to the title. In the event a representative realizes after introduction that a bill is bad news and needs to be completely overhauled, the representative does not withdraw the old bill and submit a new one. That would use up one of her/is five bills. The procedure is to amend the original bill by "Striking everything below the title" and replace it with the new stuff. Thus, the term a "Strike below" amendment has a special connotation in the legislative process. It essentially means, that this is an entirely new bill, which replaces the old. Only the title remains intact.

As passed and signed into law, HB03 1142 is just such a bill. At its first official hearing in committee, a "Strike below" amendment was introduced and passed to completely replace the original contents of the bill. Thus, the original draconian content was replaced by language which is distasteful to us, but doesn't put us out of business. Several of us who were intimately involved with the fight against HB03-1142 have opinions as to why the original draconian bill was dumped, but these are all theories. If you are interested in developing your own theory, contact representative Bill Crane; the sponsor of the bill.

Before HB03-1142, the process a minor party used to select its candidates was up to the minor party. While Colorado law set broad guidelines as to what the minor party Bylaws could and should do, the party's Bylaws specified how a nominees were selected. As Libertarians, our Bylaws provided for: 1) nomination by local affiliates which was ratified by the convention, 2) nomination by the convention itself, and 3) nomination by a vacancy committee (e.g. the Board of Directors) after the convention. As a result, after the convention, the Board of Directors could, by majority vote, nominate candidates and place them on the ballot.

HB03-1142 now specifies how minor parties will nominate their candidates. Minor parties will hold Assemblies for the purpose of nominating candidates not less than 65 days prior to the primary date (first Tuesday in August). At that Assembly, the party would nominate _all_ of its candidates. Candidates can no longer be nominated after the close of the Assembly (other to fill a legitimate vacancy). The law also requires that all candidates seeking a specific nomination who receive 30% or more of the Assembly vote would be placed on the primary ballot. Yes, if HB03-1142 had been in effect for Election 2002,

we would have had a statewide primary and our nominees for Governor and US Senate would have been determined in that manner

So, the major affect of HB03-1142 on the Libertarian Party is that we will simply need to have all of our candidate recruiting completed before the Assembly. At the Assembly, we would nominate our candidates as we have in the past. We would not be able to nominate additional candidates after the Assembly. (We could still fill a vacancy caused by withdrawal.)

The above represents the major difference between now and then as I see it. However, there are several quirks in the law which we need to be mindful of.

First, any voter registered as a Libertarian (long enough to qualify) may petition his/her way on to the primary ballot. The number of signatures varies, 1,000 would be all that is needed for governor. Some believe (as I do) that this could be used to sabotage a legitimate Libertarian candidate. Remember, at a primary election, any voter who is registered as unaffiliated can declare an affiliation and vote in the primary of any party. It wouldn't take too many "unaffiliated" voters to give the primary victory to an "unLibertarian" candidate who would then end up on the ballot with the Libertarian label. The "unLibertarian" could also withdraw at an carefully selected time, leaving us without any presence at all on the ballot.

Second, it is not clear as to when this law will take affect. It is my position that the 2004 election cycle has already started. It started on December 6, 2002; the 31st day after the last election day. I suggest that it is illegal and improper to change the rules of an election after the election cycle has started. Thus, I believe this new law cannot take affect until the 2006 election cycle starts on December 3, 2004. This is the opinion of a computer programmer; I wouldn't bet any money on it.

Third, the law is vague as to how many votes are to or can be taken at an Assembly. For example, if we have a contested nomination and the first vote goes 60/40, does that mean we're done? Does that mean the candidate who received 40% has earned the right to a primary election? Or can Assembly take another vote and see if the party can avoid a primary?

HB03-1142 as passed is not the minor party killer it started out to be. The "Strike below" amendment took out all the nonsense about having a party caucus in a precinct in which the party does not have even a single registered voter; a physical impossibility. What really bothers me, however, is that it is essentially a law by which the political party in power (the Republicans in this case) dictates how a political party out of power (all minor parties in this case) will choose their candidates. I thought they only did that in Cuba.

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April 15th Tax Protest Results from the Jefferson County LP

Rand Fanshier, Michael T McKinzie, and Gus Calabrese

Whew! It was intense, we got 1 honk every six cars on the average, 8 activists came all told. Nature dictated events of the day. We had to retire to vehicles more than once in order to warm up from the numbing wind chill and driving rain. Eventually our signs literally fell to pieces due to the rain and wind; we were compelled to pack it in early at 6:30. Somewhere in there we managed to snap a picture or two. I believe we kept alive the fire of freedom for many who passed by the Main Post Office on Johnson Road or were mailing their tax returns there. Those who saw us, will recall when we approach them a second time at local fairs, in articles in local papers, when they see our bus bench ads (to start showing up this year around town), or when we talk to someone at a social gathering and mention the libertarian party and they will say, "wasn't that you guys in front of the post office waving signs, wearing criminal costumes and early American patriot outfits? Another plus for the day: Welcome newly registered libertarian David Moysey, welcome!



The New Board and Committee Members

Affiliates & PACs - Here's your space:

Does your group want to announce something? Meetings; social events; news stories from your area that will affect all or many of us?

Colorado Liberty is the place to do it.

This issue will reach 10,000 Libertarian readers!

Contact Steve Gallant, Publications Director

A Legislative Note and Plea:

Between the beginning of May and the beginning of January the legislature is out-of-the-office. While state house is out-of-session, legislators are still quite busy. Busy coming up with Bills that they intend to push in the next session. Busy trying to find ways to add pork to their Bills and those of others.

Finding out about what a legislator has in mind for the next session can be difficult. Many of them are secretive, working backroom deals, and getting friendly with the special interests. Some are outspoken in their own communities about their intentions. Or maybe you can tell what your representative is up to from past experiences.

This is where you play a part in what the LPCO will be informed of and pay attention to. It could be a local issue, or one with state-wide repercussions.

What is happening in your local area? Tell the Legislative Director of the LPCO.

Let's set the agenda before more Liberties are confounded!

Paul Tiger, Legislative Director

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Ladies For Liberty Calendar

It's here! A 2003 through January 2004 Calendar. Chock full of Libertarian Women and Historical Dates of Freedom. Minimum \$3.50 Donation Per Calendar - All proceeds benefit Libertarian Campaigns! You can donate with your credit card via PayPal on-line. See www.mountainlillith.com/calendar/.

Desiree Hickson, An independent fashion coordinator for **Weekenders**, USA(c) is hosting a fundraiser for the Libertarian Party of Colorado, as well as the Libertarian Party of El Paso County. 15% of the proceeds will go to the LPCO and 5% will be donated to the LPEP. Currently, Desiree raised \$26.00 at the recent state convention for the LPCO, but she is looking to raise, at least, \$500, for the state party.

Weekenders, USA(c) is a company that specializes in mix and match clothing.

And accessories for women of all shapes and sizes (from XS-Size 2).

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about this fundraiser can contact Desiree Hickson:

via email at Diva4Wkendrs@msn.com, or via telephone at (719) 459-0570.

New Board Member Goals:

Jeffrey J. Oliver:

As *Treasurer*, I will ensure that the finances of the LPCO are recorded regularly, accurately, and reported monthly to the board of directors and to the website. I will ensure that expenses are scrutinized, and that our creditors are paid promptly. I will also endeavor to provide three- and six-month cash flow forecasts in order that the other directorates know what resources will be available in the near future.

Paul Tiger

As Legislative Director my objective is to promote an atmosphere of cooperation between liberty-minded legislators and the LPCO. I believe that we can effectively achieve many libertarian goals through legislative efforts. Each day our liberties are being legislated out of existence. We need to be involved in the promotion of, or opposition to, pending legislation. We must make our voice heard each time there is legislation presented that reduces liberty or supports tyranny. To actively support legislative action that repeals prohibitions, while developing our own legislation, and finding cosponsorship in the current state house and senate.

Steve Gallant:

As Publications Director, my goals are the publication of a quarterly Liberty and the revitalization of the LPCO website. Our newsletter and website will inform current members, attract new members, support campaigns, and raise funds. The Liberty will chart our progress, document our successes, target our obstacles, and provide information for upcoming events. The website, developed by Cory Hanzlick, will provide essential state and affiliate party information as well as a frequently updated calendar.

Rand Fanshier:

As Outreach Director, I have a vision: A vision of the LPCO doing a great job to find, support and keep activists like myself and my team members, and to one day replace the jaded and cynical, worn-out politicians we've become accustomed to, with spirited, loving, champions of freedom. Wherever there is even one activist in a region, I will be there to help and support the growth of that local affiliate. I will facilitate organization and cooperation between the different groups in the state. I will support our candidates and push for our new campaign strategy.

Bo Shaffer:

As Records Director, it is my goal to streamline the database and make it user friendly. It needs to be concise and up to date, and relatively easy to pass on to the next Records Director. I'd like to maintain an email list on two levels, general and special. A membership list and an additional mailing list would round out the Lists. Once the parameters are understood, I would like to ensure that updates are timely and accurate.

Michele Poague:

As Fundraising Director, I have three primary goals. I would like to get at least three letters out to the membership. In the process, I hope to rebuild our Donors list. There are dozens of people who would like to be involved and who would like to contribute, but we need to re-establish contact with them. Second, I plan to offer incentives to local affiliates who can raise money for their own projects. These new incentives might include such prizes as trips to Disneyland or resorts in Mexico. Third, I would like to find and work with the person who wants to replace me at the end of my term in 2004, in order to maintain continuity following next year's convention.

Michael T. McKinzie:

As Campaign Director, I believe we need to do more than get names on the ballot. With your help, I will assist the Outreach Director in building local structure and organization that will attract qualified candidates with libertarian philosophies to be our candidates in local elections. We will do this by providing them with: a) ballot access; b) an established base of volunteers; c) a fund raising base; d) campaign finance reporting; e) public relations staff; f) event scheduling support; g) a brand name that they will be proud to affiliate with; and h) national affiliation.

Desiree Hickson:

As *Media Director*, my man goal is to make sure that the public, knows exactly where the LP and the LPCO stands on legislative and Constitutional issues that effect all of us, for better or worse. This includes increasing press coverage and expanding our notoriety, for the better. Getting more published or televised interviews and quotations from press releases used more consistently, especially as they relate to legislation or constitutional matters being addressed in state and/or local government.

Norm Olsen, Chair.

Given your support, as Chair, it is my task to insure that the others on the Board: a) know what it is they are supposed to do; b) know when it is supposed to be done; c) know how to get it done; and d) who to count on for help and support. Our Board is dynamic, energetic, knowledgeable, and experienced. But we will accomplish little without your support. Our success will depend on how well I do my primary job: Gaining your support for our activities. Can I count on you?

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